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"O Give Thanks Unto The Lord, For He Is Good"

Deaths

►William C. Hundley, 76, retired Baptist preacher, died in a Lebanon hospital following a two car accident in which he was seriously injured. For forty years he had been pastor of Baptist churches in Casey and Marion Counties, including such churches as Rocky Ford, Muldraugh Hill, Stewart's Creek and Pleasant Hill.

►Mrs. J. R. Dungan died at Union City, Tennessee last week. She was the mother of Mrs. G. B. Morton, whose husband is accountant for the Executive Board, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. The death occurred just in time to prevent Mr. Morton from going to Harlan for the General Association.

Revivals

►The First Baptist Church, Jackson, recently experienced a revival with the pastor, Vernon Perkins, preaching and Homer Kendrick, music director of the church, directing the music. Seven professions of faith and four additions by letter resulted from the meeting.

►Evangelist Walter K. Price, Danville, Ky., led in a revival at Central Church, Corbin, November 3-10. Pastor J. Bill Jones says: "Brother Price is an unusual expository preacher. His preaching is so Bible-centered it discourages superficial decisions." There were 36 decisions, which reflect a small part of the revival that came.

►Lee Sloat, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Belfry, Kentucky closed a revival at Alex (Ky.) Church, on November 7 which resulted in 12 professions of faith and 6 rededications. Pastor James E. Casey, Jr., baptized 10 of these into the fellowship of the Church. Since February 1, 1957 there has been 21 additions by baptism and 5 by letter. The church has completed a new building and the Sunday School has grown from 35 to 112 in attendance. The whole community has taken new life since the Church has become the center of attraction. Casey is also pastor of the Phelps Baptist Mission, Phelps, Ky., which he recently established in the heart of the vast field in Pike County.

Pastoral Changes

►Edwin Jackson has become pastor of Liggett Baptist Church, coming to them from the pastorates at Hardy's Creek, Woodway and Lone Branch Churches in Lee County, Virginia.

►Malcolm M. Leach, Southern Seminary student from Jackson, Miss., has been called to be pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Pond Fork community,

near Sturgis, Kentucky, and he has accepted.

►After being pastor for several years at Ceredo, W. Va., Henry Lee Jones has resigned that church field and has accepted the care of the First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky., where he succeeded Frank Neikirk.

►J. W. Vetter has terminated his four years pastorate of the Baptist Church at Newman, Kentucky, near Owensboro, to accept similar duties of the Horse Cave Baptist Church, Horse Cave, Kentucky.

►William Harlan McGinnis, who has been in service as a missionary in Africa, has accepted the call of the Vine Grove Baptist Church as its pastor. He will begin his work with the church December 1. Dr. A. M. Vollmer, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, has been serving as interim pastor.

►W. W. Dickerson has resigned the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Lowes, Ky., after five years of progressive Ministry there. Under his leadership the Church built a new pastor's home and paid for it; put the Cooperative Program in the budget; organized a W.M.S., Y.W.A., G.A. and Sunbeam Band; created five new Sunday school classes; raised a thousand dollars on a new church building program; held the first singing school in Graves County under the Baptist State Program, with Lee Stalling, director of music at the First Baptist Church of Mayfield, as teacher. Pastor and Mrs. Dickerson are residing at Almo, Route 1, Kentucky, after November 15.

Kentucky News

►The First Church, Franklin, has secured Dr. Robert E. Humphreys as its interim pastor, according to the Franklin Favorite, local newspaper.

►The ordination of Thomas E. Sykes, Jeffersonville, Indiana, to the Gospel ministry took place October 2, at Northside Baptist Chapel, 201 Mary St., Jeffersonville, Ind. Dr. Hugh R. Peterson, dean of students, Southern Seminary, delivered the charge. Ed Pierce presented the Bible on behalf of the mother church, and Kelly Fitzgerald led in prayer.

►Cecilia Church reports that out of an enrollment of 180 in Sunday School, 24 received one year pins and two received two year pins. Layman's Day was observed with the men's choir and a testimony from the deacons. Pastor W. R. Cook, Stithon, was the evangelist in a revival just closed, which resulted in 19 decisions. During the revival on Sunday there were 200 in Sunday school, and 124 in Training Union, writes Pastor Rex R. Anderson.

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►The Oaklawn Baptist Church ordained four men to serve as deacons—James Duncan, Prince Byerly, Charles Hamilton and Lee Hayes—on November 10. The sermon was preached by R. Perkins Atherton, pastor of Berea Church, Paducah. The moderator was C. E. Vincent, pastor of Reidland Church. Jack Sanford, pastor of Oaklawn, was interrogator, and the ordination prayer was offered by Deacon C. M. Story. This ordination service marks the first step toward the completion of an expansion program which will include an entirely new plant at Oaklawn.

