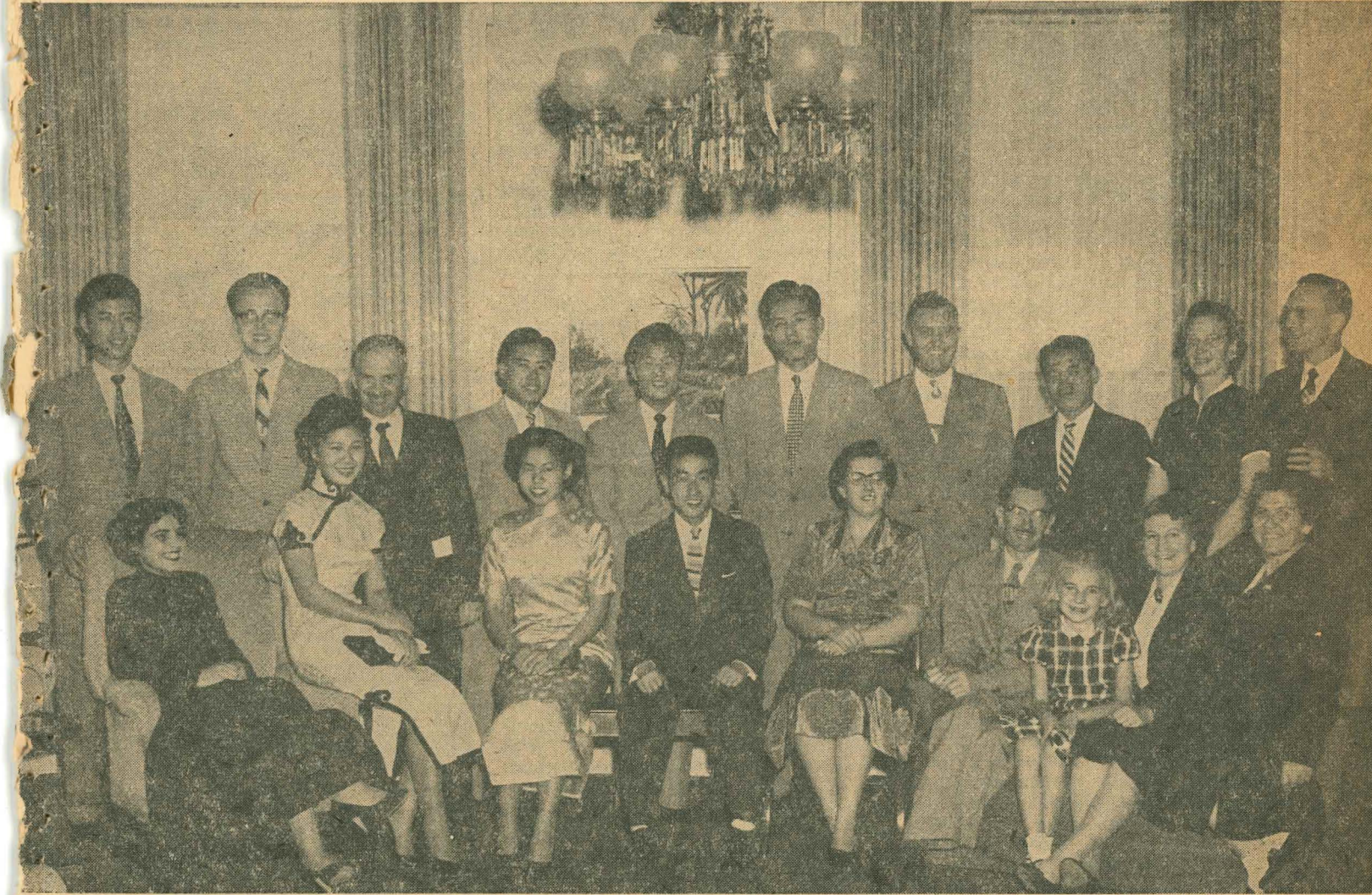


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GEORGETOWN COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM LANDS AFAR

Sixteen students from seven foreign countries are shown here with their counselor, Professor George W. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison, at a recent dinner in the home of President and Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman. Appearing in the front row (left to right) are: (1) Georgette Jeries, Nazareth, Israel; (2) Juliana Hsia, Taiwan, Formosa; (3) Veronica Chen, Taiwan, Formosa; (4) Jasutaka Onodera (Pete), Tsuruda, Aomori, Japan; (5) Mrs. George W. Harrison; (6) Eric H. Clark, (7) Valerie Clark, and (8) Mrs. Eric H. Clark, London, England; (9) Mrs. Svi Rin, Ramat Gan, Israel. Second Row: (10) Chia Wei Wu, Hong Kong, China; (11) Lennart Swartz, Stockholm, Sweden; (12) Svi Rin, Ramat Gan, Seoul, Korea; (16) Prof. George W. Harrison; (17) Matshichiro Shimizu, Fukuoka, Japan; (18) Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman; and (19) President H. Leo Eddleman.

►The Bardwell Baptist Church, in western Kentucky, has called Rev. D. T. Jones as its pastor, and he has accepted. In his new work he succeeds Pastor Harry E. Harp, who has now become pastor of the Woodland Mills Baptist Church, in Woodland Mills, Tennessee.

►The First Baptist Church, Aiken, South Carolina, observed its Sesquicentennial Homecoming on December 4. An Historical Pageant was given on the nights of December 7 and 8. The pastor of the Aiken Church is our own Dr. William Austin Roberts, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cynthiana, Ky.

►The \$10,000 Jones scholarship fund for young women of outstanding ability has been renewed at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Baptist school for women at Belton, Tex. Funds for the scholarship are provided by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Jones of Houston, Tex., through a foundation.

►A campaign for \$1½ million will be conducted in the Fort Worth, Tex., area early next year by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary there. It is to be used for student housing at the seminary. Southwestern has mapped out an overall expansion program amounting to \$10 million.

►"If we are to fill the great need for additional foreign missionaries to represent the Southern Baptist Convention, it must be done to a great extent from the campuses of our church-related colleges," Dr. Jack Walker, medical missionary to Nigeria, told students at Hardin-Simmons University.

►At one United States air base, the airmen and their families spent \$2,747,860 in that area last year, of which almost one dollar out of every six was for liquor—or \$425,950. Only \$112,350 was spent for shoes, or a little more than one-fourth the amount spent for liquor, and \$324,410 was spent for cars, both new and used.—*Survey Bulletin*.

►In September the church had a graded Training Union study course with 25 receiving awards. The church is now engaged in teaching "A Church Using Its Sunday School" and has already made plans to teach other such books. Pastor Paul W. Clubb, Pendleton, Ky., says, "We are beginning to see the value of trained workmen."

►A Georgetown College professor has been named secretary of the psychology section of the Kentucky Academy of Science. He is Dr. William M. Taylor, head of the Department of Psychology at Georgetown, who was elected at the fall meeting November 5 at Kentucky State College. Dr. Taylor is serving as editor of the Newsletter of the Kentucky Psychology Association.

►Missionaries John A. and Mrs. Aber-

nathy of Korea arrived in the homeland for furlough December 7. After medical check-up and the usual rest period they will be available for speaking engagements wherever needed. They can be reached temporarily through the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Va. Their permanent address will be announced later.

►The First Baptist Church, Earlington, Ky., during November 6-13, experienced a revival. Dr. W. K. Wood, Ashland, was the able and hardworking evangelist, and Henry S. Cartwright, Madisonville, the enthusiastic song leader. In addition to the fine spirit of revival, the Lord blessed with 17 additions, 14 of these being by baptism, according to Pastor Hughlan P. Richey.

►In a survey of 663 thirteen-to-nineteen-year-olds in the New York area, one out of three admitted that TV had some detrimental effect on his life. Chief reasons named: too many crime programs, interference with homework, and tendency promoted to mimic and imitate. The commercials they found most interesting were those plugging cigarettes and beer.—*Survey Bulletin*.

►H. C. Blair, Sunday school superintendent, writes: "Under the leadership and powerful preaching of Pastor Charles L. Jenkins, a ten-days' revival has been concluded at the Albany Baptist Church, where he has just moved on the field. There were 20 professions of faith, 19 of whom came by baptism, and 8 by letter, making 27 in all. Also two surrendered their lives to be used by the Lord in any way He leads.

►Edward B. Willingham has been appointed the first general secretary of the American Baptist Convention foreign mission board. The secretary of the American Baptist Convention foreign mission board. The secretaryship was created earlier when the Convention's two foreign mission societies merged. Willingham, who has been pastor of National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., and who is son of a former secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, assumes his new duty in January.

►Daniel Harrison, pastor of First Church, Hereford, Md., graduate student in the Department of Oriental Research, Johns-Hopkins University, recently did the preaching in a revival with the Oneida Baptist Church, where Lyn Claybrook is pastor. There were 19 professions of faith, many reconsecrations, and one young man surrendered to the call of the ministry. Pastor Harrison proved himself a master in preaching to the young people at the morning services in his use of many object lessons to enforce his messages, according to Pastor Claybrook.

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►Dr. Preston L. Ramsey, First Baptist Church, Somerset, writes glowing reports of "a very successful revival with Angel Martinez doing the preaching and Steve Taylor . . . in charge of the music." Pastor Ramsey states: "Steve is a very fine leader and plays wonderfully on his trumpet. Angel is the best preacher, service by service, that I have ever had to help me in a revival. The whole church was touched. . . There were overflow crowds from the beginning and some nights people were turned away. I heartily recommend Angel to any church for a revival."

Faith is the Victory

By C. E. MATTHEWS

Text: "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22).
Read John 6:1-14

In the year 1917 when I was a young Christian layman, I heard Dr. Geo. W. Truett preach a sermon during a revival in Fort Worth, Texas. I shall never forget a statement he made in that sermon. He said, "The supreme need in this hour for all men everywhere is faith in God." That is the supreme need of all men now and always.

The greatest appeal an infinite God ever made to a living creature is his appeal in the Bible, set out in Mark 11:22—"Have faith in God." That sentence of four words told us of a thing we could possess which would solve every problem of the human race.

Faith in God is a guarantee of victory for every person that ever lived, from Adam to the last child that will be born before the end of the world.

The Bible was given to us in order to help us have faith in God. The birth of Jesus and his life in the flesh were to help mankind have faith in God. The purpose of every gospel sermon and every lesson taught from the Scriptures is for that same purpose—to help us have faith in God. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is the foundation grace of God. In 1 Cor. 13 Paul tells us, "faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." That is true; but without faith there would be no hope, and without faith the love of God would be unknown to man.

The achievement of every believer in this world is measured by his faith. Two blind men heard Jesus passing by. They followed him into a house, crying "Thou Son of David, have mercy on us." Jesus knew they wanted him to open their blinded eyes so they could see. He asked, "Do you believe I can do this?" They answered, "Yea, Lord." Then he said, "According to thy faith, be it unto you."

When your life is ended and the tale

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of it is told, remember your faith in God will determine your achievement here and your destiny and your reward throughout an endless eternity.

What Is Faith?

If someone asked you the question, "What is your definition for faith?" what would your answer be? You would probably give the Bible definition: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

But who would know just what you meant? Jesus knew this. He knew how difficult it is for man to have genuine faith in God, so he did everything infinite wisdom could conceive of to help men have faith in God. He taught lessons; he used examples of the heroes of faith to illustrate; he preached sermons on faith. He performed miracle after miracle, and yet few believed. He knew our difficulty. So one day he staged a great drama in which he took all the elements of faith apart step by step. It was, undoubtedly, his greatest demonstration of the supernatural record of his earthly ministry.

What Are the True Elements of Faith?

Here in this miracle of feeding the multitudes, we have a demonstration and a simple lesson on the true elements of faith, as follows:

First, the first element in faith is venture. Five thousand men, not counting the women and children, left their homes and their places of employment and ventured out into a deserted place with Jesus. The reason for this first step in faith is that the world does not and cannot satisfy the hunger of the human heart. They were curious to see what Jesus would do. That is the reason unsaved people attend church or that they willfully listen to the gospel preached by radio. Very few persons, if any, attend a service of worship in order to be entertained. But attending church does not save any one. To listen to the preaching of the gospel is only the first element in faith.

