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"Now, therefore, I, Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of the United States of America, do hereby set aside Wednesday, the second day of October, 1957, as a National Day of Prayer; and I call upon our citizens, each according to his own faith, to unite in prayer and meditation on that day."

►Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hays, Jr., Louisville, Ky., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Pauline Dee Hays, to Mr. Walter A. Routh, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Routh, Sr., Sanford, Fla. Miss Hays was a mid-term graduate of Georgetown College last year and is now living with her parents on Westport Road, St. Matthews. Mr. Routh is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and is at present attending Southern Seminary and working with Central Baptist Mission, Louisville. The date of October 19 has been set for the wedding.

►The First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Indiana, observed the thirtieth anniversary of their pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Dillard on July 14. Dr. E. F. Estes, Louisville, a former class mate of Dr. Dillard, while both were in the Southern Seminary, spoke at the morning and evening services. Dr. Dillard is recovering from a heart attack which took place last May, and seems at this writing to be getting back in stride. Mrs. Dillard is the former Miss Margaret Shepherd, DuPont, Indiana. She has worked by his side all these years, and has recently been nursing him back to his health.

Deaths

►Jackson E. Halsey, 69, retired Baptist pastor long at Eden Baptist Church, died at Eubank, Route 1, Ky., August 22. He was born in Grayson County, Virginia, December 25, 1887. He married Isabelle Anderson in Grayson County December 13, 1914, and they were the parents of 11 children. They moved to Pulaski County, Ky., in 1919.

Revivals

►Lester S. Flatt, pastor of Ferndale Baptist Church, Ferndale, Michigan, was the speaker for the August revival at Caney Fork Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tenn.

►A revival at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Ky., was held August 25-September 1. Ercil Barker, pastor of Rockford Lane Church, Louisville, was the evangelist. There were 11 professions of faith, 1 by letter and 6 rededications. Max French is the pastor.

►Mt. Moriah Church, Boston, had its revival August 26-September 1, with Sidney Waits, Joelton, Tennessee, as the evangelist and song leader assisting Pastor J. K. Sparkman. The 155th anniversary of the church was observed with a home coming on September 1.

►Calvin Fields was the evangelist with Pastor Joseph F. Hunt at the Forks of Dix River Church, South District Association, during recent weeks. The visible results were 8 for baptism, 3 by

letter and 2 rededications. Raymond Hon, from Georgetown College, and Leon Dawson, Perryville, led the music.

►Walker Avenue Mission of the First Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., has just experienced a one-week revival. J. H. Shannon of Westwood Church, Nashville, Tenn., was the evangelist. There were 23 additions, including 14 by professions and baptism. William D. Fox, student at Southern Seminary, is pastor for this mission. There are 76 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 61. Also Training Union has been organized. A Building Fund has just been started, following the revival.

Kentucky News

►Seven Hills Church, Owensboro, dedicated its new building on Alexander Avenue, on September 1, at which time Arthur J. Short, a former pastor, participated.

Pastoral Changes

►William E. Coates is the new pastor of Westview Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., going there from the pastorate of Baptist Temple, Reidsville, N. C.

►W. L. Hodges has resigned the care of the Olive Baptist Church, near Benton, to become pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona.

►Thomas W. McMillan, Sweetwater, Texas, has become pastor of the Hopewell Baptist Church, near Jefferson-town, Ky. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.

►Eaton Memorial Church, Owensboro, has a "Henry Schafer Day" in honor of their pastor's tenth anniversary on September 1. The occasion was used as an opportunity to start a revival.

►Pastor Lyn Claybrook, for eight years pastor at Oneida, Ky., and for the past 18 months with the South Harriman Church, Harriman, Tenn., has been called to the Calvary Church, Dyersburg, Tenn. His new address will be 836 Hull Avenue, that city.

►Woodland Baptist Church, near Morganfield, has called Robert Felts Travis, 26, to become its pastor. He has succeeded Dr. C. S. Bratcher, resigned. Native of Durham, N. C., he was graduated by Wake Forest College and Southern Seminary. Mrs. Travis is a graduate nurse from Louisville.

►Vernon C. Taylor is returning to direct music at the First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville, Indiana. He was with them in 1954-55. He will be associated with Pastor Lyndon W. Collings. Native of England, he now resides at Valley Station, Kentucky.

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Formerly he was pastor at West Point, Ky., was a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, and is now a major in the active reserve.

►Charles Douglas Miller, known to his friends in Middletown and Louisville as "Chip," has been called to be pastor of the Highland Mission, Lexington, arm of Georgetown Baptist Church. He was ordained to the ministry on September 15. He is a Junior in Georgetown College. His father, Mr. Henry Miller, was for many years a linotype operator for the Western Recorder, and his grandfather, the late Mr. John Miller, was for about 25 years superintendent of the Western Recorder Print Shop.

THE ROYAL AMBASSADORS AND THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF A CHURCH

By ALLEN W. GRAVES, Dean, School of Religious Education
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There is a place for the order of Royal Ambassadors in the total educational program of a Baptist church.

This organization, dedicated to missionary education and the development of Christian character, fulfills a worthy function and meets a real need.

In the early days of Sunday schools, many churches refused to permit them to meet in the church buildings. After this first stage of antagonism and suspicion, the Sunday schools were tolerated and given permission to meet in the church buildings. Happily there came a day, when the churches adopted the Sunday schools enthusiastically as a basic part of its total church program, and in most churches today the Sunday school is thought of as the church at work teaching and as much a part of the total church program as the morning worship service.

This same process was followed in the development of the Baptist Young People's Union which ultimately became the adopted training program of a Baptist church providing for all ages.

For many years the majority of Southern Baptist churches felt no great need for the Royal Ambassador organization in their churches. Some churches, where such a need was recognized, lacked sufficient enthusiasm to enlist and train the workers. Happily, now, an increasing number of churches are recognizing the need for a boys' organization sponsored by the church and dedicated to the fulfillment of the ideals and objectives determined by the church.

The Royal Ambassadors organization is the only Southern Baptist organization specifically for boys. Its program is designed to meet the very real needs of junior and intermediate boys. It supplements the work of the Sunday school and the Training Union and other church activities now serving this age group, by providing an opportunity to meet the needs of boys not now being met by existing church organizations.

Royal Ambassadors Have an Unique Ministry

The camping program, recreation, crafts, the ranking program, and other activities play an important role in this week-day organization for Southern Baptist boys. The kind of fellowship and play they have during the week has a great influence on the lives of the boys. Boys identify themselves with the leaders that they admire and want to imitate. It is important that Christian men be with boys in informal situa-

tions on a comradeship level and demonstrate before them the kind of Christian character and behavior that will encourage them to follow their example. The recreational program of Royal Ambassadors helps provide this favorable climate for Christian character development.

Leadership of boys in the Royal Ambassador organization gives to men in the churches an opportunity to perform a very real Christian service.

Boys in the churches need to have a sense of divine vocations. God has a plan for every life. God is interested in the career of every boy, whether that boy should ultimately become a foreign missionary or a public school teacher, a banker or a minister of education. Unfortunately, many young people have wrongly assumed that God has nothing for them to do if he does not call them into some church-related vocation. Through Royal Ambassadors the finest young men in the church family will have an opportunity to discover God's plan for their lives and to develop a sense of purpose and direction.

Making the Royal Ambassador Program A Part of the Church

No longer should we think of the Royal Ambassador program as auxiliary to the church. It is time for us to adopt it as a basic part of our church program just as we have done with the Sunday school and Training Union. In most of our churches, when we have a need for a Sunday school teacher, the pastor and other church staff members help to find the right person for the task. Is this true when you need a Royal Ambassador counselor in your church? How long does it take to find this person? Should not the church leadership be as interested in providing the right kind of counselors for this missionary education organization as for other programs of the church? When additional space is needed for a growing Sunday school the entire church assumes the responsibility for their meeting place. The point is that we need to make Royal Ambassadors as much a part of the total program of our church as is the Sunday school and Training Union.

To deserve such consideration and support, the Royal Ambassadors should in turn be a fully co-operating organization in the total life of the church. Their activities, including recreational activities, should be planned with the complete loyalty to the total church program in mind. There should be perfect co-ordination between their activities

and the activities of the Sunday school and Training Union and church music groups serving this same age group.