AS GOD IS FAITHFUL

By JOSEPH RICHARD ESTES, Bowling Green, Ky.

[Doctrinal sermon delivered at Warren Associational meeting by Joseph R. Estes, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. Abridged for publication.—Editor.]

Henry Ward Beecher, in his Yale lectures to preachers, said, "Preach doctrine; preach all the doctrine you know and be forever learning more doctrine. Preach it not only that men may believe it, but that they may be saved by believing it." Reading that confirmed for me what I had always believed—that the Christian pulpit is not primarily a place for entertainment, nor a place to have human thoughts and philosophies expounded, but rather the place where God's thoughts ought to be presented, as revealed in His Word.

Doctrine, basically defined, is teaching, although it has come to designate that which is commonly believed, or consented to by the church. May I offer three tests of sound doctrine, at least so far as Baptists are concerned:

1. Doctrine must be Biblical. Baptists have consistently held that the Bible is the sole sufficient rule of faith and practice, because it is the record of God's revelation to men.

2. Doctrine must be logical. Some may disparage the mental capacities of man, but the scriptures definitely teach that though man's reason, as well as his body and spirit are corrupted by sin, God has, in salvation, redeemed the whole man—mind, body, spirit and soul. Therefore, doctrine is to be as logically elaborated as finite minds permit.

3. Doctrine must be experimental. There could be doctrine which is logically presented that all known experience of God does not ratify. It is only that which the experiences of men gives credence to which can be said to be true doctrine.

In view of this threefold test of doctrine, it is my desire to preach a message on the Perseverance of the Saints which is Biblical in content, logical in organization, and experiential in illustration. The doctrine of Perseverance, sometimes called the Security of the Believer (and often confused with the godward side of this experience called Election, Predestination or Foreordination) has long been cherished by Baptists. The classic statement of the Baptist Faith is that found in the New Hampshire Confession of 1833 which states:

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

In keeping with this confession my text is II Corinthians 1:19-22. Here Paul

gives, in summary fashion, the Biblical explanation of the Perseverance of the Saints.

God Accomplishes a Perfect Work

Salvation, as Paul experienced it and preached it, is "once and for all," because first the Prowess of God through His spirit accomplishes a perfect work in the believing soul. Paul states four things that God does in and for the believer:

1. He "establishes" us in Christ. A distinguishing characteristic of the true believer is his attachment to Christ. In Colossians 2:6, 7, Paul says: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." The word translated "established" is that upon which the Roman Catholics build their doctrine of Confirmation. According to their formulation, at some particular point in the individual's life, by an act of a presiding bishop, he is "confirmed" in the faith and doctrine which has been transmitted and dictated to him by the established church. Suffice it to say that the New Testament does not hold that this confirmation in faith is the act of any human being, be he bishop, or layman, but is the direct act of the Holy Spirit of God, and the soul is not saved until this act of establishment or confirmation has been accomplished.

2. Paul says, God "anoints" us. The act of anointing in the Old Testament was of major significance. God's prophets were considered to have a special anointing of his Spirit. When Israel, desiring to be like the neighboring nations, asked for a king, God ordained that the earthly king should be but a divine representative of himself, the Heavenly King. Therefore, the prophet of God anointed the king of Israel. The king was a chosen vessel, a commissioned person, and the people were advised to respect his person because of this anointing. When Saul was pursuing David and came into the cave where David was, hoping to find rest, David refrained from doing harm to Saul saying, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the anointed of the Lord" (I Samuel 24:6). Jesus, the Son of God, is called the Christ, i.e., the anointed One; and all his disciples are Christians, likewise anointed ones.

3. The third thing which God does for the believer is to "seal" him. The picture is that of making an impres-

sion in soft wax. The apostle is designating here the divine sanctification and securing of the believer's life after the image of God. The image of God which was distorted by the fall is restored in man in the act of salvation. This sealing of the believer is that which marks him out as divine property. Those who were in the Service in recent years remember that "dog tags" were issued to every soldier. On these dog tags were placed the soldier's name, serial number, blood type, religious preference, and other such relevant data as might be necessary to identify him. Then in the event that his body became disfigured, or even dismembered in battle, one could immediately identify the person by the dog tag. Likewise, God impresses into the life of the believer such Christ-likeness that one need never doubt whose he is.

4. God gives the believer the "earnest" of the Spirit. The word Paul uses is *arrabon* which was used in the ancient papyri to designate the "down payment" on the purchase of an item, the full price of which would be paid upon delivery. The down payment was not only the initiation of a contract but was also the guaranty that full payment would ultimately be made. So God has given the "down payment" of the Spirit in our hearts which is elsewhere called the "earnest of our inheritance" (Ephesians 1:14). God has assured us that we shall receive the fullness of our inheritance by giving us the foretaste of that in his Spirit. The word of Christ is, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a Crown of Life."