Second, the second step in faith is prayer. This great throng of people was without food. There were no market places or eating houses where people could buy bread. It was a hungry, milling mob. These disciples discovered the predicament. They came to Jesus with their problem. The thing that brings a sinner to a state of conviction is that he discovers his shortcomings, his helplessness, and his need of God. Not until then will he pray. Neither does a believer pray until he takes inventory of

his helplessness without God. Can you remember the first time you ever prayed? When a sinner prays, he is getting close to salvation. I can remember the first time I ever prayed audibly to God. For two weeks I had been under conviction for my sins. I left my wife and baby with her mother and went to church. At the close of the service the minister asked those who were unsaved and wanted to be remembered in prayer to stand. I stood. That was the first move I ever made toward God. That night when we arrived home, we placed the sleeping baby in his bed. Then I said to my wife, "Sweetheart, I am going to join the church next Sunday. Will you join with me?" She answered, "I will." Then we read from the little Bible and knelt together in prayer. It was the first time either of us ever prayed aloud. The prayer did not save us. God does the saving. I do not believe salvation is possible to any one without the asking. "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). These disciples came to Jesus. But they dictated to the Master what he should do. "Master, send these away that they may buy bread." That is the way most of us pray, telling God what to do instead of seeking his will.

Third, the third element in faith is committal. There was a lad there standing in the presence of Jesus and the troubled disciples. He had five barley loaves and two small fishes. That was his lunch, just enough for one boy. When Jesus asked him for his loaves and fishes, the little boy asked no question. He committed the entire lunch into the hands of Jesus. That is the element in faith that saves. When any person, regardless of how wicked he may be, commits the destiny of his soul into the hands of Jesus, that moment his name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. That moment he experiences the spiritual birth that makes him a new creature, a child of God. That moment he is bound for heaven, where he has a mansion awaiting him. That moment there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God because hell has lost another victim. But here is a lesson for us. Many people attend church and hear the gospel but go no farther. They die without God and without hope. There may be some who pray without ever being saved because they are unwilling to risk their eternal destiny with Christ. There are countless numbers that take the third step and are saved, but they go no farther. In our convention we have probably one million resident members who are saved, but who never get any farther in their spiritual growth. They are, as a rule, almost as unhappy in life as the unsaved people are. They have little or no joy in the great salvation God has given them.

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Baptist Progress in 1955

Dr. Boone's report to the General Association, from the Executive Board, had many interesting aspects.

There were 25,748 baptisms reported by the churches to the district associations, and this was an increase of 980 over 1954. Wonderful as this is, there's still much to be done in stirring hearts in behalf of the lost.

The mission spirit is also growing. Total mission gifts reported to the associations amounted to \$3,795,736, or \$752,286 more than the previous year. Dr. Boone stated that the report did not include Bell County, Jackson County, North Concord, or Goose Creek Associations.

Another evidence of advance is seen in the increase of undesignated Cooperative Program receipts. This year's receipts amounted to an 8.5 per cent advance over 1954, or an increase of \$143,496.33. The total received was \$1,825,487.25. Thus, our people went beyond the goal set by the General Association a year ago. The basic budget adopted in Georgetown was \$1,700,000, and the total goal \$1,800,000. "After deducting tangible expenses of promoting the supplementary offering we were able to distribute \$117,969.92, with 75 per cent, or \$88,477.44 going to our seven Kentucky Baptist schools, and \$14,746.24, or 12.5 per cent, for state missions and a like amount for home and foreign missions," the report stated.

The report also stated: "Designated gifts through the state treasury were \$815,797.15, compared with \$807,527.65 last year. Our total receipts were \$2,641,284.80—a gain of \$151,775.83, or 6.1 per cent over last year."

Another great challenge faces us this coming year. The adopted budget of the General Association calls for an increase of \$174,513, or about 9.5 per cent, over last year. The goal this year is \$2,000,000.

The New Baptist Building

At the General Association the Executive Board made its report on the new Baptist Building project. The Western Recorder has previously carried reports on the plans and actions of the Board, etc.

The new space has been bought from the land of Spring Meadows' property—450 feet facing U. S. Highway 60—at a cost of \$15,750.

Contracts have been signed with a bank to dispose of the present property at 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky., and with architects to draw the new plans. The Board's building committee is working on requirement details in conjunction with the architectural department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and with the various departments of the Executive Board and the Western Recorder. It is stated that actual construction will begin in the spring of 1956. By adopting the Board's report of action taken, the General Association gave official approval to the project, it is understood.

A Look at Last Year

One notes progress by comparing the present with the past.

Taking 1945 as the year with which to compare the present, it is noted that year witnessed 17,463 baptisms, while there were 25,748 in 1955. The 1945 membership of our churches totaled 437,160, while the 1954 membership reached 579,680 (full report for 1955 is not available as yet, but will be given later.).

Total gifts to missions in 1945 amounted to \$1,753,823. The 1955 total was \$3,795,736. Cooperative Program receipts in 1945 totaled \$775,529, but in 1955 the total was \$1,825,487.65. Total receipts through the State Board in 1945 amounted to \$1,309,874, while in 1955 the total was \$2,641,284.80.

Gifts for all purposes in 1945 totaled \$7,536,320. But the total in 1954 (1955 report not yet available) was \$16,854,238. In 1945 the percentage of total gifts to missions was 23.25. In 1954 the percentage was 18. In 1945 the percentage of total gifts through the Cooperative Program was 10.3. In 1955 it was 9.9.

These figures are offered as a matter of information. In the main, they indicate solid progress.

Regarding The Great Need of Aged Ministers And Their Wives

In our state there are 120 aged and needy beneficiaries who have been receiving assistance from the Relief and Annuity Board. The aged ministers have been receiving \$12 per month, payable quarterly. The widows have been receiving \$8 per month, payable quarterly. Then, in addition, these have, in the past, been receiving \$12.50 in a Christmas check. The latter practice has been the previous policy, that is. But the Relief and Annuity Board is not going to pay that Christmas check this year, under present conditions. Why not? Our people have not provided the money. The Relief and Annuity Board cannot pay it out unless they receive it from Kentucky.

Right now there is a deficit in the special offering taken this year amounting to \$2,197.08. The Relief and Annuity Board, in other words, has paid out \$2,197.08 more than they received from Kentucky Baptists. This makes it impossible for the Relief and Annuity Board to continue payments on the schedule followed in the past, unless and until Kentucky Baptists provide this amount. Notice has already been served on us by the R. and A. Board that they cannot again carry Kentucky's deficit.

The aged and needy ministers and widows will not receive their Christmas checks unless we come to their rescue, nor will the checks for this next quarter be going out unless we meet the situation.

There is a desperate need. We plead with Kentucky Baptists to do what they can, and send in, at once, an offering for this worthy cause. Send it to Dr. W. C. Boone, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky. Surely we do not want these dear people to go without funds this Christmas and thereafter!

A Disappointment

One of the disappointments of the year was the fact that the Relief Offering to aid aged and disabled preachers and their widows who are on the relief rolls of the denomination fell far below the actual needs. This means that our state has a deficit in the relief providing for 120 beneficiaries. We are glad the General Association in Paducah requested its Executive Board to make a study of this need and try to find some solution to meet it. We're hoping those good men may have God's guidance as they study the problem and take action. Of course one of the hindering factors has been the rather large number of special offerings, but, as Dr. Boone stated in his report, "This has seemed to be the only way to meet some of the needs."

Royal Ambassadors Transferred

One of the most fortunate actions taken in recent years is the transfer of the Royal Ambassadors to the Brotherhood Department. This movement started with the W.M.U. Convention of the Southern Baptist Convention, and last April the W.M.U. Convention of Kentucky approved the transfer, and the action has been approved also by the Brotherhood Committee in Kentucky and its secretary.

The W.M.U. has done a magnificent work with the boys but it is confidently expected the work will expand still further with the Brotherhood Department. Both the Royal Ambassadors and the Brotherhood deserve our fullest support, and the W.M.U. certainly deserves our gratitude and praise for what has been accomplished.

Whatsoever Things Are Lovely

If you knew you were going to lose your sight—and hearing—tomorrow, what would you wish most to see and hear today? How tremendously important commonplace things would become!

To a person like Helen Keller, now 75, who, as an infant, became permanently blind and deaf, and lived to graduate from college with highest honors, master seven languages, and lecture to thousands in a score of different countries, it is inconceivable that people who have the gifts of sight and hearing should squander them as they do. Why do they waste them on the tawdry? Why do they not make a more conscious effort to use these god-sends to enjoy the beautiful, the lovely?

"Use your eyes as if tomorrow you would be stricken blind," she urges. "Hear the music of voices, the song of a bird, the strains of an orchestra, as if you would be stricken deaf tomorrow . . . make the most of every sense, glory in all the facets of beauty and pleasure which the world holds." Let us be

thankful for our blessings—and demonstrate our thankfulness by using them fittingly.—Whatsoever Things. Stetson University.

Texas Editor Receives Baptist Writer Award

MIDLAND, Texas — (BP) — James L. Lindsey, managing editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, received the 1955 Press Award from Texas Baptists for "outstanding Christian service in the field of journalism."

The award carries with it an engraved watch and a plaque, which were presented to the daily newspaper editor during the state Baptist convention in Houston recently.

Lindsey is a member of the First Baptist Church here. He was chosen because "as an editorial writer, reporter, and managing editor (he) has taken a personal interest in the excellent coverage of religious news for all faiths."

State Mission Program Pays

The General Association's Department of Direct Mission Work last year, as in previous years, indicates the soundness of methods used. There were 102 missionaries laboring; 19,657 preaching services were conducted; 2,706 professions of faith in the services; 1,641 baptisms; 8,200 teaching services; 143,839 personal visits made; and 1,486,144 miles traveled by the missionaries in doing the work. Our readers should observe carefully the full report in the annual. Brother Taylor and his associates have done an excellent work.

Inspiration, Guidance, Evangelism At Cedarmore

A total of 5,878 attended Cedarmore last year (not counting those who went merely for recreation). During the year there were 88 professions of faith and 168 life dedications. The General Camps for Boys and Girls will be discontinued, it is stated, and those two weeks will be assigned to the Royal Ambassadors and the Training Union—one week each.

If only adequate space for lodging were provided, Cedarmore would attain far greater attendance records. Churches that may desire to take up such a project are invited to correspond with Manager Marvin Byrdwell, Bagdad, Ky., relative to the possibility of constructing cottages, dormitory space, etc. This has been done very effectively and profitably by some churches in other states, we are told.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dr. Skinner,

I cannot refrain from offering a word of commendation for your splendid editorial "The Blight of Spiritual Myopia", in the WESTERN RECORDER. I feel you emphasized a truth that needs to be considered by all churches and especially do we need it here. Through the years our concern has been that our people would be able to see beyond the boundary lines of our county even though the needs are great within the county. I can well remember that when Mr. Bell first suggested extending our work beyond the town of Hindman, our people were amazed at the thought. They have grown a great deal in their vision. . . . We shall always try to get our people to see the needs of the world and try to help meet those needs. We are glad the WESTERN RECORDER is going into each home and that our people will have the opportunity to read such constructive articles as they find in our state paper.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. J. S. Bell
Hindman, Ky.

Faith is the Victory

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Fourth, the fourth and last element in faith is obedience. That is a full and complete surrender of one's life and all to the will of God. That is as far as anyone can go in faith. That is all that God requires of any man. Think of Jesus giving thanks to the Father, then breaking the loaves and likewise the fishes and giving them to the disciples to feed the hungry multitudes. Did you ever hear of anything like it? Not one of his disciples murmured, hesitated, or asked a question of the Master. They carried out his instructions to the letter. That is obedience. That is faith in its highest function. It is that kind of faith that removes mountains. Just look at the uncharted course of the heroes of faith. By faith Noah built the ark. No one ever built an ark before. It was a new and an unheard of venture. "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should later receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." That is the kind of faith that is needed by Christians everywhere, as we stand face to face with a world of unbelieving and frustrated people of every nationality under the sun, seeking what only God can give that will satisfy them. The hungry multitudes were seeking bread that day when the disciples came to Jesus with only the five loaves and two small fishes belonging to a little boy. Jesus, so the Scripture says, knew what he would do. When we are surrendered without reservation to his will, he will use us to do the impossible, just as he used them to do the impossible.

The Fruits of an Obedient Faith

What are the fruits of an obedient faith? The first fruit of an obedient faith is a prayer life.

The richest experience and the happiest communion known to man is found in a consistent prayer life. Just look at the revelation of this fact in the Bible. Daniel was untouched and unharmed in the lions' den because of his consistent prayer life. Heaven sent fire to consume the sacrifice on Mt. Carmel because of the consistent prayer life of Elijah.

I believe that the answer to why the people left the cities and gathered together in the valley of the Jordan to hear a sermon is found in a request made to Jesus by his disciples, as follows: "Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples to pray."

The multitudes would never have depopulated the cities, where they had comfortable synagogues in which to worship, and gone to a wilderness to

listen to a man preach as they sat on the ground had John not been great in prayer.