Leadership Training Needed

Who gets priority on the best leadership in your church? Are all phases of the church work equitably provided for? In our family we have six children. We try to keep all six of them properly clothed and fed. We seek to maintain a balance for all members of the family in providing for them to the best of our ability. In the church, all members of the church family should be equitably provided for. Literature, meeting space, and leadership are needs which the church can supply. A very real need in the missionary education program in most churches is for trained leadership. Counselors have been difficult to enlist because so few men had the necessary background of experience and information. To push somebody into such a position without adequate preparation is to seriously handicap his prospects of successful functioning. This means that as for other church organizations, the necessary provision should be made for a leadership training program for the missionary education organizations. By enlisting in such a training program those with interest and ability, it will be possible to have an adequate supply of properly prepared workers to give the leadership needed in the program of missionary education.

Just as many churches have wisely sent their Sunday school, Training Union, and WMU leaders to Ridgecrest and Glorieta for specialized training there, the church wisely invests in its missionary education program when it provides for such leadership training in state and convention-wide assemblies, conventions, and retreats for missionary education leaders.

Literature Provided

Almost without exception, Sunday school and Training Union literature is provided free to all those enrolled in Sunday school and Training Union in our churches. The time is rapidly coming when churches with missionary education organizations are providing the same type of curriculum materials for their missionary education organizations. When literature, leadership, and adequate facilities are provided we can look forward to a successful program of missionary education.

►Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. McNeely, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Spain, have gone to their field of service and may be addressed in care of Roy B. Wyatt, Avda, Principe de Asturias 32, Barcelona, Spain. Both are natives of Kentucky, he of Louisville and she, formerly June Hall, of Pikeville. They make their permanent American home in Fisherville, Ky.

Daley Observations



C. R. Daley

If you are a preacher, don't be surprised if you begin receiving a Roman Catholic magazine each week and if you are a church member don't get alarmed and call a special business meeting if you happen to see a Catholic publication in your pastor's mailbox. It's all part of a plan of the Roman Church to use their publications to win converts from other faiths.

On the desk before me is the August 4 issue of *Our Sunday Visitor*, the national Catholic weekly.

The front page headlines read: "Your Catholic paper can help win converts. Pass it on regularly to a non-Catholic reader." In the article which follows it is claimed that already the O S V (*Our Sunday Visitor*) is passed on so that each copy averages at least one non-Catholic reader. The circulation of this periodical is reported to be nearly 900,000 which means that nearly a million non-Catholics receive it second-handed each week. The writer stated further that "not a few have actually entered the Church as a result of reading it."

As a Baptist editor I am not only interested but greatly concerned by this report. Each week about 57,000 copies of the *Western Recorder* are sent out, and naturally I'm anxious about what happens to them. How many of them eventually reach non-believers and non-Baptists? A thought even more alarming is how many of them are actually read by the subscribers? A rural mail carrier wrote recently that his observation led him to believe that maybe 30 per cent of those mailed were never opened. He said this in trying to be of help, and I hope he is wrong, but it's deadly serious with me. Let me bare my heart and be perfectly honest. It is no comfort to me to see on the front page each week, "Kentucky's Largest Denominational Paper," if we're fooling ourselves. In fact, it's of questionable comfort even if it's true. Naturally I am concerned about the circulation but I am not nearly as interested in the total circulation as I am the total effect. Maybe as Baptists we are guilty of the numbers racket from reporting church membership to counting subscribers to Baptist papers.

Why don't we use our Baptist paper both for ourselves and to pass on to others? Is it not worth it? Does it need something it doesn't have? If so, let's be quick to give it what it needs or else give up on it. Let's use it or stop wasting money on it. Let's not damn it with faint praise nor kill it with slight use.

It is not unusual to hear the smug braggadocia of Baptists who believe they have the pure light while Roman Catholics dwell in spiritual darkness. It must not be too convincing to outsiders who see these same Baptists drop into the waste basket their denominational paper which bears the light they claim to have while those who dwell in darkness and worship in superstition and fear not only use their publications

but also pass them on to convert non-believers. Brethren, let's wake up!

Operation Understanding

And now back to the O S V. The most pointed effort of this publication in the campaign to win converts is a new feature called, *Operation Understanding*. The writer of this column is Dale Francis, a former Methodist minister of Ohio. In his first column is the account of his spiritual pilgrimage. He recalls the days when he was uncertain about basic spiritual truths and when he longed for absolutes. In his desperation he turned to an examination of the Catholic faith and became convinced he had always been a Catholic without realizing it. He became a Catholic and informed the Methodist Church of his decision.

At this point it ought to be said that Mr. Francis did the right thing. His only mistake was waiting as late as he did. The Roman Church offers a comfortable haven for those who long for human authoritarianism in religion. People who want someone to decide their spiritual destiny find comfort in subjection to religious authorities who not only dictate in matters of this life but also have the power to put into heaven or cast into hell. Baptists turn to the revelation of God in Christ, not in a church or a pope, and, according to the Scripture, considered themselves as having personal access to God through Christ without the help of man-made priests or saints.

Dale Francis claims that the purpose of his writing is not to win converts but to provide non-Catholics with the truth about the Roman Church. In a later column, however, he asks his readers to pray for three non-Catholic ministers who were considering acceptance of the Roman faith.

The goal of Mr. Francis is to put a copy of the O S V in the hands of every non-Catholic minister in the United States every week. Since there are 300,000 of these ministers, he is asking for 300,000 of his 900,000 subscribers to provide the \$3.00 annual subscription price along with the name of a preacher to whom the O S V is to be sent. If no choice of a minister is expressed, Mr. Francis will choose one for the mailing list.

Operation Understanding was first called to my attention by Pastor Wilburn Abbott, Lewis Lane Church, Owensboro. His experience is described in correspondence which appears in *The Baptist Forum* on the opposite page. I consider his response as exactly correct and encourage others who are approached to respond the same way. If the O S V can make a convert out of a Baptist preacher, good riddance. He's in the wrong place to start with. If the *Western Recorder* helps a Catholic find the light, let's praise God. It has been done.

The one difficulty I foresee in sending a Baptist publication to a Roman Catholic is that it could be banned by the priest, bishop or pope and thus forbidden as reading matter. While no one can dictate to a Baptist as to his reading, a Catholic would be subject to discipline for reading a publication which had been banned by the church. Let us not be discouraged, however. A priest named Martin Luther saw the light in the sixteenth century. There's always hope.

What's Your Question?

Question: What do you think about a Baptist church using interdenominational literature in Sunday School and Training Union?—J. R. Hayes, Leitchfield, Kentucky.

Answer: A Baptist Church is completely autonomous and therefore can use or not use whatever it pleases. A Baptist Church, however, ought to provide the best helps available to enable the members to understand the Bible and Southern Baptist literature is regarded as among the best available. If the church uses interdenominational literature conscientiously to help its members assume a greater role in world evangelization, well and good. If it is used because the church is opposed to the Baptist message and world program of missions, that church ought to declare itself interdenominational instead of Southern Baptist.
Editor

The Baptist Forum

[This space is dedicated to the Baptist principle of free discussion of issues, events and questions. All sincere comments will be allowed. Its continuation depends upon your response.—Editor]

Dear Dr. Daley:

I have had a contact here with a movement in the Catholic church that I feel would be of interest to you and perhaps others have already written to you about it. I am enclosing copies of the correspondence that I have had that you might be able to follow this new activity of the Catholic Church.

I have sent in for a subscription to the *Western Recorder* to be sent to the Christian Family Movement. Sincerely,
Owensboro, Ky. Wilburn J. Abbott

Dear Reverend [sic]:

I am secretary of one of our "Christian Family Movement" groups at the Immaculate Catholic Church.

"Christian Family Movement" is a lay organization whose purpose is to promote happy family and community life.

Dale Francis of our weekly church paper "The Sunday Visitor" is sponsoring a campaign called "Operation Understanding." We are sending gift subscriptions to ministers in order that

they may have Catholic information from a Catholic source.

We would like to send the "Sunday Visitor" to you, since we are of the same neighborhood. If you would prefer not to receive this paper, then you might write me a line to that effect or just phone me, I know you are a busy man. Grateful for your attention. Owensboro, Ky. Mrs. Charles Leibfried

Dear Mrs. Leibfried:

I appreciate your letter of August 4 informing me of a campaign of the Catholic Church "Operation Understanding," and I have received a copy of "Our Sunday Visitor" that you sent with the additional articles attached.

I certainly believe that understanding in any area of life is fundamental. I note in the books Mr. Francis lists, that prepare him for entering the Catholic Church, that he does not list the Bible and especially the New Testament. There can be no real understanding of the Baptists or Protestant groups without a study of the Bible. The concern of our church as an institution in the community is the salvation of individual souls. The Bible declares that it is not the church that brings salvation but Jesus Christ. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: But he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Understanding comes from seeing both sides of the picture.