Our Security Guaranteed In Christ

In the second place, salvation is once and for all because the Promises of God are vouchsafed to us through His Son.

What was it that made the slaves free when Abraham Lincoln was president? Their freedom was guaranteed when Lincoln sat down at his desk, dipped his pen in ink and signed the Emancipation Proclamation. From that instant on, every slave in America was decreed to be a free person. So God one day dipped his pen in the blood of his Son and wrote our Emancipation Proclamation. This is the grand guaranty of our security.

Moreover, the integrity of God's word was at stake. One's salvation does not depend upon his own merit, emotion, nor understanding, but rather upon his acceptance of God's Word and assurance.

Someone asked Luther, "Do you feel that you have been forgiven?" He answered, "No, but I'm sure As there's a God in Heaven. For feelings come, and feelings go. And feelings are deceiving. My warrant is the Word of God. Naught else is worth believing."

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Daley Observations



C. R. Daley

The turn of events in the 1957 General Associational meeting of Kentucky Baptists will be remembered and talked about a long time. Only the foolishly bold would dare try to say what the final verdict of history will be upon the deliberations and decisions of Harlan but some developments history can hardly fail to take into account. The deciding of an important issue by the messengers without a recommendation from the committee generally entrusted with recommendation responsibility, the most fair and impartial presiding conceivable by a moderator and unsurpassable hospitality of a host pastor, church and community are some impressions not soon to be forgotten by the messengers.

The issue acted upon by the messengers without so called official recommendation was the approval of Campbellsville and Cumberland Junior Colleges for senior college training programs in the field of teacher training. Such a move would ordinarily be considered deliberately and lengthily by the Department of Christian Education, composed of the presidents and trustee board chairmen of our seven schools plus twelve members at large elected by the General Association. In this case the Christian Education Department was caught in a difficult position. The Cumberland proposal had never been mentioned in any meeting of the Department and likely would not have been presented at the General Association if Campbellsville had not made the first move. The Campbellsville proposal had been formally introduced to the Department only a few days before the General Association convened. In its report to the Association the Department of Christian Education claimed that there had not been sufficient time for thorough consideration and recommendation of the Campbellsville proposal but in light of being informed that the matter would be taken to the messengers with or without the recommendation, the Department suggested that the messengers decide the matter and made a place on the program for its presentation. What followed is what has been traditionally known as a good Baptist meeting—considerable discussion on both sides.

Since editors by the very nature of their responsibility have to rush in where angels fear to tread, here is an analysis of what happened. It might be more wrong than the analysis of everyone who reads it but it is sincere. For some time there has been a feeling among many Kentucky Baptists that too many important issues are predetermined by small groups and committees and that General Association messengers serve merely as a rubber stamp. Though they always have the opportunity and the right, messengers very seldom refuse to endorse committee recommendations. Many things have been delegated to the Executive Board but when the Board has inaugurated far reaching projects, many Kentucky Baptists have felt it would have been better for the General Association

to have actually voted for the individual project. In this development the Association messengers who have delegated authority are as much to blame as those who have used the delegated authority. In any case, the messengers were ready to be heard.

The issue under discussion was a natural. The Campbellsville proposal lacked so called official endorsement but it did not lack popular support. When a motion was made to refer, it was clear that many messengers were not in a referring mood. Neither were the messengers dissuaded by being reminded that only one year ago they had voted unanimously for a five year Christian Education program with the agreement of all the college heads. Here was a matter everyone inclined to express himself could join into. It offered help to the poor and underprivileged student as over against the well-to-do and privileged boy and girl, it was considered a good blow against the Catholics, and it offered something extra for no additional cost. Championing the poor, resisting Catholicism and bargains are three pitches hard to resist when Baptists are at bat and when the bat was swung in Harlan, it was a home run over the fence and when the ball stopped bouncing we had three senior colleges instead of one.

What this might mean to Kentucky Baptist education already hard pressed for sufficient funds is of concern to some. How it might effect the one remaining Junior College, the projected Georgetown College branch in Louisville, the two mountain institutes and Clear Creek Baptist School remains to be seen. As it now stands with the two new senior colleges pegged at a junior college share of education funds, Bethel Junior College stands in a favored position. President Richardson will have as much from the Cooperative Program to run a junior college with a present enrollment of around 200 students as the two new schools will have with enrollments expected to approach 800 or 1,000.