If someone asked me now, "What is the greatest weakness of Southern Baptists today?" my answer would be, "It is our lack of prayer." With other evangelists we have gone from coast to coast, preaching in city, town, and rural churches.

With all the sincerity of my soul I can truthfully say this: Wherever there is failure in winning the unsaved to Christ or in growing a congregation of fruit-bearing Christians, it is due to a lack of prayer. We have our air-conditioned churches, trained people in our organizations, money, up-to-date programs, and educated ministers. The one thing we lack is praying churches. In most of our churches, a real prayer meeting, where people fervently and sincerely pray as they did in both Old and New Testament times, is absolutely unheard of. It is impossible for any person to live a victorious life without prayer. The multitudes never would have been fed with the loaves and fishes had the disciples not gone to Jesus and learned from him what to do. Had it been left to those men without petitioning him, the multitudes would have been sent away empty.

The richest person on this earth is not the one who has the largest bank account or who owns the greatest amount of property. The richest person on this earth is the one who has the most consistent prayer life. Thank God, that is within reach of the humblest person. We can never possess a victorious faith without the right kind of prayer.

One other fruit that we will mention is this: *One who has an obedient faith is bound to have great experiences with God.*

This miracle of feeding the multitudes is recorded in all four Gospels. There is a reason for this. God wanted his people in all generations to know about it.

Four times he recorded it so no one could doubt its occurrence.

These disciples had something to tell people when they got up to preach or when they witnessed to a believer.

Do we have anything in the way of an experience with God worth telling? Or do we have to tell the worn-out experiences of Moody and Spurgeon? It is perfectly legitimate to tell how God used other people, but how much more effective it is for us to do as the disciples of old when they stood and told what God hath wrought.

If we have an obedient faith, we can-

not help telling what Jesus has done through us. God expects us to do this—"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

No preacher ever lived who was more given to relate his experiences with God than the Apostle Paul. He had no hesitancy in telling his remarkable experience with Christ on the Damascus Road, even in the presence of royalty. The world is waiting to see and to know about the miraculous and the supernatural.

Dr. Truett and Dr. Scarborough used to stir their audiences to tears and create in the hearts of their hearers a burning desire to lead the unsaved to Christ by relating their experiences. Did you ever read the story told by Dr. Truett of the conversion of Big Jim during a revival in Texas? Dr. Gambrell was present when Big Jim was saved. He published an article in the Baptist Standard when this happened entitled, "The Greatest Conversion I Ever Witnessed." That story was told from coast to coast for years. There is no telling how many lives were affected by it.

One night when I was pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, I was making an appeal at the close of the message. A woman came forward to unite with the church by letter. Her husband in his sixties came with her on profession of faith. Then another couple came on profession of faith. When I baptized these men, one of them pulled from his pocket a clipping from a paper. He said, "Read this." It was Dr. Gambrell's story of Big Jim's conversion, written twenty-four years before that night. I asked, "Did you know Big Jim?" The man answered, "I am Big Jim's son, and the woman who came by letter tonight is Big Jim's daughter." I told the experience the best I could that week in a radio message and from my pulpit. A revival broke out anew in our community, and scores of people were saved.

Southern Baptists are laying hold of the promises of God by faith today. God is blessing our efforts. Faith is the way to victory. Let's press on and never falter in any undertaking he places before us.

With God all things are possible and "all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

Residents of Miami, Oklahoma, and nearby areas have oversubscribed a goal of \$236,800 for construction and renovation at the Baptist Hospital there. Work will begin about January 1 on building a new wing and doing the necessary reconditioning to increase the bed capacity to 100, according to Administrator W. C. Campbell. Baptist Hospital is the only hospital in that city of 12,000.

The Harvest of the Spirit: Kindness

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In the early days of Christianity, when it was considered a crime to be a Christian, the word for pleasant and good (*Chrestos*) was often confused with the word for Christ (*Christos*). Tertullian of Carthage, who wrote many of the best defenses of Christians, declared that it made little difference that pagans confused the sounds as they lisped "out the sense of pleasantness and goodness" (*Ad Nationes*, 3). The word for kindness or gentleness in Galatians 5:22 is *Chrestotes* and comes from *Chrestos*. It was the type of Christianity that could be confused with kindness about which Tertullian wrote the famous words at the beginning of the third century: "The more often we are mowed down the more in number we grow; the blood of Christians is seed" (*Apology*, 50). The godly are kind because they worship a kind God, and men become like the one they worship.

The Kindness of God

Kindness is the leading word in Romans 2:4 when Paul declares that God's kindness leads us to repentance: "Or do you presume upon the riches of his kindness (*Chrestotetos*) and forbearance and longsuffering (*makothumias*)? Do you not know that God's kindness (*Chreston*) is intended to lead you to repentance?"

God's kindness may be pictured by putting God in the role of a plutocrat and a philanthropist. The word plutocrat comes from *ploutos*, from wealth, and *kratos*, from authority, and means the rule of the rich. Democracy, from *demos*, the people, and *kratos* means the rule of the people and is thought of as the opposite in human government. Despite this difficulty in human language, it is not far from Paul's thought in Ephesians 2:1-10 to speak of the plutocracy of God who rules in the richness of his grace. This is one of the passages in which God's kindness is mentioned. It appears as the explanation of the great difference between the past and the present walk of one who has experienced God's grace.

The past walk is presented in Ephesians 2:1-3 where man's walk by nature is described in relation to the age of this world, the rulers of the authority of the air, and the lusts of the flesh. In

plain language man's conduct is controlled by the world, the Devil, and the flesh. The world is the social organism of sin, and those who conduct their lives according to this worldly pattern have no claim to an experience of God's grace. In these days when more and more compromise is made with the world it is high time that this be noted as the experience that is past for a true Christian. The Devil is here described as "the rulers of the authority of the air" and as "the spirit that is at work in the sons of disobedience." As the Spirit of God works in the church as the organ



EVANGELIST LLOYD BARDOWELL, 22 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, has just concluded an eight-day revival with Pastor Elwin L. Clark at Baptist Temple, Louisville. Evangelist Bardowell was born in Jamaica, and was christened and confirmed in the Anglican Church there. He was converted to Christ in 1946 at the resort town, Montego Bay, Jamaica, and is now a 27-year-old Southern Baptist evangelist. Pastor Clark says: "Mr. Bardowell's preaching is powerful and dynamic, and his evangelism and outlook are church-centered. He has held services in almost every state where Southern Baptist work exists, sponsored by the local churches and associations."

or body of Christ, so the spirit of the Devil rules in the world. Added to these social and spiritual powers that dominate man's sinful conduct is the psychological factor called the flesh. Flesh is not here a physical term. It is used to describe man's condition when he organizes life around himself as the center. At such a time he did "the desires of the flesh and of the mind" and was by nature a child of wrath like the rest of mankind.

Into this sinful situation the riches of God's grace came to rule by delivering man from the world, the Devil, and the flesh. This is the plutocracy of God! God came in mercy with all his great love and man experienced nothing less than a resurrection from spiritual death. Looking at this experience from beginning to end Paul speaks of the past experience of grace as being made alive with Christ, of the present as sitting with Christ in the heavenlies, and of the future as a great display of God's richness (*ploutos*) in kindness (*chrestoteti*) toward us in Christ Jesus. All this drama of deliverance is found in Ephesians 2:4-7 as God's kindness toward man that makes the present walk of man so different.

The present walk is the *poiema* (workmanship, handiwork) of God (Ephesians 2:8-10). In the *Centenary Translation of the New Testament* by Helen Barrett Montgomery, that distinguished Baptist lady of the last generation, a note calls attention to the fact that *poiema* is the source of the English word "poem." "The poet," says the note, "is a maker, a creator." So there is a sense in which the true Christian is the poetry of God! He is what he is because he is a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). The word is used only here in Ephesians 2:10 and in Romans 1:20 in the New Testament. In Romans 1:20 it has reference to the original creation, but here it has to do with the new creation of the Christian life. In the light of the great change from man's past conduct or walk to the present conduct in good works God's kindness as one who rules in the richness of his grace is clearly seen.

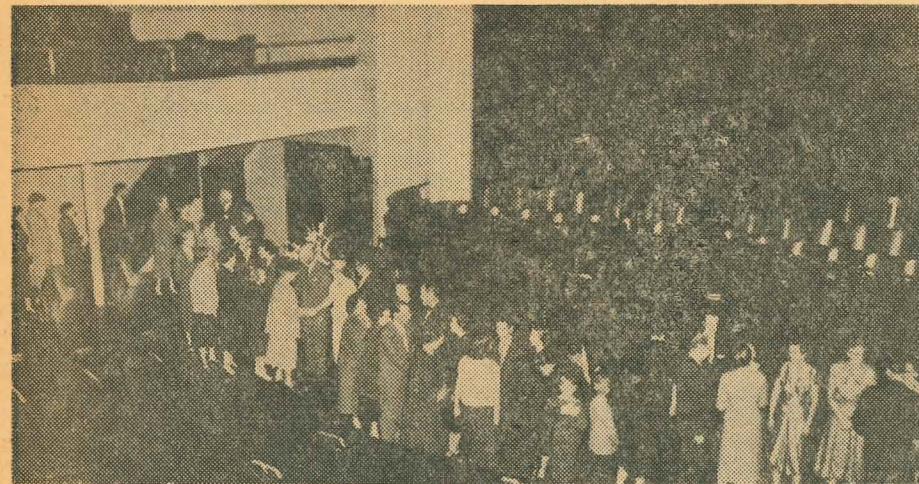
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Oklahoma Baptists Aid In Beer Option Fight

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(BP)—State Baptist offices here have received petitions signed by more than 45,000 persons calling for local option elections on the sale of beer.

The petitions were forwarded to the state United Drys Association which has a goal of 100,000 signatures. The petitions will be presented to the Oklahoma secretary of state in an effort to secure a statewide vote on the issue.

Owensboro's First Church Honors the Humphreys



Reception Line honoring Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Humphreys at the First Baptist Church, Owensboro, October 14.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Oct. 17—Yesterday was a sad day in the life of the First Baptist Church, here, the members and visitors well knowing that that was the last day of the 28-year pastorate of Dr. Robert E. Humphreys among them.

"With all my heart I believe the angels and the saints of heaven are looking down upon this scene," said Moderator Sam C. Coots as he presided over the assembly. "You are now beholding the closing moments of a ministry without parallel in the history of our church, and with few parallels in Baptist history," he continued.

"It is perfectly natural for those of us who were here 28 years ago to recall some of the incidents of that day. How well I remember when the venerable Mr. E. B. Anderson and the late lamented Judge George S. Wilson, then in the vigor of mature manhood, reported to the church about their investigation and observation regarding a young preacher of Tennessee by the name of Robert E. Humphreys. I was so impressed by their report that, without hesitation, I offered the motion that the church call him as its pastor. I have never had any regret in so doing. I also recall that it was reported that Mr. James H. Anderson (of Knoxville) who was an unusual judge of men, said: 'You can count on Robert E. Humphreys always to do his best.'

"While serving as our pastor, the snow of the winters has settled upon his head, still the sunshine of the summers has lingered upon his face. For 28 years he has given his best. May the best be his through the never-ending flight of the future years!"

Mr. George S. Wilson, Jr., attorney and Sunday school superintendent, read a set of resolutions on behalf of the Resolutions committee, composed of Mrs. Homer Ford, president of the W.M.S.;

Mr. Ralph Taylor, director of the Training Union; Mr. Jack Powers, president of the Brotherhood; and himself. The resolution read:

"Robert E. Humphreys assumed the duties as pastor of our church October 16, 1927. His was a Divine Call; his has been an inspired leadership.

"He was but approaching the middle years of his life when he and his young wife and family came to us. His strength, vigor and enthusiasm were exceeded only by his love for Jesus Christ and his childlike faith and trust in God as the Divine Leader. After 28



Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Humphreys Feted

years of matchless leadership, his faith and trust still undiminished, he has followed again the call of his Lord to lay down the heavy burden as pastor of our church.

"During all the years as our Under-shepherd he has preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified; he has taught the divine, inspired Word of God; and as our preceptor he is a living example of that which he has taught. Never has he compromised by word or act the Divine Teachings of the Holy Word.

"Robert E. Humphreys has been pastor, friend, comforter, confidant and servant of all of us, his people; he has been boon companion of none. The voice of the humblest has been as clear and as clarion a call to him as the voice of the most influential. Though humble and modest with respect to his personal opinions he seems always to utter the right words at the right time.