I will be glad to accept your offer to enter my name for a gift subscription to the Catholic Church weekly paper "Our Sunday Visitor," if you will allow me to enter your name for a gift subscription to the "Western Recorder," our weekly Baptist paper in the state of Kentucky.

I await acknowledgment of your acceptance of this exchange of papers under the project "Operation Understanding." Sincerely,
Owensboro, Ky. Wilburn J. Abbott

Dear Dr. Daley:

I am deeply grateful for the article in your August first issue of *Western Recorder*, entitled, "Not a Bargain, But a Gift." Enclosed is a letter that I have written to Dr. Barr.

I am deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Cordially yours,
New York, N. Y. Billy Graham

Dear Dr. Barr:

I recently read your defense of me in the August first issue of *Western Recorder*. I am deeply grateful.

I have felt that it is the better part of wisdom for me not to personally answer some of these critics. Naturally, I am not above criticism. We make many mistakes, which we regret.

The Scripture says: "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." Certainly the Lord, in spite of our mistakes and failures, has attested His work here in New York.

With warmest personal regards, I am cordially yours,
New York, N. Y. Billy Graham

Dear Sir:

Knowing your interest in world-wide evangelism, I am taking this opportunity to request you, if you should see fit, to publish the enclosed letter in which we are asking the prayers of your people for a revival effort we are planning in the South Field of the Mexican Mission of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Please accept my thanks and the thanks of all the brethren of this section for your co-operation in this matter. Sincerely,

William M. Clawson
Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico

Dear Praying Friends:

For the first time in the history of the Baptist work in this section of Mexico, comprised of the three states of Michoacan, Guanajuato, and Queretaro, the churches are planning a simultaneous revival effort. The 24 churches and 6 missions are preparing a week of prayer, visitation, and personal witnessing, October 6-12, preceding a week of evangelistic services, October 13-20. A goal of 1,000 professions of faith has been set by the Associational Committee of Evangelism.

Will you pause a few minutes each day during the two weeks and join us in prayer that God may pour out his blessings and his convicting power in this fanatical section of Mexico? How we need a revival among the members of the churches! How we need to win the lost who are hopelessly groping in the darkness of superstition! We feel that this can be accomplished only by the faithful praying for and with us. May we depend on you? Prayerfully yours,

William M. Clawson
Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico

TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS IN TAIWAN

By GAINES S. DOBBINS

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[Another in a series of articles written by Dr. Dobbins on visits to mission fields on behalf of the Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training of the Baptist World Alliance.]

Are the rank and file of Chinese people communists? A visit to Taiwan and confidential conversations with the people disclose an emphatic "No!" When Generalissimo Chiang Kaishek was forced to leave China, he made Taipei headquarters for the Nationalists and was promptly elected President of Taiwan. He is revered by the people, generally, to whom he symbolizes the Chinese hope of deliverance from communist occupation of the mainland. The visitor senses dread and anxiety among the people lest there be an effort to overthrow the Generalissimo and his government, but discovers little evidence of Red sympathizers. Taiwan and its refugee population have undergone many trials, but the danger of communist domination seems definitely passed.

Taiwan is a Segment of Mainland China

On the older maps, the island is indicated as Formosa, the name given it by the Dutch. With the coming of independence, the name was changed to Taiwan. Taipei, the capital, is an attractive, thriving, and, in many respects, modern city. The interior is typically Chinese. The people live much as they did for centuries on the mainland. Few automobiles are to be seen even in Tainan, the third largest city of the island. Transportation if not by foot is by bicycle and pedicab. The pedicab is a three-wheeled vehicle propelled by a seemingly tireless man who pedals it like a bicycle. The chief staple is rice, which is cultivated by hand and by water buffalo. The houses are simple, but usually well kept and inviting. The people represent the sturdiest element of China, many having left their native land at great sacrifice rather than submit to the Red regime.

Taiwan Affords Unique Missionary Opportunity

Many of the people, uprooted from their native land, are not bound by the old religious traditions and family loyalties. Their dislocation has created a religious void. Many are therefore open-minded to the approach of the missionary and of their Christian neighbors. They are eager for their children to secure educational advantages and respond readily to the invitation to send the children to the church school. The young people are ambitious to improve their lot and welcome the opportunities for enlightenment and advancement furnished by the churches. Adults are harder to reach, but they too are un-

usually responsive to the appeal of the gospel. Perhaps nowhere in all the Orient is there so ripe a field for our Baptist sowing and reaping as Taiwan.

Taiwan Churches Are Getting A Good Start

In the old days in China, our Baptist work usually had its beginning in a one-room building where a few interested persons were attracted to hear a sermon. In Taiwan, a more effective approach has been used. Almost every Baptist church house has been built both for preaching and for teaching. From the beginning, a graded Sunday school and a Training Union have been provided for. The church buildings are well located and are attractive in design and functional in purpose. I found pastors and members intensely interested in the improvement of teaching and training.

During my brief stay, I found myself called on to conduct three two-hour conferences a day in centrally located churches with attendance that frequently represented a large part of the membership of the participating churches. Rarely have I worked with such eager inquirers concerning better methods of teaching and training. Often they would not let me go until I was compelled to stop from sheer exhaustion. These conferences were held just after the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade which resulted in 2,000 professions of faith. Nowhere will one find a better demonstration of the effectiveness of this strategy of growing strong churches through a teaching and training ministry than in Taiwan.

Missionaries Are Developing Native Leadership

Too often churches on a mission field have become over-dependent on the missionaries. Such veteran missionaries as C. L. Culpepper and Oz Quick have led in the policy of transferring responsibility to the nationals as rapidly as possible. The missionaries are indispensable for council, for the opening up of new work, for the training of the native leaders; but their motto is, "The nationals must increase while we decrease." It is thrilling to observe a native pastor, surrounded by devout deacons and competent Sunday school officers and teachers and leaders of Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, in the process of growing a strong, self-supporting church.

The teaching church is the surest guarantee of self-support. Christians who are taught the Bible and trained in church membership come to speak of their church as "ours," not "theirs." The independence and self respect which expresses itself in nationalism finds expression likewise in loyalty to the church. Unlike some churches on other fields, where Sunday school and Training Union were conceived as apart from the church and chiefly for children and the young people, these Taiwan churches think of the teaching and training organizations as the church, functioning according to Christ's commission.

Taught and Trained Christians Are Effective Evangelists

How shall the Christless multitudes of a pagan land be evangelized? The answer once was, "Let the missionaries preach the gospel to them." True, but there are not enough missionaries; racial and language barriers intervene; only a fraction will ever hear the missionaries' message. There is a better way: let the nationals be taught and trained and then inspired to bear a winning witness to their own people. A Bible teaching and training program prepares the way for evangelism and follows it with nurture and conservation.

A living example of the preacher-teacher-evangelist is Lien Chow. Born in China of wealthy parents, Lien was converted while attending Shanghai University. Convinced of his call to the Baptist ministry, Lien came to the States and enrolled in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Here he eventually received the doctor's degree with distinction. Since he could not return to the China mainland, he cast in his lot with his Chinese people in Taiwan. Now he serves as pastor of an important church, teacher in the seminary, associate minister of President Chiang's chapel, and effective evangelist and leader of continuous evangelism among the churches.

Pray for Taiwan and our Baptist brothers and sisters there. Pray for the lost multitudes who are waiting to be won. Democracy and Christianity are on trial in Taiwan. The triumphs already won are but a token of what may yet happen in this destiny-determining outpost of China and its restless, oppressed millions.

►The deadline for ministers to enter the social security plan has been extended to April 15, 1959.



BECAUSE WE CARE WE SHARE

September 26, 1957

Attendance at Graham's New York Crusade Exceeds 2,000,000

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 3. — When Evangelist Billy Graham stepped out of the pulpit at the corner of Broadway and 42nd Street at Times Square on Sunday evening, September 1, to hear a local minister pronounce the benediction at the farewell meeting of the Crusade, he had preached in exactly 100 regularly scheduled Crusade meetings in 16 weeks, the longest crusade in his experience. Of those 100 meetings, 97 had been held in Madison Square Garden, where 1,687,600 persons had been in attendance—an all time record both for Billy Graham Crusades and for Madison Square Garden.

The three other regular meetings had been held out-of-doors, one at Forest Hills Stadium, one at Yankee Stadium, and the final one at Times Square. Their combined attendance of 239,500, plus the attendance at special Crusade rallies in Brooklyn, Central Park, Harlem and Wall Street, raised the total attendance for the Crusade to 2,019,100. In addition to this figure were 36,100 persons who stood in the street outside Madison Square Garden for special overflow services conducted by Mr. Graham.