Whether the move was wise or unwise cannot be determined by human knowledge but must remain for God's wisdom and the vindication of history. What is important is that the messengers expressed themselves and decided the issue. This is democratic and the Baptist way, and though democracy always runs the risk of making a wrong decision, it's a risk worth taking. It ought also be remembered that when the vote is taken, the outcome becomes the will and work of the entire body. Kentucky Baptists are challenged to do more for Christian education now than ever in history.

Repentance might be the order of the day for all of us, however, when to an outsider our sessions of the General Association resemble more a legislative session in Frankfort or Washington than the Spirit led body of Christ. If our practices of promoting and informing descend to the level of ordinary lobbying, there is some reason to doubt the Holy Spirit—who is not a conniver—will be our Guide or Comforter. If in the heat of discussion we utter unguarded and careless words that hurt more than help, we need cooler sessions.

Surely the Lord was a Helper to the Moderator. We have been peculiarly blessed in past sessions with

able moderators but how anyone could have been fairer and more sincere than Dr. Pettigrew is impossible to conceive. Time and time again a bit of humor reduced the tension and, apart from such coolness and fairness, tragic consequences could have resulted.

Hospitable Harlan will long be remembered by messengers who were given treatment in homes of many who were not even Baptists which could not be matched by commercial institutions which themselves went the second mile in royally entertaining the messengers. There's nothing like a General Association, and there's no place that could have outdone Harlan in hospitality. I wouldn't have missed for anything and I'm sorry every Kentucky Baptist couldn't have been there. See you at Severns Valley in Elizabethtown next November.

Thanksgiving

In this Thanksgiving season the words of Will Rogers some years ago might be worth reflecting upon, "In the days of its founders, Americans were willing to give thanks for mighty little, for mighty little was all they expected. But now neither government nor nature can give enough but what we think it is too little. In the fall of the year, if the founders could gather in a few pumpkins, some potatoes, and some corn for winter, they were in a thanking mood. But if we can't gather in a new car, a new raido, a new tuxedo and some government relief, we feel like the world is against us."

The truth is that no Americans who ever lived have more to be thankful for but none ever were

likely so unthankful as we. This means that gratitude is not dependent upon outer things nor material blessings but is an inner attitude of the heart. Paul understood this in saying to Timothy, "In everything give thanks." Everything includes poverty and wealth, good fortune and bad fortune, sickness and health and the bitter as well as the sweet. For this reason our Savior was thankful for the privilege of giving his life for our sins, and Paul was thankful he was counted worthy to suffer beatings, stoning, shipwreck and divers troubles for the Savior's sake.

By our standards there was little reason for the first Thanksgiving. Our Pilgrim Fathers began the happy American tradition amidst the rigors of New England winters, the scarcity of the necessities of life, the ravaging diseases and epidemics and often the hostility of savage Indians. However, they had faith in God which is invisible to the materialistically blinded human eye, and this faith was the inspiration of their thankful hearts.

After all, what can be thought of as more to make one thankful than a glowing fire in the hearth, a faithful dog curled up on a rug in front of the fireplace, the sound of merry children playing in the hall, the aroma of a baked bird and sage dressing nearly ready, the contemplation of a visit to or from friends and loved ones and the realization of a God in heaven who loves and watches over His children. None of these costs too much. No wonder the Psalmist sang, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good." Let's join our hearts and voices in this anthem. Happy Thanksgiving!

The Baptist Forum

SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Editor:

Upon my return from the recent meeting of the General Association at least two things are evident. In keeping with your recent editorial on the district association there are glaring facts about the General Association.

The almost absence of laymen in attendance is serious. It would seem that nearly any church, led by its pastor, could encourage at least one layman to attend. If the laymen are asked enough in advance to make plans, they would attend. This would eliminate some of the problems produced by the Association being dominated by the clergy.

Completely appreciative of the warm hospitality of all the host churches, it seems increasingly incumbent that the Association meet in cities with abundant accommodations and reasonably accessible to all areas of the state.

Anchorage, Ky. Bob Brown

WORTH THINKING ABOUT

Looking at Death

When I closed the funeral service the remains of the deceased was viewed. I watched the people look into the open casket. Here was humanity looking at death.

Some of them were tiny tots, lifted up briefly that they might see into the casket just for a moment as they passed by with mother and father. Probably it was their first look at the phenomenon of death. It meant little to them. They were not yet ready to wrestle with such problems.

Then came the children, perhaps two generations removed from death, tall enough to see into the casket alone. They appeared a little frightened, as if they looked at this thing called "death" for the first time since being old enough to realize the seriousness of it.

Next were those of middle years, just one generation removed from death. They still had all of life's faculties, but they were fully aware of the reality of the white angel that ultimately visits all men.

Passing by on frail limbs came also the aged, the very generation that is dying now. They were looking death squarely in the face. They knew it would not be long.