"The First Baptist Church passed its one hundredth year during his pastorate. Its Christian traditions of more than a century have been zealously guarded and nurtured by him. The mantle of God's Servant, entrusted to him more than a quarter of a century ago, is this day being returned to us unsullied and unstained. Rather it is brighter, clearer and more endued with Christ's glory for the humble, yet zealous dignity, with which he has worn it.

"While missing him as our pastor and as we prepare to transfer our allegiance to the one whom God has prepared and whom He will call to lead us, we shall be eternally grateful for the leadership of Robert E. Humphreys and shall pray for God's continuing blessings upon him and his family, for his good health and that he may continue in his strength for his valiant service to our Lord, Jesus Christ."

The resolutions were heartily adopted.

Two nights before, on Friday night, October 14, the members entertained with a reception in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Humphreys. More than 700 attended.

Receiving the guests in the auditorium were the honorees, their son, Robert E. Humphreys, Jr., and Mrs. Humphreys, and their son, Bobby, officers of the church and their wives, the leaders of the four main organizations of the church and staff members. During the reception, appropriate music was provided by John Stanley Shelton, minister of music.

►Pastor Marion H. Hare has gone to the Welcome Baptist Church, Pendleton, S. C., going there from the Baptist Church at Underwood, Indiana. He is a graduate of Stetson University, and the Southern Seminary. Mrs. Hare is the former Miss Wilma Moore, of Georgetown, Ky., and formerly subscription clerk for the Western Recorder office.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

The Christmas Chalk Tree At Christmas

By GLADYS CLEONE CARPENTER

Linda, the mayor's little girl, looked out the window. It had snowed and snowed, for several days. This morning many of the things she knew best had taken queer shapes because they were covered with such heavy snow.

Suddenly there was a knock at the door. Linda ran to answer it. There stood Dan, the woodcutter's little boy.

"Hello, Dan," cried Linda. "Come on in and get warm. You must be almost frozen."

"Hello," said Dan, and he stepped into the nice warm room.

"My father sends word to the mayor, he can't go to the woods to cut the Christmas tree, today. The snow is too deep. And besides the horses couldn't bring it home because there are no roads through the snow, as yet. The only roads open are those here in town and the one that leads to the castle."

"Do you mean there won't be any Christmas tree in the town square!" Linda was shocked.

Knock, knock, knock. Someone else was at the door.

Linda ran to answer. There stood Cathy, the music master's little girl.

"My daddy says it will be too cold to stand out at night, and sing carols," she said.

"Oh, dear!" Linda exclaimed. "No tree and no carols. It won't be like Christmas. Last year we went to the castle on Christmas Eve to sing carols. Remember?"

"Yes," said Dan. "And the three little princes came out to sing with us."

Suddenly Linda exclaimed, "I know! We could have people come to my daddy's big barn. We could sing carols there."

"That would be nice," Cathy agreed.

"But we wouldn't have a tree," said Dan.

"I have an idea," said Linda. "How would it do to draw a Christmas tree on the back wall? We could do it with chalk, so we could wash it off later."

"We can't draw a very tall tree," said Dan, "because we can't reach very high on the wall."

"Maybe Big Brother will help us."

Big Brother got a tall step-ladder, and climbed to the very top. There he tacked up a lovely silver star. Then he drew the outline of a Christmas tree with the star at the top.

"I'll draw the tree part way down,"

he said. "Then when it gets down to where you can reach, you can finish it." He filled in between the outlines with green chalk. He drew yellow candles on the limbs, and red, blue and yellow balls for ornaments. Soon he had the tree down within the children's reach.

Now the three children really had fun! They finished the limbs and the ornaments. Then they made a tree trunk at the bottom with brown chalk. They



Illustrated by Marybelle Kimball

were sure it was the most wonderful Christmas tree they'd ever seen.

That evening Big Brother lighted lanterns in the barn, and placed one so it would shine on the star. At dusk the people came to sing Christmas carols and tell stories in the barn.

As they sang, the barn door opened. In came three men walking in a line. Each man had a big bag on his shoulder. They set the bags near the chalk tree. On each bag was a small picture of a golden crown. The three bags had come from the castle!

Now the door opened again, and in came the three little princes. They had heard about the Christmas in the barn, and had come to have a part in it.

Soon the princes ordered the bags opened. The first bag was full of candy canes. The second bag held nuts. And the third bag was bulging with small toys.

When the presents were given out, the old preacher got up. He thanked the young princes for their gifts. Then he went on to tell about the Wise Men and the gifts they took Jesus.

It was the happiest Christmas Eve the people of the village could remember.

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At Christmas

By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

May we all feel:

The beauty of the Christ Child's way,
The glory of the midnight ray,
The awakening where shepherds lay,
The harmony of the angel's call
The humbleness of Mary in the stall,
The solicitude of Joseph's feeling,
The adoration of wisemen kneeling,
The faith and love in Christ's great healing.

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Moths

By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

One of the strange things about most of the great night-flying moths is that they have no mouth pieces with which to eat; so only live about ten days.

We have a group called the American Silkworms. One of these is the beautiful pale green Luna with its gold eye spots.

Then there is the Cecropis, a great reddish brown moth.

A smaller one looks similar but its mate is black. These are the Prometheus moths.

Another one we should know is the lovely Polyphemus. He is tan with a large blue-black and gold eye spot on each lower wing.

The smallest one of the group is the brownish yellow Io moth. His lower wing eye spots have given him also the name Bulls Eye.

We have a group of moths that have long whip-like tongues for feeding. These are the Sphinx moths. The caterpillar known as the "tomato worm" goes into the ground and turns into a black chrysalis. In the spring it moves to the surface and a lovely moth comes forth. It is the gray and yellow Tomato Sphinx. Toward evening one can see these moths among the flowers. It is quite easily mistaken for a humming bird.

Beautiful as they are moths can be devastating. They destroy untold millions of dollars worth of property each year. Their destructive power is so great that Jesus used them to picture the result of greed in the Sermon on the Mount. He said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt" Matt. 6:19).

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The Glory of God

The Christ Child in a manger lay
Upon that first glad Christmas day;
The angels from the heavens sang
And with their joy the heavens rang.
A glow shown from a star on high,
A guiding light beamed in the sky;
The heavens and the firmament
Proclaimed that God's son had been sent.

The State Wide Evangelistic Conference

By **ELDRED M. TAYLOR**
Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism

Monday evening, January 9, 1956, will mark the opening of the ninth annual Kentucky Baptist Evangelistic Conference at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. This Conference has come to be the largest attended of any state meetings among Kentucky Baptists. The popularity of this meeting is due to the fact that the Conference is not only a period of study in the methods of evangelism but one of high inspiration. Our Baptist people are keenly concerned about evangelism and thus are ever seeking to do a better job in winning the lost to Christ.

The Program

Every phase of the Conference has been carefully planned. The program is built with the pastors, churches, and the command of our Lord to "make disciples" in mind. Just as our Southern Baptist program of evangelism is Bible-based and church-centered, so the program for the Evangelistic Conference in our state is built upon the Bible message and centered on the ministry of New Testament churches.

During the past year Kentucky Baptists joined hands with Southern Baptists in another simultaneous revival crusade. Many precious souls were won to our Lord. Kentucky Baptists report for the past year 25,748 baptisms for the year. With so many new converts coming into our churches, it is imperative that these new Christians be grown to maturity. The theme for the Evangelistic Conference this January is "Teaching Them." Each session of the Conference will be filled with inspiration and help in conserving the results of our evangelism.

The People

In preparing for a Conference two things must be kept in mind: The people who are to be the speakers and those who are to be the listeners. The speakers who will appear on this program this January are among the best to be had in all of our land. They are men in whose hearts the fires of evangelism burn. Such speakers as Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tennessee; Dr. J. Howard Williams, Ft. Worth, Texas; and others are on the program. One can see at a glance that strong speakers have been secured for the program. These men will warm our hearts with messages from God's Word. The people who attend the Evangelistic Conference are just as important, however, as the

speakers. The listeners come from all parts of Kentucky. They are pastors, missionaries, laymen, and women. Everyone who attends will feel the high hours of inspiration. In the Evangelistic Conference God comes close and searches our hearts. I doubt that any child of God can attend the Conference without a deepening of his spiritual life and a resolve to be a more faithful servant of God in the days ahead. This Conference is built for you . . . the pastor of a Baptist church. I wish every Kentucky Baptist pastor could attend the Conference this year. The Conference



JAMES O. WATSON, formerly pastor of the Highview Baptist Church, near Buechel, is back in Louisville on a furlough from his missionary labors at Buenos Aires, Argentina, attending Southern Seminary. In early life he spent several years in pastorates in Georgia and South Carolina. He served as chaplain in World War II for several years. When finishing his studies in the Southern Seminary in 1950 he was appointed a foreign missionary. After a year's study in Costa Rica, he went to Argentina, where he has spent two and a half years. His first field was at Rosario, and later he was moved to the capital, Buenos Aires. His oldest son, James O. Watson, Jr., is a 17-year-old freshman at Wake Forest College, and his two other sons, Robert and William, are with him in Louisville attending Alex G. Barrett Junior High School. His wife is the former Miss Francis Scott, of Union, South Carolina.

will not only prove helpful for pastors but will inspire and challenge laymen as well. If you are a layman, won't you please urge your church to provide the expense of your pastor to attend this Conference. It will not only enrich his ministry, but it will bless your church.

The Place

The Evangelistic Conference will again be held at the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. Kentucky Baptists are deeply indebted to this great church for her warm welcome and gracious spirit. Many Baptists from all over Kentucky love the Walnut Street Baptist Church because of her contribution to the annual Evangelistic Conference. Certainly we are grateful for the opportunity of meeting again at this wonderful place.

The Baptists of Louisville will again provide free room and breakfast for rural pastors whose churches do not pay their expense to the Evangelistic Conference. Reservations for free room in a Baptist home should be sent to Eldred M. Taylor, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky, not later than January 2, 1956.

Those who desire a hotel room should write directly to the hotel. Reservations should be made with the hotels at once. (See Nov. 17 issue of the Western Recorder for a list of the hotels.)

I hope you will join me in prayer for the Evangelistic Conference. Come and attend every session. Urge your friends to attend. Let us ask God to make this the best Conference we have ever had. May the fires of evangelism be kindled in our hearts at this Conference to the extent that all of us will be better witnesses in 1956.

Tift College Drops 'Bessie' From Name

FORSYTH, Ga.—(BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention has changed the name of Bessie Tift College here to simply Tift College.

Alumnae of the Baptist-supported school for women asked more than a year ago for the name to be shortened. The trustees of the college later endorsed the alumnae request.

Tift College has had six names since it was chartered in 1849. In 1907, the school took the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Willingham Tift, who donated over \$100,000 to the institution.

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CYNTHIANA CORONATION.—An evening worship hour was devoted to a beautiful and impressive coronation service for its three R. A. groups at the First Baptist Church of Cynthiana. Receiving crowns were (front row, left to right): Kay Allen Wilson, Martha Haden Brown, Ann Smiser, Wanda Cobb and Jeannie Bell. Mrs. Adrian (Jeane Fightmaster) Osborne, who is the only girl from the church ever becoming Queen Regent, crowned the girls. Counsellors are Mrs. Clarence Cobb, Intermediate group; Mrs. M. L. Tuttle and Mrs. Robert Perrin, Junior group; and Mrs. James Wilson, Penn Street Mission group. Mrs. George Bottos was Young People's leader and Mrs. Herman Kauffman is president of the W.M.U. Other girls in the picture received recognition as maidens, ladies-in-waiting, and princesses. P. E. Claybrook is pastor.

The Harvest of the Spirit: Kindness

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God the plutocrat becomes God the philanthropist in Titus 3:4-7. It is the philanthropy of God that makes the plutocracy of God a good and pleasant (*chrestos*) thought. Philanthropy comes from the Greek *philanthropia*, and this Greek word is made up of *philos* which means loving and *anthropos* which means man. A philanthropist, then, is one who loves mankind. God's kindness is related to this word in Titus 3:4 where it is said a great change took place in man's life "when the kindness (*chrestotes*) and *philanthropia* of God our Saviour appeared." God's kindness is seen in three main ways. First, God's kindness is seen in revelation (3:4). Had God not been kind enough to make himself known man would still be in the darkness waiting for the dawn. In the second place, God shows his kindness in regeneration (3:5). God's abundant mercy gave "the bath of regeneration and the renewal of the Holy Spirit" (Williams). Man has no reason to boast, for this did not happen as a reward for "upright deeds that we have done" (Williams). The third way God's kindness is shown is in justification (3:7). In much the same way God's

righteousness is described in Romans 3:21-26 the kindness of God as the great philanthropist is brought to a climax in faithful saying recorded in Titus 3:4-7. Against this background of God's kindness man's kindness as the harvest of the Spirit is to be understood.