Not alone in total attendance was evangelistic history written during the New York Crusade. The recorded decisions for Christ—those inquirers who responded to the invitation each evening, and who were counselled and entered into the follow-up work of the Crusade—totalling 56,767. (Not included are those who signified their decision at the Times Square meeting, and who will receive counselling help by mail).

The original planned closing date was June 30, but the Crusade was extended three times. On Monday, June 3, the Executive Committee voted the first extension, through July 20, on the basis of the great interest which had been shown during the early weeks. The second extension was decided on the day before the Yankee Stadium rally, and announced immediately to the Press. At that time, August 10 was set as the closing date. On Saturday night, August 3, the final extension was announced, and the meetings closed in Madison Square Garden on August 31, with a Farewell Rally in Times Square on Sunday evening, September 1.

►Dr. Wayne E. Ward, of the Seminary faculty, has been assisting Pastor Lyndon W. Collings in a series of evangelistic meetings at the First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville, Ind., during September 22-29.



BEECHLAND HAS LARGEST VBS IN KENTUCKY. — Secretary Roy A. Boatwright has a story on page ten this week about the big Vacation Bible School at Beechland Church, Greenwood Road near Dixie Highway, a few miles southwest of Louisville. So far as we know at this writing this is the largest enrollment of any Vacation school in Kentucky. Orin W. Stites is pastor at Beechland, and Leslie M. Huff, Jr., who served as principal, is pastor of the chapel. Be sure to read Brother Boatwright's article on the Sunday School page.

Cornell Goerner Now With Foreign Board

Dr. Cornell Goerner, secretary-elect for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is now at Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., where he will be associated with Dr. George W. Sadler in preparation for assuming full responsibility for the position on January 1, 1958, at the time of Dr. Sadler's retirement.

Dr. Goerner, formerly professor of missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., began his work with the Foreign Mission Board on September 1.

The Survey Bulletin

By J. P. EDMUNDS, Nashville

Baptist Highlights

... The Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, August 15-21, had 1,091 people registered. There were two professions of faith, seventy volunteers for foreign mission service, and 255 life dedications.

... The Baptist General Convention of Texas has announced a campaign to increase Sunday school enrolment by 100,000 during 1958—a 10 per cent rise over the 1,100,000 new enrolled in the Convention's more than 3,750 churches. The Texas goal is one-third of the 300,000 increase being sought in 1958 by the Southern Baptist Convention.

... Paul A. McCasland, secretary of evangelism and Brotherhood work for the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, died August 28.

In The World of Religion

... Highlights from the recently released Yearbook of American Churches

Cort R. Flint Named Interim President of Anderson College

ANDERSON, S. C. (BP) — Cort R. Flint, pastor of First Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C., will serve as interim president of Anderson College here following the recent resignation of President E. F. Haight.

Haight has joined the faculty of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., as head of its Religious Department.

Flint, the interim president, formerly was administrative assistant at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky.

for 1958 . . . Church membership in the United States reached a new high of 103,224,954 in 1956, a gain of slightly more than 3 million over the previous year—sixty-two out of every one hundred Americans of all ages are now members of a church or synagogue. A century ago only twenty out of every one hundred Americans were church members. In the last thirty years church membership has doubled, while population has risen 40 per cent.

... In major Protestant groupings, Baptists lead with nearly 20,000,000 members in 27 church bodies. Next are Methodists with about 12,000,000 in 21 bodies; Lutherans with 7,000,000 in 19 bodies; and Presbyterians with almost 4,000,000 in 10 bodies.

... The largest Protestant church body is The Methodist Church, with 9,400,000 members and about 40,000 local churches. A close second is the Southern Baptist Convention with 8,700,000 members and almost 31,000 local churches. The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., with 4,550,000 members and more than 25,000 local congregations, is third.



Thixton Lane Baptist Mission, on the southern edge of Jefferson County, was organized into a Baptist church, Sunday afternoon, September 8, 1957. Started September 9, 1956, as an arm of the Little Flock Church, a building was erected before Christmas. The church was constituted with 80 charter members, and they expect to keep it self-supporting. Clint Rogers superintended the work from the beginning, and he has been elected the first pastor of the new church. Speakers included: Ben F. Mitchell, Long Run Association; Robert L. Pogue, Western Recorder; Bruce Hartsell, Shepherdsville; Floyd Whistler, Grace Church of Louisville; and Leon Boyd, Maple Grove Church. Thixton Lane has adopted an \$8,000 budget for its first year.

Christian Gains Absorbed By World Population Increase

HAMILTON, Ont., Canada (BWA)—Christianity's boasted 20th century statistical gains are being more than absorbed by the booming world population, an American Baptist mission leader told the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee here.

Reporting for the BWA Commission on World Missions, Dr. E. B. Willingham, secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society of New York, pointed to an overall world population increase of 1,118,000,000 since 1900.

This increase in population is greater than the total number of Christians in the world in 1955—a figure cited as 804,306,000.

Dr. Willingham said that his statistics, gathered from current reference books, are based on a total world population of 2,689,000,000 in 1955 as compared with 1,571,000,000 in 1900. The total number of Christians in the world is 129,000,000 members of Eastern orthodox churches.

Full Roll Call Answers When Executive Committee B. W. A. Meets in Canada

HAMILTON, Ont., Canada (BWA) — Any doubts that world Baptists can come together for discussion of mutual concerns were dispelled when Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, called the BWA Executive Committee into annual session here.

All 65 positions on the Committee were filled either in person or by proxy. Nationals from 14 different countries were on hand.

The Committee meets annually. The 1956 meeting was in Washington, USA. The 1958 meeting will be at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

One member of the Committee, Rev. J. Nzakimwena of Belgian Congo, had died since last meeting. Committeemen here selected Rev. Samdel Koli, also of Belgian Congo, to replace him.

Baptist conventions in Malaya and Lebanon were admitted to membership in the Alliance. It was reported also that applications from Baptists in North India are being processed and will be

considered when the Administrative Committee meets in Washington November 26, 1957.

Dates Set For 1960 Baptist World Congress In Rio De Janeiro

HAMILTON, Ont., Canada (BWA)—The Tenth Baptist World Congress, calling together the leadership of 22,000,000 Baptist churchmen in 101 nations, will meet at Rio de Janeiro June 26-July 3, 1960.

The Hamilton sessions made plans for two mass meetings of the world Baptists. The Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference will meet in Toronto, Canada, June 27-July 2, 1958. The Tenth Baptist World Congress will meet at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, 1960.

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn of Washington, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, announced the date following action by the BWA Executive Committee in its annual session here. The last Congress met in London in 1955.

Rio hotels have assured accommodations for at least 4,000 delegates from outside Latin America, Dr. Ohrn said. The Congress sessions will be held in the 20,000-seat gymnasium adjacent to Rio's famed 150,000-seat municipal stadium.

The Executive Committee designated Brownell Tours of Birmingham, Ala., as the official tour company for transportation and tour arrangements. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of BWA, explained that a central co-ordinating agency is considered essential in moving such masses of people to and from Rio at the beginning and close of the congress. It was explained that tours are being arranged to visit mission centers on both coasts of South America.

"By Hook and By Crook"

HAMILTON, Ont., Canada (BWA)—When Dr. Frank Means of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board told the Baptist World Executive Committee here that Baptists need to evangelize the world "by hook and by crook," he explained that the expression has Biblical significance.

He pointed out that Christ commissioned his disciples to be "fishers of men" and referred to his followers as "sheep," thus accounting for both the fisherman's hook and the shepherd's crook.

ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED

By H. E. LINDSEY, Pastor, First Church, Waco, Texas

Everybody's tested his teenage love affair the daisy way. She loves me; she loves me not; she loves me; she loves me not—on and on until the last petal was plucked. And only then was it possible to know how the thing came out—she loves me or she loves me not.

Such apprehension is the lot of those who believe a man may be saved today and lost tomorrow. It makes full peace and joy impossible. It dishonors God. And it clouds the pathway ahead.

First of all we must understand the doctrine.

What do we mean when we say that if a man is saved he will never be lost? We mean that if he is truly regenerated he will continue in faith and will be finally delivered from all sin. Salvation has three stages: Its initiation in regeneration; its continuation in sanctification, and its consummation in glorification. When a man is regenerated there is something in the nature of that initial experience which guarantees its consummation later. That's what we mean when we say if a man is saved he will never be lost.