Death is something that we always think of in other people. It is that thing that we face in our friends and acquaintances but seldom see in ourselves. Have you ever looked at death in yourself? Have you ever squarely faced that future visitor who is to come to your house and call for you? If he should come today, would you be ready?

Frank Owen in Calvary Bulletin

STILL ANOTHER VOTE FOR SERIOUS ARTICLES

Editor:

You may add another vote for serious articles. I, too, have been observing all along since the retirement of Dr. Skinner that pictures are not what we need in our Baptist state paper.

Someone said we had literature to study our Sunday School lessons from. That is true, but I always carry Dr. H. C. Chiles writings with me to Sunday School because I think his comments can't be beat.

I also like good sermons in the Western Recorder. I've feasted so much on W. C. Taylor's sermons; also many others. Everyone is not privileged to hear good sermons all the time.

Another thing we need to be informed at all times through this paper concerning Separation of Church and State. I wish you would put the other eight pages back with all kinds of good sermons and information such as we Baptists need to keep up with. I'm always clipping things of interest to keep, for there is always a time they help. Dr. Hudson's corner was probably a lot of help to some people.

Please don't look for criticism in this letter for it is not meant for that. I'm just expressing myself as to what I like to read and I believe a lot of other people feel the same way but just don't take the time to write.

Centertown, Ky., Mrs. Robt. Snodgrass



**ALTON H. McEACHERN** has been called as pastor of South Park Chapel, Louisville, a mission of Beechmont Church, November 1. He was ordained in 1952 by the Vineville Church, Macon, Ga. He is a graduate of Mercer University of that city, and is now a senior at Southern Seminary in Louisville. Formerly he was pastor of Log Cabin Heights Church, Macon, and comes to South Park from the Graham Church, Dupont, Indiana. During the past nineteen months the Graham Church erected an educational building, installed a new heating system, and departmentalized its income to missions. Curtis Driver was formerly pastor of South Park. The first unit of the mission's building is under construction.

### Missouri Association Name Change Weighed

COLUMBIA, Mo. — (BP) — The Missouri Baptist General Association, in annual session here, had the "first reading" of an amendment which would change its name to Missouri Baptist Convention.

Final action on the proposed change in convention title is expected at the 1958 session. The meeting place for the next session hasn't been determined.

The association renewed its pledge of \$1,200,000 for Baptist Memorial Hospital being constructed in Kansas City, Mo. Construction began the last week in September.

It will be a nine-story structure. Missouri association elected a Kansas City pastor, W. Ross Edwards, of Swope Park Baptist Church, as its moderator (president) for the coming year. Edwards succeeds D. F. Risk, pastor, Water Tower Baptist Church, St. Louis.

The association's 1958 budget, as adopted by messengers to the annual association, is \$2,500,000.

### Kentucky Baptists Help Their Ministers Prepare for Future Security

Last year 101 Kentucky ministers and widows received a portion of the \$1,-626,211.59 paid out by the Relief and Annuity Board in disability, widow and retirement annuities.

The Kentucky Baptist General Association and Kentucky Baptist churches had provided for two-thirds of the money that went to these Kentucky annuitants when they shared the cost of their retirement plan dues.

The denominational retirement plan provided for pastors, educational directors and music directors in Kentucky is an individual state plan. The Relief and Annuity Board administers this plan for Kentucky, as it does for all the other Southern Baptist states, but each state plan is handled separate and apart from the rest.

When a pastor, educational director or music director in Kentucky decides to join the Southern Baptist Protection Plan, he has the assurance that his state convention is ready to pay one-third of the cost of his dues. When his church agrees to pay its share (also one-third) he may begin participation in the Plan. All that he has to pay is the remaining one-third. (The convention, church and member each pay 5% of the member's salary, up to \$4,000).

Presently, there are 580 pastors, educational directors and music directors in Kentucky actively participating in one of the retirement plans. This means that there are still hundreds failing to take advantage of this plan which gives them excellent retirement, disability and widow protection at such a small cost to the member.

Preachers, just like everyone else, face an uncertain future. They may become disabled or meet death while still in active service and rearing a family, thus putting a heavy financial burden on their wife. If this doesn't happen, then they will most certainly come to the time when they will be forced to retire because of age or ill health. The Southern Baptist Protection Plan helps them prepare for any or all of these.

Information and applications for the Protection Plan may be obtained from the Kentucky State Convention headquarters or from the Relief and Annuity Board, 400 Baptist Building, Dallas 1, Texas.

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### Baptist Schools Enroll Record 46,235 Students

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Enrollments in Southern Baptist colleges and schools reached an all-time high with the opening of the fall term in September, according to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission here.