The Kindness of the Godly

Kindness appears as one of the roses among the thorns in 2 Corinthians 6:6. Against the rugged background of "afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger" are to be found "purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God" (2 Corinthians 6:5-7 RSV).

Kindness appears as *character* in Colossians 3:12 and as *conduct* in Ephesians 4:32. The two are of course inseparable in the Christian life. The *character* of a Christian kindness consists among other things of the seven garments in Colossians 3:12f kept in place with the belt of love. The character of God's chosen ones has "compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience" along with forbearance and

forgiveness, but even these garments in all their beauty do not remain in place unless they are bound together with the belt of love "which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14 RSV). What a contrast this is when compared with the ugly character described in Colossians 3:5-9 as that which the Christian should *put to death* or *put away* in order to *put on* the character of Christ.

The *conduct* of Christian kindness puts the character of Christian kindness into practice. Kindness appears at the end of the list of exhortations in Ephesians 4:25-32. The last of the six sentences in the RSV follows: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 5:31f). It is interesting that this exhortation follows the one which says we should "not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you are sealed for the day of redemption" (Ephesians 5:30 RSV). It becomes clear that those who are sealed for the future are to sow the spiritual seed for an abundant harvest of the Spirit in the present.

What The Evangelistic Conference Means to Me

By J. Frank Hixon, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Barboursville, Ky.

That Baptists of Kentucky think highly of the annual Evangelistic Conference is indicated by the large numbers that attend from all over the state. It is not just "another meeting" but a time of such help and inspiration that it attracts pastors and others from all over the state.

One reason that it has meant so much to the cause of evangelism in our state is that it has served to coordinate our efforts and thus make us more effective workmen for Christ as we have carried out the practical suggestions that have been made.

In I Samuel 13:19-21 we read, "Now there was no smith found in the land—but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen every man his share and his coulter, and his axe and his mattock." There is no better place for one to go for help than the Evangelistic Conference. Each time that I have attended it I have come away with my heart warmed and with a new determination to do more in the cause of Christ. It will pay rich dividends to any church that will send its pastor.

►Badgett Dillard, director of public relations at the Southern Seminary, was operated on at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Saturday, November 26. He expects to be confined for several weeks.

Close the Back Door

By ROBERT J. HASTINGS

"There was a greater increase in non-resident church members than in resident members in 1954." So reads the last paragraph of a recent Baptist Press release.

This is discouraging in view of the unparalleled growth of Southern Baptists. It indicates our new converts go out the back door faster than they come in the front.

And for all practical purposes, the non-resident member is a loss as far as his service to any particular church is concerned. His life is an investment bearing no return.

Somewhere at sometime he was contacted and led to Christ and baptized. Effort, time, and money were spent to reach him. But no return is being realized. He is not giving to missions, he is not winning others, and in many instances he is cold and indifferent.

Much has been written about the non-resident problem. No one "cure-all" is likely to be found. But I would like to propose a suggestion that can help some.

A Suggestion

Recently a graduate of the University of Wisconsin visited in our home. While in the University at Madison, Wis., he was active in the newly formed Immanuel Baptist Church. It is the only Southern Baptist church in that city.

I asked how this little-known church, with no building of their own, ever located him in a student body of 15,000. He explained that his home church in Mississippi sent him their state paper, and that the Madison church had contacted various denominational papers for lists of subscribers in Madison. After getting the list from "The Baptist Record," they visited and enlisted him.

Since much of the non-resident problem is locating such members who move away, why not duplicate this throughout our Convention? Two steps are necessary.

First, encourage every church to keep non-residents on their subscription lists. Wherever the absentee member moves, the post office will notify the paper of his change of address. He can't get away without the state paper having a record of his new address!

Second, the state papers could periodically distribute lists of their subscribers who have moved into states or areas where Southern Baptist work is in its infancy. Thousands of Southern Baptists have moved north and west leaving no addresses with their home

churches. Keeping them on the subscription lists of the state papers would help keep track of members.

This plan may be too ambitious to be practical. But it would conserve some, as it did this Mississippian who found a church home in Wisconsin.

There are other benefits too. Circulation of state papers would increase as non-residents are retained rather than being dropped. And Baptists on the move would have one link with their denomination that emphasized their responsibility to Christ and his churches wherever they lived—the denominational paper!

The back door must be closed! Our state papers, with local church cooperation, can give it a hard push if they try!



WILLIAM LEE LOWE is the new minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington. He directs the full graded program of six choirs. A graduate of Mississippi College, with a major in sacred music, he has served as director of music in such churches as: Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; Brookhaven Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Central Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tenn.; and more recently in the Euclid Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. While at the church in Atlanta both he and his wife sang in the Baptist Hour Choir. Brother and Mrs. Lowe have 3 children—Linda, 15; Cheryl, 11; and Frank, 5. He is attending the School of Church Music, Southern Seminary, on a part-time basis. The Lowe family resides at 245 Fillsboro Avenue, Lexington.

Donald Carroll Is Ordained by Boone's Creek Baptist Church

The Boone's Creek Baptist Church met in called session November 11, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of examining Donald Carroll for ordination to the work of the Gospel ministry.

The council was composed of Pastors Clarence Walker, Ashland Avenue; Lloyd Mahanes, Boone's Creek; W. R. Royce, Broadway; Otto Pierson, Ivory Hill; Ross L. Range, Mt. Tabor; John T. Thompson, South Irvine; W. T. Dunaway, Northside; Edward Haun, Williams Memorial; J. O. Matlock, Friendship; Claude King, Clavary; Deacons E. S. Ward, East Hickman; James S. Morton and Squire Hall, Boone's Creek; Robert Hart and Martin Lunsford, Broadway; Cyrus White and Boone Harris, Northside; Professors Rosco Brong, Buell H. Kazee and T. U. Fann, all of Ashland Avenue; and Missionary Arlon F. Davis, Williams Memorial. The first named was moderator and the last named was clerk of the council.

The questioning was led by Brother Mahanes, assisted by the other members. His answers were spontaneous, full of feeling and conviction. The ordination sermon was delivered by Pastor Ranges, and the charge to the candidate were given by Professor Kazee. The latter also presented the Bible on behalf of the Boone's Creek Church. Pastor Haun gave the ordination prayer.

Davis, 16 Years Howard President, is Acclaimed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (BP) — President of Howard College here for 16 years, Harwell G. Davis was honored recently by the Baptist school for his educational leadership.

George Koski, head of the school's music department, fashioned a bronze bust of Davis, which the school presented to him.

Many friends paid tribute to Davis, who "brought Howard College out of financial and academic bankruptcy" to its present "unquestioned academic standing." A completely new campus is under construction several miles from the old college site. Enrolment was only 600 when he became president; it is now 1,695.

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The Everlasting Arms

John 3:16 of course takes first place of all the verses of the Bible with all Bible readers. Many verses, no doubt, would lay claim to the second place.

Without giving special reasons I am going to nominate Deuteronomy 33:27 as a candidate for second place. It would be a happy outcome if some capable person would put out a list of the best verses and the best chapters in the Bible, and give their reasons respectively for their claims. Such a collection would make a valuable contribution to our Bible reading.

It seems to me that the verse I am nominating for this second place needs no special pleading or any debating; it is so clear that he who runs may read. It is like Jack said to Melissa in response to her post script which was, "Why do you love me, Jack?" To which Jack replied in his post script, "The reason why I love you, Melissa, is just because I do. And if that's not enough, Melissa, it's just because you are you."

But if any one should press me for a more concrete testimony I should tell of my experience with one of my neighbors of blessed memory many years ago. Her father, her husband, her children, and she herself were dear friends of mine. She was in bed for a long time with a trying disease. It was my habit to visit her as often as practicable, talk with her, and try to encourage her as best I could. One morning I went in and found her older daughter standing by her bed. As the good mother reached out her clammy hand to me, she said in her feeble voice, "Brother Cullom, I'm almost gone." I thought she was right, but didn't think it wise to say so just then. What I did say was this:

"We don't know about that, Mrs. Blank; I might go now before you do. It is a small matter as to which of us shall go first. There is a saying in the farewell address of Moses to the children of Israel that each of us can claim for himself when the time comes for us to go. It is found in Deuteronomy 33:27, and reads this way: 'The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.'"

I made a little prayer and left the room. Late that afternoon the daughter who stood beside her mother in the morning called me and said her mother was gone. I walked over to the home at once.

In speaking with this daughter, I asked whether she had a suggestion as to the funeral service. She said to me, "Yes, Mr. Cullom, when you were here this morning you quoted a verse of scripture to Mamma that had something in it about the everlasting arms! Mamma spoke of it several times after you

were gone, and it seemed to comfort her so much. If you can, I wish you would use that verse in your message tomorrow." I said to her, "Gladys, it shall be as you say." And so the text of my remarks as I stood in the church the next day was: "The Eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms." And so I claim that this verse needs no special argu-

ment; it stands in its own right. Thank the Heavenly Father for Deuteronomy 33:27 for myself, and for all people as we come to face any trying hour!—W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, N. C.

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Ridgecrest And Glorieta
Reservations

Don't forget January 1 is the time to make reservations for Training Union weeks for next summer at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. June 7-13 and June 14-20 are the Training Union Leadership Assemblies at Glorieta. July 12-18, July 19-25, and July 26-August 1 are the dates of the Training Union Leadership Assemblies at Ridgecrest. Accompany each individual reservation with a \$2.50 reservation fee. Each cottage reservation should include a \$10.00 reservation fee.



COUNSELOR'S
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By
DR. R. LOFTON
HUDSON

Unequally Yoked

Question: I would like to know if there is any way in which we can justify our country's membership in the United Nations, in view of 2 Corinthians 6:14. Also our treaties with murderers like Tito and Franco.

Answer: The scripture you refer to has been used to prove many things. It is used to show that a Christian should not marry a non-Christian. That a church member should not go into business with a non-church member. And now international relations.

This is a poor way to use God's Word.

What did the verse mean in its setting? What was Paul trying to get across to these Corinthian Christians? To ostracize other people? To be isolationists? To practice religious segregation?

No, he was trying to get them to live lives of Christian holiness and integrity, just as our Lord did. "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil" (John 17:15).

To be "unequally yoked" with unbelievers does not mean not to be yoked at all.

Religion has been greatly hindered by the isolationists and the separationists (the real meaning of the word "Pharisee"). Common sense and Christian love require that we relate ourselves to others, even the bad ones, in the most helpful manner.

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

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Fiftieth Anniversary
Royal Service

Mrs. Encil Deen, former president of Kentucky WMU, has been appointed by our president, Mrs. H. C. Randall, to serve as Kentucky chairman for observance of the fiftieth anniversary of *Royal Service*. We are grateful for her acceptance of this responsibility and know she will give splendid leadership in these plans. Most of you already know something of this anniversary from "Keynotes," from *Royal Service* and from the poster supplied by Mrs. Deen and used in the Regional Meetings. Read every word of this message from Mrs. Deen:

"Greetings, Dear Members of Kentucky WMU: Here I am again! And again we are going to observe a FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY! This time it is the fiftieth anniversary of our WMU magazine—*Royal Service*.

"Kentucky women are privileged above many of our Sister States in this celebration for at least two reasons: first, we have lately observed a Fiftieth Anniversary in our own Kentucky WMU and realize the value and the joy of such an observance. Many of our societies are still reaping a harvest of accelerated interest and growth that was started when we adopted high goals during the anniversary year. All of us have happy memories of the fun we had in the celebration. We know the blessings that came to us by a worthy observance of a fiftieth anniversary and know, personally, that it can be 'a hallowed year.' The coming year may be a repetition of the blessings and joys we have so lately experienced.

"Secondly, Kentucky WMU members should have a peculiar interest in this anniversary because of the important part Kentucky women had in the history of *Royal Service*.

"We shall gain a new appreciation of our heritage when we realize that the forerunner of *Royal Service* and the first missionary magazine was, *The Heathen Helper*, published in 1882 by the Central Committee of Kentucky, and had as its editor our own Miss Agnes Osborne, assisted by nine women as State editors. It is said that *The Heathen Helper* rendered invaluable service in rallying and unifying the scattered societies' and was a staunch advocate of a south-wide organization which resulted in the organization of Woman's Missionary Union in 1888.