So we do not mean that a man will be saved finally even though he continues in sin; we mean rather that if a man is regenerated his nature is changed and it will be contrary to his nature to continue in sin.

We do not mean that a man will be saved whether he continues in faith or not; we mean rather that *he will continue in faith*. And we do not mean a man saved by faith is then transferred to a basis of works; we mean rather that a man continues to be saved by faith. And we do not mean that God violates a man's freedom and forces final salvation upon him; we mean rather that just as a man opens his heart to God at the outset of his salvation so he does all along the way.

Peter sets out what we mean quite clearly. He said we are being kept for a salvation that is to be revealed in the last day. We are being kept by faith. So the same God who begot faith in our hearts at the outset of our salvation keeps it alive in our hearts and thus we have confidence that he who began a good work in us will perfect it.

Then we must support the doctrine.

Uncle Jim Compton was a venerable mountain preacher from the hills of western North Carolina. He had a marvelous Christian testimony. He always concluded it the same way, "I'm just as bound to walk those golden streets as though I were already there." I used to wonder about his confidence. I didn't have it. But I've learned much of his secret and now I, too, feel that I'm just as bound to walk those golden

streets as though I were already there. Why?

The nature of the new life a man receives when he becomes a Christian promises it. It is called "eternal life." The description is one of quality instead of quantity. It is a life the nature of which is so opposed to sin that a man abhors it. It is a moral guarantee that a man will not persist in sin.

Then the fact that Jesus prays for us is promise of final salvation. Before Peter denied Jesus, Jesus said, "Peter, the devil is going to sift you as wheat but I've prayed for you that your faith fail not."

What Paul said reassures me about final salvation. He said we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. The word "seal" is a term borrowed from the business world. It means pledge money, money put up in escrow to guarantee that a deal will not fall through. So God pledges to go through with the salvation he began in us.

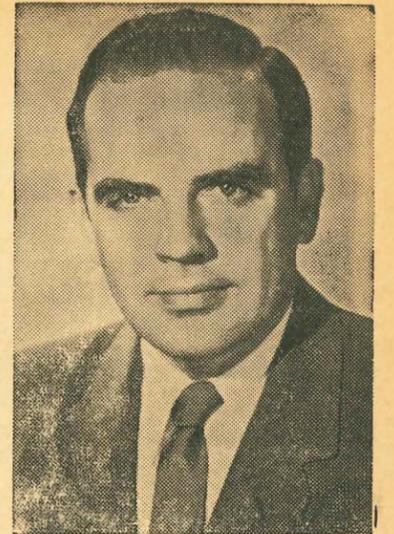
Finally there are statements in the Bible which I cannot explain apart from the hypothesis that if a man is saved he can never be lost. Jesus said he gave his sheep eternal life and they shall never perish. Peter said we are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last day. And Paul enumerated the things that might be thought to separate us from God and then declared that none could, but that we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ. So there may come times when I backslide, and lose the joy and power of my salvation, but I will never lose my salvation. This I believe!

Of course, we must answer the objections to the doctrine.

There's the objection that the doctrine is a violation to a man's freedom. Such an objection is based upon the untenable idea that freedom means a man never becomes fixed—that he wants to vacillate between right and wrong. The truth is when a man becomes fixed in righteousness he is free.

Then there's the objection that the doctrine encourages a life of sin. It says that if a man is going to be saved anyway, then he is at liberty to live as he pleases. It's easy to see that such an objection is based on the ignorance of the true nature of the Christian; he doesn't want to sin.

Finally there's the objection that the Bible teaches the possibility of falling from grace and even gives examples of men who did. Granted there are passages that on the surface seem to teach such. But in every case where these Scriptures and examples are studied fairly one finds that instead of interpretation there has been interpolation—that is, ideas have been read into the



The Hon. FRANK G. CLEMENT, governor of Tennessee, who was the speaker for the opening convocation at Georgetown College on Friday, September 20. After the convocation open house for the new dormitory for men was observed. In the afternoon the Adoniram Judson Chair of Bible was formally dedicated, at which time a plaque containing the salient facts in the life of Judson was unveiled.

Scriptures contrary to the general teaching of the Bible on the subject.

Just as it is impossible to deal with all the evidences for the support of this great truth, it is equally impossible to deal with all the objections. It is enough to say that one has a much harder task to disprove the precious truth than he has in substantiating it.

Finally, we must heed the admonition of the doctrine.

Perseverance is the only proof finally that a man is a Christian. Everyone who says he is isn't just because he says so. Only one thing tells—he must persevere.

I used to have a pastor who preached on this subject once and I shall never forget his conclusion. He said, "I believe in the perseverance of the saints if they persevere." And such is no evasion of the doctrine, no turning it off easily, no lack of emphasis. It's the spirit of the admonition that precipitates from this great truth. We must give diligence to make our calling and election sure.

Jesus preached a great sermon one day and he concluded it with a story. Two men built houses. One on the rock and it stood. One on the sand and it fell. The import of his story served to separate men—those who built on the rock and those on the sand.

This doctrine does that. Some of us are on the rock; some of us are on the sand.

Where are you?—*The Baptist Messenger*, Oklahoma City, Okla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ROY A. BOATWRIGHT, Secretary

GREAT DAYS AHEAD

Yes, great days are ahead for Junior and Intermediate workers in Kentucky. The Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Music Department and the Sunday School Department are jointly sponsoring a Junior-Intermediate workshops throughout the State, October 7-11.

The first meeting will be held with the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, October 7. October 8, Crescent Hill, October 9, First Baptist Church, Newport, October 10, The Central Baptist Church, Winchester, October 11, The First Baptist Church, Somerset.

In addition to the leaders of each of these departments the faculty will be composed of: Dr. James H. Daniel, Mrs. J. Winston Pierce, Miss Florence Whitworth, Mr. Versil Crenshaw, Mr. Frank Black, Mr. Armand Ball, Miss Nettie Lou Crowder, Dr. Loren Williams, Miss Mary Christian, Miss Betty Brewer, Mrs. George Fletcher and Rev. Mack Douglas.

It would be well for each Sunday School superintendent to make sure that all of his Junior and Intermediate workers avail themselves of this excellent opportunity for specialized training. Now is the day to get ready for this great meeting.

LETTER FROM J. N. BARNETTE

A letter from Dr. J. N. Barnette states: "Dear Brother Boatwright: "Will you please carry the following statement on your page in your denominational paper?"

"The Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, beginning September 1, of this year, will provide without charge to the churches a Standard Pennant for the general Standard.—Your friend and co-laborer, J. N. Barnette."

INDIANA STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The first Indiana State Sunday School Convention of Southern Baptists was

held with the First Southern Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, August 19-20, 1957. Rev. Gordon Paschall, former pastor in Kentucky, welcomed the convention as pastor of the host church.

This convention was sponsored jointly by the Sunday School Departments of Illinois, Kentucky, and the Sunday School Board in full co-operation with the churches of Indiana.

The program was built around the theme: "Ye Are Witnesses." Emphasis were placed on witnessing through mission stations, teaching, Bible study, Vacation Bible Schools, and visitation.

There were 179 registered to attend this conference.

TOP TEN IN TRAINING, AUGUST 1957

1. Little Bethel Association Madisonville, First	1,020
2. Daviess-McLean Association Owensboro, First	784
3. Severns Valley Association Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	725
4. North Bend Association Walton, First	546
5. Long Run Association Louisville, Victory Memorial	537
6. Graves County Association Mayfield, Northside	478
7. North Bend Association Covington, Latonia	462
8. Warren Association Bowling Green, Eastwood	447
9. West Kentuckiana Association Evansville, Grace	442
10. Long Run Association Louisville, Carlisle Avenue	421

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Baptist Weekly Paper Undergirds All the Work

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, Pastor

Druid Hills Baptist Church
Atlanta, Ga.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Newton, a former editor of the Georgia Baptist paper, served for several years as chairman of a special committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to promote the circulation of Baptist state newspapers.]

In 1920, I offered a motion in our deacons' meeting that Druid Hills Church put *The Christian Index* in our church budget. I had talked to our pastor, Dr. F. C. McConnell, before the meeting, and he gave me his blessing, but said: "You'll have to give them a reason that will stand up under cross-examination."

I used one sentence as my argument for the motion: "It will under-gird all the work of our church and denomination in our effort to further the Kingdom of God." The deacons voted unanimously to recommend that the church put the paper in its budget for 1921, and the church unanimously adopted the recommendation. There has never been any question about this investment in Kingdom work in our church during these 36 years.