Total net enrollment for the six seminaries is 5,118; for the 30 senior colleges and universities, 30,830; for the 21 junior colleges, 7,604; for the 12 academies and Bible schools, 2,683. Total net enrollment in Southern Baptist schools is 46,235, which is about 3½ per cent more than the 1956 total of 44,632.

"In the last five years," said Cornett, "fall enrollments in the 51 Southern Baptist colleges and universities have increased 37 per cent during a period in which the college-age population of the United States has fluctuated very little, after dropping 11 per cent from 1942 to 1952.

During the next 12 years, 1958-1970, the college-age population of the United States will increase about 65 per cent, that of the South 50-60 per cent.

"The number of college-age Southern Baptists will increase at least 100 per cent, and perhaps as much as 150 per cent. Southern Baptists, state by state, must make long-range plans for expansion of the facilities of their colleges."



**MT. WASHINGTON CALLS SPARKMAN.** — For the past four years pastor of Cedar Creek Church, Alfred Sparkman has been called to and has accepted the care of the Mt. Washington Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Ouachita College, in Arkadelphia, Ark., and completed his B.D. degree at Southern Seminary in 1956.

### Baptist Public Relations Workshop To Meet

By L. O. GRIFFITH,  
Home Mission Board, S. B. C.

ATLANTA, Ga. — The Fourth Southern Baptist Public Relations Association Workshop will be held at the

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### FALLEN ASLEEP

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GEORGE LIMPER

Be it resolved that we, the members of Highland Baptist Church and Sunday School, Louisville, have suffered a great loss in the going home of our beloved brother, George Limper.

Mr. Limper was born in Louisville, January 27, 1903, and attended Manual High School. His first position was with Peaslee-Gaubert in 1921. In 1923 he took a position with the L. & N. Railroad in the Controller's office. For several years he studied at the U. of L. evenings to prepare himself for a better position. He was appointed assistant to the treasurer in 1954, which position he held to the end.

Mr. Limper brought his letter to our church in 1932 and immediately started teaching a class of boys in the Intermediate Department in our Sunday school. He continued this position until his death (25 years). He was a valued trustee and secretary of the Board of trustees. A year ago he was ordained as a deacon of Highland Church, where he rendered faithful service. His influence reached through the years many boys who passed through his class. He went home August 20, 1957. Our hearts go out in Christian love and sympathy to his faithful wife and parents.—Highland Baptist Church, Mrs. Fellmer Hoeing, chairman, Charles F. Chapman, Homer C. Martin, Miss Willie Carico, Resolutions Committee.

MRS. REBECCA BYRD DeHAVEN

CALVERT CITY, Ky., Oct. 15, 1957. — Mrs. Rebecca Byrd DeHaven was called home September 4, 1957. Born January 17, 1866 in Webster County, Kentucky, near Providence, she early in life was saved and united with Shady Grove Baptist Church in 1888.

She was married to George M. DeHaven September 20, 1891. Shortly thereafter they moved to Marshall County, Ky., near Calvert City, and joined Calvert City Baptist Church.

At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the church. Her church came first in her heart's service and devotion. She was for many years a member of the missionary society and taught in the Sunday school.

She is survived by a foster daughter, Zimroude DeHaven, Calvert City, and a foster son, Harry Hurley, Benton, Ky., several nieces and nephews.

We greatly miss her presence, but know that she has gone to her eternal home, "beyond the sunset."—Odie Oakley, chairman of deacons.

WILLIAM HARVEY ARNETT

God called from our midst on Saturday, September 21, 1957, and took unto Himself our friend and brother, William Harvey Arnett, an active deacon of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville. His church lost a true and faithful member, his family a loving husband and father.

Therefore, we, at Highland Baptist Church, wish to extend to the family our genuine sympathy, realizing that our loss must be Heaven's gain. We commend his loving family, in this their time of bereavement, to God who will give that added strength and who will sustain them in their hours of greatest trial.

We express our appreciation for his loyalty to his church, his faithfulness to every task assigned him; and his dependability, not only in his church duties but his business dealing with his fellow man.—Mrs. Fellmer Hoeing, Homer O. Martin, Charles F. Chapman, Paul Liptock, Committee on Resolutions.

Home Mission Board Building and Baptist Tabernacle in Atlanta, February 17-18, 1958. An informative program has been planned featuring well-known professional public relations men as well as members of the association.

Edward J. Forio, vice president of Coca Cola Company and chairman of the Georgia Crusade for Freedom Committee figures very prominently on the program. Dr. John Drewry, dean of Journalism, University of Georgia, will be the speaker for the banquet.

The program will begin with an analysis of the position of Baptists in public relations fields. There will also be exhibits, films and special interest groups on news, printed materials and exhibits, visual aids, fund raising and pictures, with special sessions for executives led by Fred Smith, son of a Baptist minister in Tennessee, of Fred Smith Associates, Cincinnati, Ohio. Projects promoted by individual members of the organization will be presented to the entire group.