"*The Heathen Helper* was succeeded

by *The Baptist Basket* in 1888 with Mrs. Thomas Osborne, a Kentucky woman, as editor and fourteen states furnishing co-editors. *The Baptist Basket* was the only mission magazine published for Southern Baptist women until 1906 when the Union decided to publish its own magazine. Then it was that the quarterly, *Our Mission Fields*, edited by Miss Fannie E. S. Heck and furnished free to all societies, came into being. In 1914



Mrs. Encil Deen
Anniversary Chairman

the name was changed to *Royal Service* and through the years has served as the greatest single means of developing a mission-minded constituency.

"Surely, every member of Kentucky will be thrilled to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the magazine that was born and cradled in our State and nourished by our own Kentucky women, who realized the value of the printed page to give our women the necessary vision for missionary service.

"Present statistics reveal that only one woman for every 2.7 members now subscribe to *Royal Service*. The goal for the anniversary is a worthy one: 'Every woman with her own *Royal Service*.' Why not every woman with her own *Royal Service*? Certainly the cost is not prohibitive. One dollar and fifty cents for 12 issues means a cost of 12½¢ per month. I truly believe any women who will read through a copy of *Royal Service* will agree that she received many times the price paid.

"Suggestions will be offered during the

year for promoting *Royal Service* in order to reach the goal but for now let me give three suggestions:

"1. See that the goal is adopted—every woman IN YOUR SOCIETY taking *Royal Service*.

"2. See that a wide awake, enthusiastic *Royal Service Anniversary Chairman* is selected in your society to keep the goal before the society and to make it easy for the women to subscribe.

"3. Consider a *Royal Service* subscription as the most fitting gift to individuals on your Christmas gift list and for a gift throughout the year. What greater blessing or more attractive gift could you give than 12 issues of *Royal Service* during the anniversary year? (See back of December *Royal Service*).

"Let's be organized and ready to move forward to our goal of 'Every Woman IN YOUR SOCIETY having her own subscription to *Royal Service* magazine.' —MRS. ENCIL DEEN."

Two W.M.S.'s in Kentucky have already reached that goal. The first is Ninth and O, in Louisville, and the second is Sassafras Ridge in West Kentucky Association.

YOUTH CORNER

When this column was written, it was C-O-L-D in Kentucky—our first taste of winter!

And speaking of winter, it's not time to go into hibernation as an ole' bear might do, but to "dig in" on studying those EXTRAS of Sunbeams, Girls' Auxiliary, Y.W.A. and Royal Ambassadors! I refer to Sunbeam Superior opportunities, Forward Steps for G. A.'s, Citation for Y.W.A. and the Ranking System for Royal Ambassadors. Truly, what we learn now—and that means in YOUTH—sticks with us as age comes on.

At Miss Annie Allen's funeral, Bro. McMillan, her pastor, told of how Miss Annie would speak of "reading" her Bible when he visited her from time to time in the hospital. He knew her hands could no longer hold the Bible—she had been reading what she had memorized and experienced through the years.

"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I may not sin against Thee." (Psalms 119:11).

THOSE "EXTRAS"

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CITATION FOR YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

(See next week's column.)

Georgia Baptists Assail Governor on Temperance

SAVANNAH, Ga.—(BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention at its annual session here said Gov. Marvin Griffin displayed a "treacherous" attitude toward legislation paving the way for breweries to be built in Georgia.

The same social service commission report that criticized the state's chief executive also rapped the state legislature for its action on temperance legislation.

In a third point, the social service commission called for leaders who will speak in a "calm and deliberate manner" on race relations, "based on the inner conviction that the unfolding of law and order is every citizen's duty."

The convention authorized employment of a state worker to follow the Home Mission Board pattern in work with Negro Baptists in the state.

The more than 2000 Baptists who attended the sessions in Savannah adopted a 1956 Cooperative Program budget of more than \$2½ million, which is 36 per cent higher than the 1955 budget amount.

\$284,500 Preferred Item

After taking out \$284,500 for administration, promotion, and ministers' retirement, the remainder of the \$2,534,200 will be divided equally between state Baptist work and work of the Southern Baptist Convention at large.

Included in state Baptist work next year will be \$350,000 for capital improvements at six state Baptist colleges and start of construction of a home for the aged near Waycross. About \$100,000 may be used for the home for the aged.

The convention re-elected, its president, James W. Merritt, of Gainesville, and selected Atlanta as the city for its 1956 convention.

In his convention sermon, C. Douglas Jackson, Brunswick minister, said "Your task and my task as Christian stewards is to give to the world a standard of values which places first things in first place and second-place things in second place."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, DECEMBER 3, 1955

Numeral after church indicates number of missions.

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First (2)	95	745
Barbourville, Additions 2	199	483
Bardstown	62	405
Beaver Dam (1)	177	449
Bellevue	78	454
Benton, First	100	240
Bowling Green, First (2)	364	1,303
Cadiz	65	277
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	179	296
South Campbellsville	108	259
Carrollton	68	263
Central City, First (1)	278	529
Cloverport, Additions 1		211
Corbin, Central	110	305
Covington, Calvary		664
Latonia (1)	235	982
South Side	129	518
Cynthiana (1)		401
Danville, First (2)	214	686
Dayton, First		250
Dawson Springs	90	281
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (2)	222	939
Erlanger, Additions 1	94	473
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (1)	132	648
Grace	285	894
Falmouth (1)	41	252
Florence	96	386
Fort Thomas, First (1) Additions 4		409
Frankfort, First (1)	201	816
Memorial	81	245
Thorn Hill	367	221
Fulton, First	192	545
Georgetown (1)	290	783
Glasgow (1)	116	739
Greensburg	75	204
Greenville, First	141	400

Harrodsburg (2)	264	908
Hartford	107	264
Hawesville	107	252
Hazard (2)	73	454
Hazel	120	256
Henderson, First	142	546
Immanuel Temple (2)		654
Hima, Horse Creek		251
Hodgenville, First (1)		433
Hopkinsville, First	252	882
Second	228	844
Jackson (5), Add. 5		298
Junction City	89	251
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	68	289
Lebanon, First (1)	168	515
Leitchfield	107	278
Lexington, Calvary (1)	214	906
Grace (2)	262	737
Immanuel	313	895
Porter Memorial, Add. 12	146	628
London, First (1)	133	515
Louisville, Audubon	79	238
Beechland	181	638

Beechmont (2)	214	1,118
Beechwood, Add. 4	117	324
Bethany	90	340
Broadway (2)	166	520
Carlisle Avenue (2), Add. 6	306	1,389
Clifton (1)	143	465
East	86	218
Eastern Parkway	67	602
Eighteenth Street	83	374
Farmdale	190	502
Hazelwood	115	570
Highland Park First		451
Immanuel, Add. 3	130	425
Jeffersontown	79	324
Lynn Acres	112	273
Ninth and O (11), Add. 12	449	1,599
Parkland (1)	305	1,018
Rockford Lane	168	376
St. Matthews	283	912
Shively (1), Add. 12	174	594
Shawnee	133	446
Southside, Add. 1	170	649
Third Avenue, Add. 4	129	936
Victory Memorial (2)	179	902
Walnut Street (4)	302	1,774
West Broadway (1)	163	700
West Side	114	
Ludlow, First	116	447
Madisonville, First	227	1,024
Marion	105	295
Mayfield, First	321	1,116
Middlesboro, First (3)	118	553
Middletown, First	55	259
Monticello, First	82	271
Morganfield, First	169	496
Morgantown (1)	131	239
Mt. Washington	134	295
Murray, First (1)	87	947
New Haven	57	
Owensboro, Buena Vista	107	434
First (1)	258	1,115
Hall Street (1)	154	484
Macedonia	84	206
Seven Hills	100	295
Third	295	1,033
Paducah, East	204	500
Lone Oak	130	409
West End, Add. 2	113	263
Oaklawn	139	279
Twelfth Street	127	292
Paintsville, First (1), Add. 2	63	248
Paris, Central, Add. 2	96	312
First	70	271
Pikeville, First (4)	74	485
Prestonsburg, Irene Cole		
Memorial 10, Add. 1	117	683
Princeton, First (1)	160	625
Northside (1)	86	275
Richmond	104	418
Russellville, First (1)	130	463
Scottsville	72	253
Somerset, First	227	678
Sonora	117	230
Springfield, First	158	402
Stearns (3)	101	278
Sturgis, First		286
Versailles	68	356
Walton, First	93	321
Williamson, W. Va., East Williamson	149	325
Williamstown, Add. 4	51	183
Winchester, Central	167	507



WHITE GIFT BIBLE PRESENTATION.—The Y.W.A. of the Kiddville Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky., made the presentation of a white gift Bible to Miss Iona Smith, the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Raymond Smith, just before her marriage to Kenneth Hisle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisle. Shown in the picture (left to right) are: Ruth Bowles, president; Ada Burch Hampton, chairman of the Mission Study Committee; Patsy Pace, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Oscars Sword, president of the W.M.U.; Iona Smith; Mrs. Raymond Smith, counselor; Eleanor Pasley, library chairman; and Frances Morton, program chairman. Bonnie Jo Jefferson was absent when the picture was taken. Frances Morton has married since this picture was taken, so a white gift Bible was later presented to her. She married Robert Columbia, Kiddville.

Mississippi Layman Appeals For Consecrated Businessmen

JACKSON, Miss.—(BP)—The president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, himself a layman, appealed to other businessmen to follow Christian principles in their affairs.

Owen Cooper, vice-president of Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, deplored the manner in which many Christian tourists and businessmen behave.

"People just can't reconcile inconsistent living with those who profess to be Christians," he said. Along with Southern Baptists' genius for developing goals and slogans for their work, they need to develop more consecrated individual Christians, according to Cooper.

The Mississippians re-elected Cooper to serve for another year as their president and likewise decided to hold their 1956 session in Jackson again.

They adopted a number of resolutions pertaining to the state's alcohol traffic. The Baptists called on the governor and state officials to uphold existing prohibition laws and to extend prohibition laws to cover beer and other such beverages not prohibited.

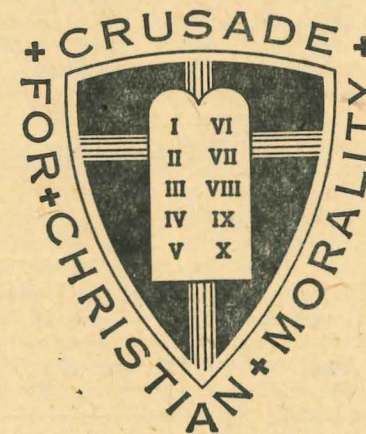
To Become Co-ed?

Baptists also asked for repeal of a state tax on black market liquor which is sold in the state and asked the state to quit selling confiscated liquor to neighboring states.

A committee of five men will recommend to the next state convention ses-

sion whether Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, shall be changed from a school for women to a co-educational institution.

A \$1,675,000 Cooperative Program budget for 1956 was adopted, to be split 55 per cent for state purposes and 45



per cent for the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 1500 messengers also adopted a \$2½ million, five-year fund-raising goal for improvements at Baptist colleges, a Baptist student center at Mississippi State College, and for improvements at Kittiwake, their state assembly grounds.

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►Enrollments in the Methodist colleges—junior and senior—and in secondary schools was up 11 per cent over fall figures of last year. Enrollment in their nine theological seminaries (theological schools) totals 2,648.

►Prof. H. Y. Mullikin, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Georgetown College, gave the principal address at an International Student Retreat recently at Georgia Tech. The theme of the retreat was "A Formula for Living," and Dr. Mullikin spoke on "The Universe and Its Maker" and "Social Implications of the Atomic Age."

►Pastor Elvis H. Egge, of Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah, writes: "Just a week prior to the meeting of the General Association, with it, the Baptist Tabernacle . . . concluded a successful eight-day revival. The evangelist was W. L. Shuttlesworth, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas. There were 19 additions to the church, 13 of them being received for baptism."

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High Ten in Sunday School Training Through October 31, 1955

1. Louisville, Victory Memorial	259
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3. Covington, Latonia	115
4. Severns Valley	109
5. Lexington, Grace	79
6. Versailles	76
7. Louisville, Walnut Street	54
8. Pineville, First	51
Hazel	51
Danville, Lexington Ave.	51
9. Louisville, Third Avenue	47
10. Hazard, First	45
Lynch	45

January Bible Study Week

Now is the time to make final plans for January Bible Study Week. The book suggested for a guide in our study is *Teachings of Jesus* in Matthew 5-7. The Bible is the text book to be used. The guide book will aid us in our study. Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, is the author of this book. He suggests what a study of these teachings found in Matthew 5-7 can mean to every Christian.

"A study of Matthew 5-7 has several distinct advantages for any church: (1) It will strengthen the fellowship fiber among the Lord's people. (2) It will enhance the organizational life of the church. (3) Best of all, a study of these teachings of Jesus will focus the attention on spirituality and ethical conduct.