Putting our Baptist papers in our church budgets has increased the circulation of these papers from less than 200,000 in 1940 to the present impressive figure of 1,250,000. It is the most effective method Southern Baptists have discovered by which we may inform, enlist, indoctrinate and enthuse our people in the program of voluntary co-operation in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Now is the time to put your Baptist state paper in the budget of your church. Ask your editor to give you the details of how your church may put your Baptist state paper in every home in your church. I believe you will find it a vital factor in determining the future usefulness of your church in the work of the Lord.

TRAINING UNION

JAMES WHALEY, Secretary

Plan An Officers' Clinic For Your Training Union

For Every Member, an Officers' Clinic:

October will be the first month of service for the new officers and committees in many of our Training Unions. An officers' clinic would be an ideal way to help them to know how to do their work.

Capitalize on the enthusiasm and spirit that already exist by providing each officer and committee an opportunity to know how to be a good president, social committee member, or missionary leader.

For Program Committees:

You will find excellent supplementary materials for program presentation in the feature article in THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION MAGAZINE. These, will be enrichment for the presentation of the parts.

If a study course is planned for this quarter, begin now to encourage participation by each union member.

For Membership Committees:

Give new members a cordial welcome.

Early in the new quarter, begin an effort to have 100 per cent of the members on time each Sunday.

For Missionary Committees:

The October-November-December quarter in most churches means the every-member canvass or the campaign to subscribe next year's budget. This presents opportunities unlimited for your committee.

The climax of this emphasis will come in November, but lead the union to look forward to this special season of budget and financial emphasis. Secure special

tracts dealing with this phase of the church program from the office of your state executive secretary.

For the missionary feature in the Sunday evening schedule, arrange for a testimony on tithing by one of your members or by a layman in the church.

For Bible Reading Committees:

As October is the beginning of a new church year, ask for a commitment from each member on daily Bible Reading as a means of starting the "new year" right. Obtain commitment cards from your state Training Union secretary, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

For Social Committees:

A "get-acquainted" social, welcoming the new members, would be ideal for this first quarter of the new church year. You might plan this in co-operation with the membership committee, supplementing the special campaign to enrol new members.

An attractive meeting place on Sunday night will mean much to the program presentation. Your committee members can adopt this as a special activity, providing flowers, arranging the equipment properly, and doing whatever else is necessary to make the union room attractive.

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OCTOBER 11—(CDST)
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►Dr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Hill, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria who are now in the States on furlough, have moved from Saluda, N. C., to Louisville, Ky., where they may be addressed at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

►Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of Mississippi Baptists, is directing a month's tour beginning September 30 of 20 Mississippi Baptist pastors who will make a preaching mission to Argentina, Panama, Columbia, Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Venezuela and Brazil.

►Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C., has started a fund to replace Huggins-Curtis Hall, the oldest and largest building on its campus which was destroyed by fire August 22. The structure was erected in 1907, and it was named for two persons in its background—Prof. J. D. Huggins, first principal of the institution, and Miss Etta Curtis, deacon of women for 25 years.

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►September 8 was the second anniversary of Pastor Joseph R. Tackett with the First Church, Walton. At the close of the morning service the deacons presented the pastor with a new \$50.00 bill in token of their love and appreciation. Mrs. Helen Chance, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, made the presentation of a gift to Mrs. Tackett also.

►Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Sanderson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Equatorial Brazil who are in the States on furlough, have moved from Lebanon Junction, Ky., to Birmingham, Ala., where they may be addressed at 1117 Woodland Avenue. Mrs. Sanderson is a native of Lebanon Junction, where she and her husband make their permanent American home.

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Louisville, Walnut Street (4)	475	20	1,834
Lou., Carlisle Avenue (2)	331	2	1,280
Lou., Beechland (1)	298	13	1,101
Bowling Green, First (1)	217	5	1,046
Madisonville, First	310	1	1,034
Lou., Beechmont (2)	276	2	1,030
Owensboro, First	218		1,014
Lou., St. Matthews	308	15	942
Owensboro, Third	257		980
Lou., Parkland (1)	257	1	979
Louisville, Grace (1)	228		969
Lou., Victory Memorial (2)	218	7	956
Hopkinsville, Second (1)	251		954
Covington, Latonia (1)	181		925
Harrodsburg (2)	236		911
Mayfield, First	256		900
Lou., Crescent Hill	214		897
Lexington, Immanuel	272	10	880
E'town, Severn's Valley (2)	195		872
Newport, First (2)	145	1	838
Covington, Calvary			824
Murray, First (1)			817
Lexington, Calvary	190	3	789
Lexington, Grace (1)	138	7	756
Campbellsville (6)	281	41	754
Frankfort, First (1)	195	3	749
Glasgow (2)	103		748
Somerset, First (1)			725
Ashland, First (2)	115	2	686
Lou., Shively (1)	151	2	681
Danville, First (2)	163	3	634
Henderson, Immanuel (2)	93		601
Corbin, Central (1)	86		592
Lou., Baptist Tabernacle	185		590
Middlesboro, First (2)	83		580
London, First (1)	165		566
Princeton, First (3)			543
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	75	1	542
Lou., Hazelwood	94	2	538
Shelbyville, First	115	4	535
Paducah, First	194	3	522
Pineville, First	188	2	518
Lou., Eighteenth Street (1)	131	9	515
Winchester, Central	97	1	510
Lebanon, First (1)	149	4	508
Evansville, Calvary	157	1	506
Lexington, Rosemont	109	4	506
Lou., Southside	107	2	506
Lou., Highland	103	28	504
Florence	94	5	502
Belleuve	64		497
Covington, South Side	112		482
Erlanger	92	2	482
Owensboro, Buena Vista	117		481
Lou., Clifton (1)	122	6	468
Owensboro,			
Eaton Memorial (1)	214		466
Lou., Eastern Parkway	103	1	463
Ashland, Unity	87	7	462
Hodgenville, First	123		454
Paducah, East	159	1	444
Owensboro, Hall Street	174		443
Russellville, First (1)	155		424
Lou., Bethany	94	6	422
Ft. Thomas, First (1)	76		420
Lou., Rockford Lane	136	7	410
Corbin, First	109		407
Lou., Farmdale	129	2	407

Bardstown	52	404
Ashland, Pollard (1)	97	391
LaGrange, DeHaven		
Memorial (1)	98	391
Ludlow, First	100	385
Lou., Immanuel	86	384
Lou., Shawnee	107	379
Springfield	138	373
Walton, First	116	372
Versailles	75	371
Lou., Fairdale	112	367
Covington, First	167	362
Sturgis, First	90	357
Lou., Valley View	127	355
Williamson, W. Va., East		
Williamson (1)	75	354
Mt. Washington	125	346
Richmond, First	62	343
Lou., Baptist Temple (1)		340
Nicholasville	107	339
Frankfort, Crestwood	118	335
Lou., Beechwood	110	328
Shepherdsville	82	325
Paducah, Oaklawn	149	320
Paducah, Twelfth Street	86	296
Dawson Springs	87	295
Marion	85	284
Stearns, First (3)	61	283
Lou., Green Acres	94	282
Middletown, First	79	281
Scottsville, First	84	281
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	113	270
Campbellsville, South		
Campbellsville	98	269
Hawesville	89	265
Danville, Gethsemane	139	261
Sonora	94	260
Owensboro, Seven Hills	66	253
Hima, Horse Creek		252
Lou., Audubon	70	247
Oneida (1)	97	238
Lou., Virginia Ave.		234
Carrrollton, First	52	230
Cloverport (1)	48	229
Hazel		229
Owensboro, Wing Avenue	85	218
Earlington	52	209
Mt. Vernon (1)	68	209
Covington,		
Ashland Avenue	82	200
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	114	---
Hartford	95	---
Clear Run	80	---
Fordsville	71	---

►The Gano Avenue Church, Georgetown, has been having a revival, beginning September 29, with Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, as the evangelist, and George White, pastor, Dry Run Church, as the music director. Pastor L. M. Hamilton led the church in a home coming on September 29, at which time Dr. Eddleman spoke at the afternoon service. The revival closes October 6.

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PAUL WRITES TO THE CORINTHIANS

By H. C. Chiles



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Paul wrote the first epistle to the Corinthians for the specific purpose of dealing with the grave problems that had arisen in the church at Corinth. For eight Sundays we shall study some of the great truths which are contained therein.

writing had been saved. He meant grace to keep and to sustain; grace for all of the trials of life. Note that the source of grace and peace is divine. Grace is the activity of God which produces peace for the children of God. Grace is the root and peace is the fruit.