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## Pastors Re-Elect Norfleet and Ray

Dr. Frank F. Norfleet, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, was re-elected moderator for the second year and Dr. Lewis C. Ray, Louisville's Baptist Tabernacle pastor, was again named secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Meeting. The annual meeting held prior to the General Associational sessions each year heard addresses by Hankins Parker, First Church, Paducah, Henry Beach, Ninth and O, Louisville, M. D. Morton, Beechmont, Louisville and participated in a joint session with the Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association where an address by Allen Graves, Dean of the School of Religious Education of the Southern Seminary and a panel discussion on church staff relations were featured.

A program committee announced the theme, "What God Hath Wrought" for the 1958 meeting. Clyde Freed, Williamsburg, Frank Owen, Calvary, Lexington, and Joseph R. Estes, Bowling Green were named as principal speakers.

Elected president of the Religious Education Association was Burnett Davidson, director of religious education, for the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.

## Two New Important Committees Named At Harlan

Two new committees were called into being by Kentucky Baptists in the General Associational meeting in Harlan. The Association adopted a recommendation by its Executive Board to activate a fifteen man survey committee to conduct a thorough study of the entire program of Kentucky Baptists. Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, moderator, who was empowered by the motion to name the members of this committee prefaced the reading of his appointments by saying he felt this committee was one of the most important in the history of Kentucky Baptists. Named to the committee were:

Robert E. Humphreys, Owensboro;  
Ira McMillen, Jr., Prestonsburg; G.

David McClure, Louisville; Earl S. Bell, Frankfort; A. B. Colvin, Lebanon; Franklin Owen, Lexington; Gabe Payne, Hopkinsville; L. C. Ray, Louisville; Robert L. Robertson, Owensboro; Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown; J. Edgar Stoner, Bardstown; Raymond Sanderson, Pineville; Hankins F. Parker, Paducah; John C. Huffman, Mayfield; and Philip H. Wilson, Glasgow.

Another committee was the Committee on Public Affairs also named by the moderator by authorization of the body of the General Association. Named to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Committee on Public Affairs with headquarters in Washington, D. C., this committee is composed of:

Edwin F. Perry, Louisville; Howard Shaw, Mayfield; Eugene Siler, Williamsburg; Robert Bird, Frankfort; Wendell H. Rone, Paducah; Joe Richard Estes, Bowling Green; H. Leo Edleman, Georgetown; W. C. Boone, Louisville; and W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville.

## Yates Heads Associational Officers

O. W. Yates, Rosemont Baptist, Lexington, succeeds Earl S. Bell, Memorial Baptist, Frankfort, as leader for the Associational Officers' organization of Kentucky Baptists. Yates was named at the annual Associational Officers meeting in Harlan on November 11. Named to assist Yates were Archie Allison, pastor of Sonora Baptist, as assistant moderator; and Charles Wilcox, of Russell Springs, as secretary.

The next meeting of the organization will be at Elizabethtown prior to the 1958 sessions of the General Association.

## Heard In Harlan

The privileges we have in America today are rooted in the gift of Christ on Calvary.—Rollin S. Burhans.

The cry of the lost world has a right to lie upon our hearts.—Henry Beach.

Our church members are so wearied sometimes from our endless activity that they are like the boy who got a mile's running start to jump a ditch only to learn when he got to the ditch he was too pooped to jump.—M. D. Morton.

Calvary is to become the altar of the world.—Rollin S. Burhans.

Our Southern Baptist seminaries have matured enough to no longer be competitors but co-laborers.—T. B. Maston.

A man's feeling about the rightness of a thing does not always come from the Lord. Enlightenment is needed in addition to enthusiasm, zeal and sincerity.—C. R. Daley.

The pastor is the key to a good stewardship program.—Hankins F. Parker.

I would like tonight to be a pulpit committee for the Far East.—J. Winston Crawley.

Soul winning is the great safeguard against fruitless Christians and dead churches.—Eldred M. Taylor.

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### Sunday School Training Awards

In the October issue of the Sunday School Bulletin for Associational Sunday school workers published by the Sunday School Board of Nashville, the following article by Dr. A. V. Washburn on *The Sunday School Board Record System of Sunday School Training Awards*:

Training Sunday school workers is big business. Last year 813,332 awards were issued.

The great increase in training has resulted from many factors, but certainly one of them is the keeping of accurate records in the churches.

Keeping these records has a threefold value:

1. It will enable the pastor, minister of education, Sunday school superintendent, and superintendent of training to plan a training program to meet the needs of the workers.