"In this study we are nearest the heart of the Master. He wanted doers and not hearers only. He warned against worshipping him 'Lord, Lord' and then failing to do the things which he commanded. It is my firm conviction that this study will take us as near the inner citadel of spiritual power as anything Southern Baptists have undertaken in a long while.

"This study takes us to the center of the wheels of Life, and there we find not an axle but a heart throbbing with love and more Life for those already saved. It is most appropriate that it comes in the wake of our years of most intensive and fruitful evangelism. We have had campaigns for everything else; we now campaign with Christ for better Christians."

Here are some ways to guarantee a successful Bible Study week. "Make every effort to enlist the total leadership of your church in this important

study. Put the entire Sunday school force behind the effort. Ask all organizations in the church to co-operate. Use posters and frequent announcements to keep the interest high. Order books early (available at Baptist Book Stores about December 1, 1955) and distribute them to your people for advance study."

We urge our pastors to teach and our people to study during Jan. 2-6, 1956.

State Vacation Bible School Clinics

The State Vacation Bible School clinics will be held January 23-24, 1956 at the Wing Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, and January 26-27, 1956 at the Harrodsburg Church, Harrodsburg. Dr. Charles Treadway, associate in the Vacation Bible School Department in Nashville, will be on the program at Owensboro and Mr. Sibley C. Burnett, secretary of the VBS Department, will be on the program at Harrodsburg.

We urge all associations to send at least one to represent each of the following departments: Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate. These leaders will receive information which they can use in conducting the clinic in their associations. All pastors and VBS principals are urged to attend.

Six Regional Adult Sunday School Conferences December 29-30, 1955

Here is an opportunity for Adult workers to become better informed and greatly inspired. The Sunday School Board, in co-operation with various states, have planned six great two-day conferences for Adult workers. The conferences are located in the following cities: Norfolk, Virginia; Mobile, Alabama; Memphis, Tennessee; Dallas, Texas; Kansas City, Missouri; and Los Angeles, California. The nearest one to Kentucky is Memphis. You can write to the following hotels in Memphis for reservations: Chisca, Claridge, King Cotton, and Peabody. Host church in Memphis is Temple Baptist, of which Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., is pastor.

In a letter from Dr. J. N. Barnette, he states: "The purpose of these six conferences is to emphasize the importance of men in Sunday school and the total work of our churches. Four of the major emphases for our Sunday school work for the year are: men, Young People, babies, and new Sunday schools. All four of these will be emphasized in these conferences, with a major emphasis on men.

"We expect an attendance of six to eight thousand leaders in these six conferences. We join you in prayer and effort that these important meetings may help develop a more vital concern in the enlistment of men in Bible study and the work of our Lord through the churches."

What The Evangelistic Conference Means to Me

By Shelby R. Beaty, Pastor
Marion Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.

It has been my good fortune to attend almost every Southern Baptist Convention, every State Convention and every Evangelistic Conference in the State where I was pastor. I have also attended many other religious meetings since I have been a pastor. Of all these meetings none have meant more than the Evangelistic Conferences. From each Conference I have gone home to my Church with new inspiration, new methods and with a new and deeper desire to win the lost of my community to our Saviour.

I would like to add that it has also been my good fortune to be the pastor of a church who always paid my expenses to these meetings. I now feel after these years of being a pastor, that some of the best money spent by my church was when they sent me to the Evangelistic Conference in my State. It would be a wonderful thing if every Church would send their Pastor (with expenses paid) to the Evangelistic Conference.

"Cotton Pickers" Crusade Conversions Over 1,000

PECOS, Texas — (BP) — A "cotton-patch" evangelistic crusade by Texas Baptists in the Pecos area resulted in 1,047 conversions, crusade leaders reported.

The crusade has now spread to Lubbock and other areas in west Texas.

More than 8,000 "Braceros," as the Mexican cotton field workers are called, attended services in the six-day crusade here. Meetings were held by night on streets and on nearby farms.

Fourteen Spanish-speaking pastors and missionaries conducted the meetings, sponsored by Pecos Valley Baptist Association and Texas state convention. Rudy Hernandez, state evangelist, and A. L. Patillo, chairman of the Pecos Association crusade committee, directed the campaign.

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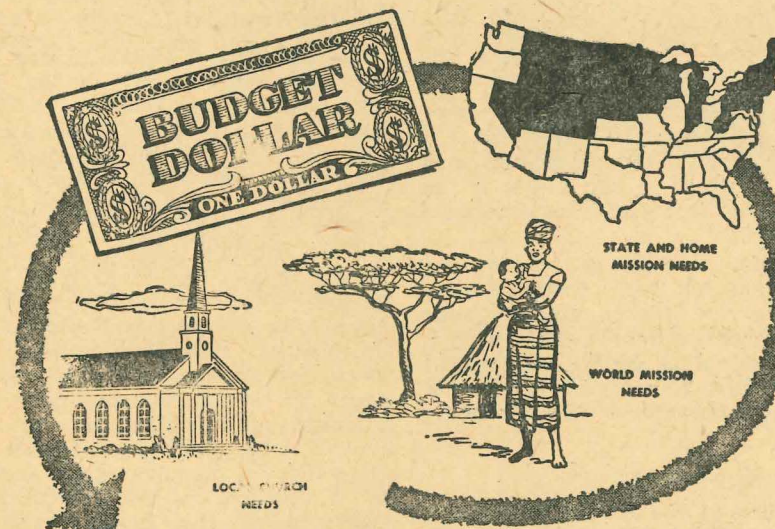
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Attention all laymen! Why don't you plan now to attend the big Evangelistic Conference to be held January 9-11 at the Walnut Street Baptist church, Louisville. This meeting is sponsored by our Executive Board and its department of Evangelism and is for all pastors and laymen. Featured speakers will include Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and great Southern Baptist leader; Ramsay Pollard, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee; Dr. Duke K. McCall, President, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville; Dr. J. Howard Williams, President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. C. Y. Dossy, Assistant Secretary, Department of

Evangelism, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; our own Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary of Kentucky Baptists; and, Dr. W. Hines Sims, Secretary, Department of church music, Baptist Sunday School Board, who will direct the singing for the conference. Brother Eldred Taylor, our Superintendent of Evangelism and Missions, will direct the conference. Brethren, take it from us, this is a real lineup of top notch speakers and Baptist leaders. Plan now to attend! See the November 17 issue of the *Western Recorder* for a list of the hotels recommended, and write at once for your reservations. Naturally, you will want to see that your pastor is provided the means and opportunity of attending this important and inspiring conference.



The Same Budget Must Support Them All

Let's Get Behind the Budget!

Our General Association, through its messengers to the annual meeting held at Paducah last month, adopted its 1955-

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56 budget. The Executive Board met last week and made allocations of the state missions portion of the budget to the various departments and agencies of the Board for their work in the new year. This has been the plan of Kentucky Baptists for years and we think it is a good one. Our whole plan of supporting all of our work is explained in just two words—"Cooperative Program." Let's all get behind the budget as we have never done before. "The Cooperative Program is the better plan." Our budget supports this plan. Let's get behind it with our prayers and our pocket books!

Elmer Nixon Lee Ordained To Gospel Ministry by First Church, Frankfort

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 10—Mr. Elmer Nixon Lee was ordained to the work of the full Gospel ministry on November 2, 1955, by the First Baptist Church, Frankfort. By request of the Brooks Baptist Church, Brooks, Ky., where Brother Lee is pastor, First Church at the recommendation of the deacons, voted to proceed with the ordination. An ordaining council met at First Church, Frankfort, and was composed of the following brethren from their respective churches; Roy Lyons, Thornhill; Earl Bell, Memorial; Julius Jones, Evergreen; Marshall Fletcher, Associational Missionary; Pastor Fred T. Moffatt, Lloyd Stormont, and Herman Marx, First Church. Dr. Moffatt served as moderator and Brother Stormont as clerk of the council.

The council voted unanimously to recommend that Bro. Lee be ordained. On November 2, 1955, at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Dale Moody, professor of Systematic Theology, Southern Seminary, preached the ordination sermon. The pastor, Dr. Moffatt, gave the charge to the candidate, and Dr. George W. Redding, professor of New Testament, Georgetown College gave the charge to the churches. The chairman of the Deacons, Mr. T. A. Pardue, presented Brother Lee with the Bible, a gift from the congregation. Prior to the laying on of hands, the ordination prayer was given by Brother Stormont, associate pastor, First Church.

Brother Lee is married to the former Miss Winnona Shoemaker, Frankfort. She is a member of the faculty of the Shepherdsville School. They will live at Brooks and Brother Lee will continue his studies at Southern Seminary.

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By H. C. Chiles

Songs of the Saviour's Birth

The story of the birth of Christ is of continual interest and constant blessing to those of us who know Him and love Him.

I. Prophecy, Luke 1:32-33.

Mary, a Jewish maid, was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth. It seems that it was a custom among the Jews for betrothal to precede marriage by a year.

This announcement of the coming birth of Jesus Christ was in perfect keeping with Isaiah's prophecy 700 years earlier: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (7:14).

II. Praise. Luke 1:46-50.

Upon being informed that God had chosen her as the medium of bringing the Saviour into the world, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

A study of her song reveals that praise was its keynote. Having been stirred to the depths of her soul by the announcement that she was God's chosen vessel for the coming of the Redeemer into the world, Mary was moved to magnify the greatness, the goodness and the graciousness of God in making her the channel of blessing to the whole world.

Instead of being filled with pride because she had been favored so highly, Mary expressed her deep gratitude to God for the grace and goodness which He had bestowed upon her. She praised Him for what He had done for her in various ways.

Mary praised God and thanked Him for salvation, both for herself and for others. She needed a Saviour just as every child of the human race does. She was fully conscious of her need in this regard.

Mary praised God for His almighty power, His absolute holiness and His abundant mercy. His abundant mercy was not confined to her, but it is "on all them that fear Him from generation to generation."

A careful analysis of Mary's song indicates the fact that she was an earnest, careful and believing student of the Old Testament scriptures. Since God is always faithful in the keeping of His promises, that is sufficient reason for our loving Him, praising Him and obeying Him.

III. Prayer. Luke 2:29-32.

According to the law of Moses, two things were required of Mary, namely, a ceremony of dedication for the child and one of purification for herself. While the law demanded a lamb as the offering at the ceremony of purification, in the case of poverty it was permissible to present a pair of turtledoves.

During the ceremonies at the temple an aged seer, Simon, came into the picture. He was Spirit-anointed, Spirit-enlightened and Spirit-led. Being a diligent and understanding student of the scriptures, he was anxiously awaiting the coming of the One Whom the prophets had declared would come to the earth. He had been waiting for the appearance of the Messiah, having re-

ceived the assurance of the Holy Spirit that he would see the Christ before he departed this life. It is not at all surprising, therefore, that, when Mary and Joseph brought the Lord Jesus Christ into the temple, the Holy Spirit enabled him to recognize the Messiah.

Knowing that he was face to face with Christ, Simeon took Him into his arms and blessed God. He quickly concluded that the appearance of Him for Whom he had been commanded to watch entitled him to be released from further duty. His life-long hope having been fully realized, he was perfectly satisfied and ready to depart this life.

The Wests Have Gone Southwest to Texas

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Eugene West, Ridgecrest, N. C., are in the State-wide Schools of Missions in Texas, speaking each night in a different church in the interest of Foreign Missions. Until recently he was in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Marion, N. C. During the summer they made an extended tour of mission fields in Europe, the Near East and Nigeria in West Africa.

Dr. West will be remembered in Kentucky as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Williamsburg and teacher of Bible and chorus director in Cumberland College.

The Wests are now making their residence at "Gerugen," in Ridgecrest, N. C., where he can be reached for supply.

Evangelist Reginald Wall, Decatur, Ga., led a revival November 6-18 at the North Orange Baptist Church, Orange, Texas, where Dr. C. W. Williams is pastor. There were 101 additions, and four young people surrendered for special service.

Pastor A. G. Kruschwitz Dies in Michigan

Pastor A. G. Kruschwitz, of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Marine City, Michigan, and father of two Kentucky Baptist pastors and two Baptist college professors, died at Marine City, Michigan, November 5, 1955.

Native of Saxony, Germany, where he was born December 31, 1884, he was a son of the late Agnes and Christian Kruschwitz. He spent most of his life in the United States, and was pastor of Methodist churches in Ohio and Michigan for twenty years.