II. The Situation. I Corinthians 1:10-15.

In these verses Paul dealt with a matter concerning which he had received accurate information from the household of Chloe. He did not deal with rumors about the prevailing conditions in the church, but with facts about which there were no doubts. Paul appealed to the members of the church in the name of Him through Whom they had received grace and peace to cease their wrangling and quarreling. He besought them to eliminate their unholy divisions. He was anxious for them to be united in their thinking and testimony. Sad but true, contentions, wrangling, strife, divisions and schisms were rampant in the church at Corinth. When these conditions prevail in any church, Satan is always the cause. He is merely working through the participants. Ever be on guard against those who would cause strife and divisions in a church. They are influenced by Satan and grow worse as they get older.

Occasionally, divisions occur in churches over doctrine or procedure, but in most cases they arise over very insignificant things. Most frequently they center around the personal likes or dislikes of selfish and egotistic individuals who crave recognition and think this is the best way to obtain it.

In the church at Corinth there were divisions over preachers. The Paulites constituted one group. Another group went into ecstasies over Apollos. Another faction rallied around Simon Peter. Still another party refused to follow either of these men and professed attachment to Christ as their exclusive right.

Paul rebuked all of these factions in the spirit of meekness and love. In his condemnation of their spirit and conduct, he pointedly reprimanded his own party by ridiculing the very idea of their undue exaltation of him. Paul told the Corinthians that whether it was hearing or believing the gospel of Christ all of it was centered in the Lord Jesus Christ.

III. The Solution. I Corinthians 1:21-25.

One difficulty in the situation at Corinth was that the members were exalting the messengers above the message. They were dividing over men instead of uniting around a message.

The messengers were human, but the message was divine.

Paul knew that the best antidote to these divisions in the church was the glorious gospel of Christ. He recognized that there is a perpetual difference between the message of Christ's gospel and the wisdom of the world.

"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Notice that this verse does not say the preaching of foolishness. To be sure, much foolishness is passed out under the label of preaching, but what is meant here is that the message of the cross is an absurdity to those who are worldly-wise. They do not object strenuously to preaching Christ as the world's greatest man and as a wonderful example. They admire His life and example, but they reject His crucifixion as an atonement for the sins of men. The reason is that the cross precludes any possibility of salvation through self-effort.

In this passage we are brought face to face with three great types of religious life. "The Jews require a sign," that is, an outward display of the spectacular and miraculous. "The Greeks seek after wisdom," that is, considering themselves the embodiment of culture in art, literature, science and philosophy, they unhesitatingly claimed intellectual supremacy. Paul spoke for the Christians saying in substance, as for us, we will stand by the Christ of the cross, Who may indeed be a stumblingblock to the Jew and foolishness to the Greek, but to those who are called, whether Jews or Greeks, He is the power and wisdom of God.

►The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Duke, Henderson, Ky., was observed September 7, according to news emanating from the First Baptist Church, that city.

►Truett Miller has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Providence, Ky., to enter the field of full time evangelism. After October 6 his new address and headquarters will be 108 East McElroy St., Morganfield, Ky.

►Roy L. Daniel, chairman of the pulpit committee, and Joseph H. Rexroat, Sr., church clerk, write to express the appreciation of the First Church, Lebanon Junction, of the men of God who served them during the period they were without a pastor, due to retirement of Pastor Joe Canzoneri. These included Dr. Robert E. Humphreys, Owensboro; Baynard F. Fox, Louisville, each of whom served as interim pastor for several weeks each. They also wish to thank Dr. W. C. Boone, who at the committee's request recommended them, and he was himself able to be with them for one Sunday. Wallace McGill is the new pastor of the Lebanon Junction Church.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON, Executive Secretary

Report of BWC Camp Cedarmore, 1957

The State BWC Federation met at Cedarmore, August 31-September 2, for the annual camp with 123 registered overnight guests and a number of others who came for a part of the weekend.

Camp opened with conferences on Saturday afternoon with approximately 90 in attendance. The Program Conference was led by Mrs. H. D. McBrayer, Lexington; the Fundamentals Conference led by Mrs. H. C. Randall, Columbia; and the Presidents, by Miss Mary Morehead, Owensboro.

The theme for the Camp was "New Growth for Enlarged Service" based on Isa. 54:2.

On Saturday evening 150 attended the "Seeing Our State" banquet and listened to the "Geography Lesson" that helped us see how many of our Kentucky business women have not yet been enlisted in the work of missions.

Rev. J. Edward Cunningham, the director of Kentucky Mountain Missions Program, brought the Saturday evening message. He further inspired us to be busy in our own state as he told of the many areas not yet reached for Christ.

Just before bedtime Saturday night came a period of fun and fellowship led by Jane Kent, Louisville.

The music throughout the weekend was exceptional and meant much to the spirit of the camp. Mr. Eugene F. Quinn, state music secretary had charge of the song services accompanied by Mrs. Earl Robinson, Owensboro, pianist.

Early each day the "Morning Watch" in the Tabernacle with Miss Grace Tyler, missionary from Rome, Italy, made us aware of the needs in Italy. We realized again our need for new growth to reach out farther.

Mrs. H. C. Randall, State W.M.U. president, taught the Sunday school lesson. As we listened to the account of Josiah we realized more and more the parallel of that day with our day. Have we, too, "lost the book?"

Dr. Rogers Smith, associate secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, brought two messages on Sunday. He stirred our hearts as we looked with him at the world's need for the gospel. We saw missions in a new light as we heard this one who serves Foreign Missions at the "Home Base."

At Vespers on Sunday evening and again Monday morning we looked to Africa with Mrs. W. H. McGinnis, so recently home from a term of service in Ghana. The many, many interesting items in her African collection and the messages she brought whetted our interest to study more in detail for our fall mission study on Africa.

Edna Moody, Louisville, very effectively conducted our "Pray Ye" period each day. On Monday, Mrs. A. C. Overall, state prayer chairman, further challenged us to practice the power of real, sincere prayer in our daily lives.

Our own state vice-president, Mrs. W. P. Denny, was our geography teacher at the banquet Saturday night and on Monday morning she came again to challenge us to see what enlistment in the task of all of us.

Especially do we want to take note of the business session on Monday morning. The following recommendations were presented by the Executive Committee and approved by the body. That:

1. Total camp offering (\$11.20) be divided between the two foreign missionary speakers, Miss Grace Tyler and Mrs. W. H. McGinnis.

2. The State BWC Federation raise sufficient funds to complete the "Ice Project" for Cedarmore. (Explanation) Rather than buy the second "Ice Maker" Mr. Byrdwell has a better, more workable plan that will furnish more ice. This new plan will require approximately \$900. We have \$604 in the Ice Fund so we still need \$300.

3. The body approve the purchase of a set of World Books for Pine Crest.

4. Each BWC Federation have a "sheet shower" for Cedarmore in January, 1958. Twin size sheets are needed and each Federation is to be responsible for getting their sheets to Cedarmore.

5. The "School Supplies Project" for the three Homes be continued for 1957-58. Money or supplies may be given.

6. Each BWC Federation follow the theme for their quarterly meetings as used by the Associational WMU for their quarterly meetings. The program outlines are mailed out from the State Office and will have to be "streamlined" to suit BWC needs.

7. Each BWC Federation plan and conduct conferences for its circle of officers as early in the new WMU year as possible. (Detailed information will be mailed to each Federation president.)

8. As many BWC Federations be 100% in subscribers to Royal Service as possible. One subscription used by two members living in the same family may be counted.

The state officers elected for 1957-58 are: Miss Mary Morehead, Owensboro, president; Mrs. W. P. Denny, Elizabethtown, vice president; Miss Margaret Hornback, Shebyville, secretary.

We had a good camp but its effectiveness will be determined during the new year to the extent that we grow and serve and enlist more and more business women.—Miss Mary A. Norris, Recording Secretary; Miss Mary Morehead, State President.

►Dr. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile who are now in the States on furlough, have moved from Harriettsville, Ohio, to Louisville, Ky., where they may be addressed at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road. Dr. McConnell is to be visiting professor of missions at the seminary.

►First Baptist Church, Morehead, broke ground for a new \$100,000 educational building Sunday, September 8. It will be the first new construction undertaken by the church since the early 1920's. The three-story structure will be the first unit in a building program. Eldred M. Taylor was principal speaker at the ceremony. J. C. Raikes, pastor, presided. First Baptist Church is the home church for Pine Crest, Kentucky Baptists' newest children's home. It also serves Morehead State College.