Pastor A. G. Kruschwitz is survived by four sons—(1) Dr. Verlin C. Kruschwitz, already mentioned, pastor now at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Ky.; (2) John W. Kruschwitz, pastor at the Versailles Baptist Church, Versailles, Ky.; (3) Walter Kruschwitz, a professor at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee; (4) Orville C. Kruschwitz, professor at Mars Hill Junior College, Mars Hill, N. C.; and one daughter, (5) Mrs. John O. Hershey, Hershey, Penna. He also leaves four brothers and three sisters.

Burial took place in Edgerton, Ohio. POSTSCRIPT: Earlier on the same day that word came concerning the passing of Pastor A. G. Kruschwitz, Mrs. Verlin C. Kruschwitz received a call at

Clarence L. Lassiter New Pastor at Fort Mitchell

COVINGTON, Ky. — Clarence R. Lassiter, formerly pastor of Glen Allen Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., has accepted the pastorate of Fort Mitchell Baptist Church in this area.

An adopted resolution has been received from the Dover Baptist Pastors' Conference, Richmond, Va., commending, highly, Pastor Lassiter to his new congregation and to the Baptists of Kentucky. The resolution states in part:

"That we commend him for his splendid work as pastor of Glen Allen Baptist Church, his co-operative spirit, his inspiring Christian example, and his unselfish service," and "that we heartily recommend him to the Fort Mitchell Baptist Church and our brethren of the Kentucky Association."

Elizabethtown that her uncle, Mr. Claude Durham had passed away in Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. Durham was a member of the Parkway Baptist Church of Jackson, of which Dr. G. Norman Price, a native of Paducah, Kentucky, is pastor. Mr. Durham was a brother of Mrs. William M. Bostick, housemother at Georgetown College.

David Alexander Joins Sunday School Board Staff



David K. Alexander

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—David K. Alexander is editor of publications and materials produced by the Student Department of the Sunday School Board. He holds the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary and formerly was director of the Baptist Student Union in Nashville schools and colleges.

Our Need for Wholeness

One of the laws of mathematics is that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

One may feel that a law in mathematics has little to do with the Kingdom of God, but this law may serve as an illustration at least of one of our greatest needs—our need for wholeness in our understanding and acceptance of the Christian message.

To the New Testament Christians, the Christian religion was an invasion of their own lives by the living Spirit of God. Their response in repentance and faith was the means by which the divine could abide in them. They believed that "it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me." Obviously the early Christian did not divide his life into parts such as spiritual, moral,

social and economic. The Christ who lived in him was the power that unified his life into one victorious whole.

The Christian must reject as a deadly heresy the ideas of two absolutely different standards, one for his life in the Kingdom of God and one for his life in the social and economic order.

All of us will agree that no amount of social emphasis will ever take the place of the gospel of repentance and faith as far as the initial experience of personal salvation is concerned. But when one becomes a follower of Christ through that initial experience he has a lot to learn about the relationships in his life as a Christian. Very soon after Paul left a church that he had established he began writing letters to the new converts to answer their questions about how they could be Christians in a hostile society. He even had to tell some of them how to be Christians toward people who had formerly been slaves. They did have much to learn about living the Christian life.—Christian Life Bulletin, Nashville.

Sooners Plan Home For Aged, Hospital

TULSA, Okla. —(BP)— Oklahoma Baptists embarked on their 50th year with plans to build a home for the aged and their eighth state Baptist Hospital.

During the year to come, they will be observing the "golden" birthday in many ways, including a tour of Baptist historical sites in the state. Climax of it all will be at the 1956 state convention session in Oklahoma City.

The 1,935 messengers attending the '55 state session here recently adopted a \$2 million budget having three sections. After meeting a preferred item of \$263,651 for several phases of Baptist work, they will divide the rest evenly between the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The messengers applauded W. P. (Bill) Atkinson, of Midwest City, who led the successful drive to raise \$1 million for a Baptist hospital in Oklahoma City. The convention will match the funds.

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Cave City Church Has Ground-Breaking Exercises



Some of those who worked on the erection of the Cave City Educational Building, front row (left to right): J. K. Farris (with hat in hand); Mrs. Burton Sanders; Mrs. A. C. Wilson; Mrs. Billy Lee; Elwin Bardin. Back Row: M. A. Reese, pastor; Otis Campbell; Burton Sanders; Walter Lyon; Earl Dickey; and W. C. Boone. Others who served on either the Planning or Finance Committees and are not in the picture, are: Paul Doyle; Wilmoth Taylor; J. B. Gardner, Jr.; Edwin Terry; Mrs. G. P. Peterson; and R. G. Carroll.

September 25, 1955, was the climax of many wonderful things which have happened in the Cave City Church in the last couple of years. It was the cornerstone laying and dedication services of the new educational building which doubled the capacity of the Sunday School space. On the above day Dr. W. C. Boone spoke in the morning service which was preceded by the formal dedication, led by Pastor M. A. Reese, and followed by the assembling in front of the building at the close of the service for the cornerstone laying. This addition brings the educational facilities of the church to accommodate 300. It was the first physical addition to the Sunday School plant in 25 years.

The new building was begun in November 1954. It is built of tile block and faced with red brick with a Bedford stone trim. The accommodations included are church office, kitchen, two nurseries, and assembly rooms and class rooms for the beginner, primary, junior and intermediate departments. It is a two story building with over 3800 feet of floor space. It was planned and de-

signed to care for all of the Sunday School below the young people's department. It was built at the very economical cost of a little over \$20,000, not including the equipment.

In February 1954 the Cave City Church had the services of Chester A. Igleheart, associate in the Sunday School Department, in an enlargement campaign. As the result of this intensive effort of searching the "highways and hedges" and preparing our workers with the basic Sunday School methods we have moved up from a class school to a fully departmentalized school. Where we did have about fifteen workers, we now have approximately forty. Included in the departmentalization are two adult departments. Since 1952 there has been a thirty-three percent increase in average attendance in the Sunday School. Now, that room has been provided and new organizations set up, the possibility of a similar increase over the next three years is very probable.

Dr. W. R. Pettigrew Leads Great Revival at Southside, Louisville

Southside Baptist Church, 804 Camden, Louisville, has experienced real revival under the leadership of Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, November 7-13. The pastor, Rev. T. L. McSwain reports that the attendance and interest was high and the people greatly blessed and strengthened by Dr. Pettigrew's splendid messages. "Dr. Pettigrew's spirit and compassion endear him to people quickly" writes Pastor McSwain. "Under the earnest presentation of the gospel,

there were 33 public decisions registered, with 21 of them additions to the church. On Sunday, November 13, a closed circuit television was installed and the service telecast to an overflow congregation in the church basement. The service began at 10:00 and after a brief message the invitation was begun. The invitation and personal testimonies comprised the remainder of the service lasting until noon. At this service 18 decisions were registered."

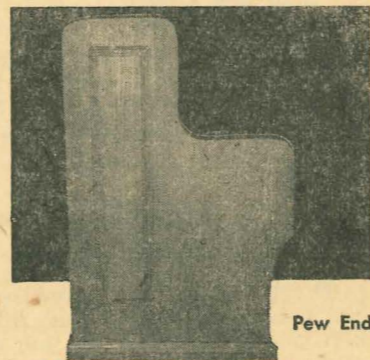
Dishcloths Help Pay Church Debt

EDEN, Ala. — (BP) — Dishcloths helped pay the balance due on the parsonage of Moody Baptist Church near this north Alabama community. In fact, they helped start a fund for a new church building.

The church owed \$486 on the \$3,000 home when one of its members, Mrs. W. T. McLaughlin, suggested a plan. For five weeks, let each member of the church use his talents to raise the rest of the money, making whatever sacrifice was necessary.

One woman in the congregation sold 400 dishcloths she had made. Another donated the money she had been paying someone to iron clothes for her; she did her own ironing instead. Other members followed their own plans.

When the five weeks were up, the congregation put their money in a horn of plenty. As it turned out, the collection was \$699. The church voted to pay off the debt and use the remainder to launch a fund-raising drive for a new building.



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By CHARLES H. MORRIS
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Beginning about six months ago we began to feel the effect of these people moving from our city to other construction areas. Along with these available contacts for evangelistic opportunities we had won a great many of the permanent people. Suddenly we were confronted with a lack of available contacts in our immediate area.

Were there no more persons to be reached for Christ? Yes, there were, but they were just beyond our immediate church area. What were we to do? Should we be content to limp along when we had been having a great host of additions by profession of faith, or should we accept the challenge of putting a mission where the people were? We did the latter.

In June, 1955 we began a Vacation Bible School in an empty store building. We thought that if we reached 50 we would have done a good job. The first day there were 32, the next day over 100. In a few days we were looking for a new place to meet. We met in a barber shop, store, yards, and homes. Then we secured an empty dwelling house.

As the first week began to draw to a close, we asked, "Shall we have Sunday school?" We did, and over 40 came. This was the beginning. On decision day in Vacation Bible School we had 19 conversions, 14 of whom later joined the church.

Our next step was to have preaching. A young ministerial student was secured, and regular services began . . . Sunday School, Training Union, and two church services. With very few exceptions nearly every Sunday has seen conversions and additions. In the four months since the mission began there have been over 30 additions to the church.

We have now secured and paid for a building on a permanent site and the

mission goes on reaching people for Christ. I am grateful for the privilege of being pastor of a church which sees that she can double her evangelistic contacts by reaching out an arm to an unreached area.



Robert B. Wallace is the new pastor of the Burlington Baptist Church, coming from the Clover Bottom Church of Versailles, Kentucky. He was graduated by Georgetown College, in 1952 and by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary last January. At Burlington he succeeds Pastor Samuel S. Hill, Jr.

Illinois Cooperative Program Goal \$500,000

VANDALIA, Ill.—(BP)—The Illinois Baptist State Association (state convention) adopted a Cooperative Program goal of \$500,000 for 1956 at its annual meeting here recently.

After deducting \$3500 each month for preferred budget items, the association's funds will be distributed 58 per cent for work in Illinois and 42 per cent for work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

T. H. King, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Frankfort, succeeded James M. Baldwin, of Salem, as president of the state Baptist body. Baldwin had served as president for three years.

The state association adopted plans to complete its payments for land at Champaign, Ill., on which to build a Baptist Student Union center. The University of Illinois is located there.

Messengers to the annual meeting selected Metropolis as the city for the 1956 session.

Alabama Woman's Worker

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (BP) — Miss Vanita Baldwin is new field representative with the Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama Baptists. A former school teacher, she is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Pastor V. C. Kruschwitz, Attends Radio-TV Meeting

FORT WORTH, Texas.—Early this month, the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention held its first meeting at the Agency's new Fort Worth, Texas headquarters.

Among those present was Dr. Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Ken-

tucky, and one of the 29-member Commission. His reaction seems to be representative of the group of men who met together to transact the business of this agency.

"I felt in listening to every discussion that the Radio-TV Commission is taking its rightful place beside our Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission

Board in preaching Christ to those lost friends who are not now being reached," Dr. Kruschwitz observed.

"I came back from this meeting filled with enthusiasm for the great missionary potential which lies in both radio and television as evangelistic mediums. And I feel compelled to say that the members of the Commission are hoping and praying that Southern Baptists will awaken to the opportunities for direct mission work which face us today through this Agency."

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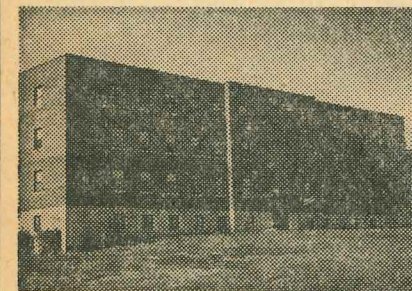
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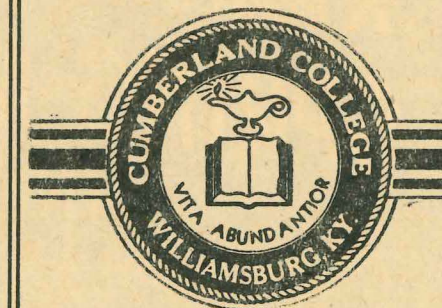
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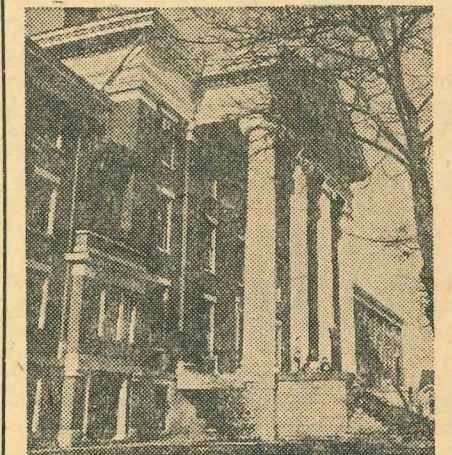
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