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Elected to the pastor's Advisory Council were—Gale Bowman, Princeton; H. D. Knight, Mayfield; T. C. Campbell, Briansburg; John D. Laida, Fulton; C. B. Pierce, Smithland; Norman Ellis, Cadiz; and, W. B. Casey, Paducah.

Over 600 men attended the rally held at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly grounds on August 10 and heard Glenn

L. Archer, executive director P. O. A. U. Washington, D. C., speak on the subject of church and state separation.

ABOUT THOSE WORKSHOPS!

Last week we called attention to the Royal Ambassador leadership of our state to the Joint Junior and Intermediate Workshops to be held October 7-11. Some of the details, which we did not have space to include last week are: (1) These meetings are sponsored jointly by Girls Auxiliary of our state W. M. U.; Royal Ambassador of our state Brotherhood Department; our state Sunday School Department; our state Training Union Department; and, our state Music Department. (2) The purposes of these workshops include (a) To help the leadership of our churches to see the responsibility of the individual churches to the Junior and Intermediate Age groups. (b) To help our leaders see the suggested over-all program of a Baptist church for these ages. (c) To help train workers and to stimulate them in securing additional training in order to be better prepared for their individual responsibilities. (3) Those who should attend include all Royal Ambassador counselors for both Junior and Intermediate age groups; All pastors and educational directors; Brotherhood presidents; Royal Ambassador committee members; associational Brotherhood presidents and Royal Ambassador leaders along with associational Royal Ambassador committee members. The meetings will begin at 10:00 A.M. and will be held at the following places and dates: October 7, First Church, Madisonville; October 8, Crescent Hill, Louisville; October 9, First Church, Newport; October 10, Central Baptist Church, Winchester; October 11, First Baptist, Somerset.



TEDDY G. BEACH was examined with the view of his possible ordination to the Gospel ministry at the Crescent Springs Church by a council of brethren from the churches of North Bend Association, and they voted to recommend his ordination. The formal ordination took place in the same church August 23. The pastor of the church, Sam L. Branham, brought the message and P. Ennis Taylor, Madison Avenue of Covington, who served as moderator of the council, gave the charge to the candidate. E. V. Howell, Elsmore, presented the Bible; Charles L. Garringer, South Side of Covington, offered the ordination prayer. Brother Beach has had two years in Campbellsville College, and has entered Belmont College, Nashville, this fall. He is a nephew of Dr. Henry Beach, pastor of Ninth and O Church, Louisville.

►Connie L. Hargrove of Tavares, Fla., conducted a revival meeting which closed September 6 with Pastor James H. Royalty at Red Hill Baptist Church in Sevens Valley Association. There were 13 additions by baptism, 1 by letter and 1 rededication. Hargrove has several other revivals scheduled, the next being at Burgin, Ky. Then he goes to Carlisle, Ky., Lexington, Ky., and to Lawrence, Kansas.

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BAPTISTS IN POLAND

By HENLEE H. BARNETTE, Acting Dean, School of Theology
Southern Baptist Seminary

Recently I flew from Moscow to Warsaw and from my window I could see that the latter city still reveals the scars of war. After a dozen years of trying to recover from the damage done by Hitler's armies, there are still many, many blocks of rubble in the city of Warsaw. One recalls the boast of Hitler that Poland would only be a spot on the map and that wheat would grow where Warsaw now stands. But Warsaw today is a city of a million people and in spite of the fact that 73 per cent of the city was totally destroyed it is today a thriving one.

On Sunday, July 28, I preached in the Warsaw Baptist Church. It is called The Baptist Chapel, a room for one hundred persons and all seats were taken. As many as could stand around the walls did so. A dozen young people, three of whom were excellent choir directors, sang in the choir. Each took turn in directing the choir and they sang *a-cappella* though they had a small pump organ. As for the order of service, there was a hymn, a prayer, a hymn, the sermon, the offering, and a hymn after which the assistant pastor pronounced the benediction.

I preached on Philippians 1:21: "For to me to live is Christ." My interpreter, a young scholar at the Warsaw University with previous training in a seminary, did an adequate job. His name was Zbigniew Wierski and he expressed an interest in coming to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also requested theological books and volumes dealing with youth work.

People in the congregation appeared to respond sympathetically to the sermon. Afterwards we gathered in the court near the church and I took several pictures of the congregation. Reverend Aleksander Kircum, President of the Baptist church in Poland, is pastor of this church. At that time he was on a tour of the United States.

Statistically there are four thousand Baptist church members in Poland meeting in sixty churches. In Warsaw there are three chapels with about a hundred members at each one. In all there are forty-four trained ministers from colleges and seminaries. The seminary at Marbourg is now closed due to a lack of funds. Again they expressed a wish that some Polish students could come to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Baptists have had a steady growth in Poland. The Warsaw chapel was founded in 1914. The pastor and people are now looking for a place to build a new chapel. Again and again they ex-

pressed optimism about the future of Baptists in Poland.

Theologically Polish Baptists are conservatives. They believe in the great fundamentals of the faith. They have deep appreciation for British Baptist leaders such as Dr. Townley Lord and Dr. Payne, the church historian. Baptists adhere to a rigid church discipline. Drinking alcoholic beverages, dancing, smoking and attendance upon the theaters, along with mixed marriages, are forbidden.

Prospective church members must attend prayer services and preaching services for a few months and demonstrate genuine Christian living before they will be accepted into the church as members. Also they are tested as to doctrine and must have a conversing knowledge of the scriptures.

Sunday schools are permitted in Poland. All Baptist churches have them for children between the ages of five and fourteen. Pastors recognize that there ought to be classes for children up to five and young people and adults.

In contrast to the Baptist churches in Russia, Polish Baptists are permitted to engage in social service. They maintain a home for the aged who are pensioned by the state. There are now fifteen persons in this home. They have no orphan homes or hospitals.

Polish Baptists have Bibles and I noticed several hymnals of 1946 vintage. Also, Polish Baptists publish a periodical entitled *Slowo Prawdy* which means "Thy Word is Truth." This periodical is published monthly.

Church and state are separate in Poland. But Baptists are loyal to the state. They will fight for the fatherland. Since October, 1953, when Gomulka became prime minister, all religious groups have more freedom. Gomulka, of course, is head of the Com-

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unist government; however, he was able to rid the country of the Stalinist Communists and establish a milder form of Communism. The Russian army has been relegated to the edge of the city and cannot move without his permission. Also, Russian soldiers apprehended for crimes in Poland must be tried in Polish courts. Before Gomulka came to power Baptists were persecuted by Roman Catholics. On at least three occasions Roman Catholics attacked Baptists and severely beat them. Baptists in Poland are friendly toward other religious groups. There are approximately seven thousand reformers (Calvinists), five thousand Methodists who appear to be declining in strength, four thousand Baptists, a hundred and fifty thousand Eastern Orthodox, a hundred thousand Jews, and a small number of Pentecostals, Jehovah's Witnesses and old Catholics.

Poland, of course, is 92 per cent Roman Catholic.

S. Andres, one of the pastors in Warsaw, told me that things look brighter for Baptists in Poland than ever before. He requested that I bring greetings from Polish Baptists to the Baptists of America.

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►Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. McNealy, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, have returned to their field of service after furlough in the States. They may be addressed at Caixa Postal, 145, Volta Redonda, Estado do Rio, Brazil. Mr. McNealy is a native of Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

FALLEN ASLEEP

MRS. JESS POWERS

CLOVERPORT, Ky. — We, the members of the Cloverport Baptist WMU, wish to pay tribute of love and respect to one of our beloved members, Mrs. Jess Powers, whose death occurred August 29, 1957.

Mrs. Powers was a faithful member of the WMU. To the family we express our deepest sympathy and commend them to the Father whom she loved and served.—Committee, Mrs. M. D. Stephens, Mrs. W. M. Varable, and Mrs. G. E. Mullen.

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ALFRED McMURTRY

CYNTHIANA, Ky., July 16, 1957. — Resolution of respect in memory of Brother Alfred McMurry of Union Baptist Church, R. F. D. 5, Cynthiana.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy to call unto himself our beloved brother;

Whereas, in the death of Brother McMurry the church has lost a true and faithful member, the family a loving husband and father and the community a good and loyal citizen, be it

Resolved, that we extend to the family our deepest sympathy and commend them to the One who brings peace and understanding to troubled and bereaved hearts . . . Mrs. M. D. Martin, Felix E. King, Joe H. Bell, S. Clelland Gash.