2. It will stimulate more training on the part of the workers. When the Sunday school officers and teachers know what books they have had, and when they know that the leaders know what they have had, it is easier to encourage them to take training. One of the important ways of promoting training is to lead the workers to progress from one diploma to the next. This requires the keeping of training records.

3. It will preserve the individual book certificates earned by the workers so that certificates will be available to exchange for the diplomas or seals. When the book certificates are not kept in the church office or in some central file, very often they are misplaced. Three types of record forms are available for use in the churches. Either form will guarantee an accurate record of awards for the workers. Each church will choose the form preferred.

(1) The Sunday School Training File Card (Form 685 at 55c per 100). This card carried the name of the worker and spaces for recording book abbreviations for every book studied, and dates for recording the receipt of various diplomas and seals.

(2) The Sunday School Training File Envelope (Form 685E at \$1.90 per 100). The envelope form carries the same information as the card form, with the added advantage of serving as a container for the individual book certificates until they are returned in exchange for the diplomas and seals.

(3) The Loose-Leaf Sunday School Training Record (Form 690 at \$2.00 per 100). This form has several advantages over the other two. All of the training record is on one side of the sheet, which makes it easy to see at a glance what workers have had and need next. Also on the back of the sheet there is space for a very revealing record of experience in Sunday school work, a talent survey indicating desired service for prospective workers, and other helpful information.

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### Lofton Hudson Establishes Counseling Center

Dr. R. Lofton Hudson has resigned as pastor of the Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of founding the Midwest Christian Counseling Center in Kansas City. The Center is announced as a non-profit corporation operated by a nine-member board of trustees and will officially open January 1, 1958. The Center will be financed by contributions from churches and individuals as well as some fees which will range from \$2.00 to \$25.00 for fifty-minute interviews. Dr. Hudson expresses hope and expectation that the Counseling Center will become one of the great institutions of our country.

Dr. Hudson is the author of the "Counselor's Corner" column which has appeared regularly in the *Western Recorder*.

► James Rose was ordained to the Gospel ministry by Oakton Baptist Church, Clinton, on October 27. Pastor John Adams, Moscow Church, gave the charge to the church, and Pastor William Griggs, Mt. Carmel, gave the charge to the candidate. Kenneth Houchin, pastor of First Church, Clinton, preached the ordination sermon.

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### AS GOD IS FAITHFUL

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Too often there are those who rest their assurance of salvation upon an emotional spasm which passes as quickly as it comes, when the only sure guaranty of our salvation is God's work. Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father who gave them to me is greater than all and no one is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." If Christ does not keep that word, He is not worthy of our trust, much less our love or admiration.

#### God Stronger Than Satan

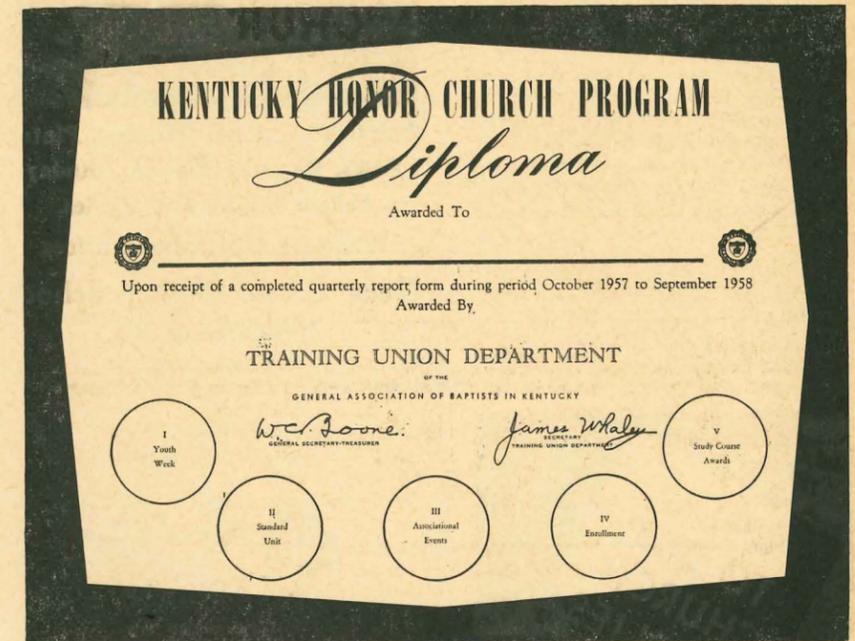
Finally salvation is once and for all, because the *Power of God the Father is the bulwark of our security*. God is either the sovereign of all the universe, or he is not. And if he is sovereign, he is all-powerful and able to accomplish his purpose. The Bible tells us that it is not the will of the Father that anyone should perish; and if this is his desire, then those whom he has called unto himself he is able to save and not one shall ever be lost.

If Satan can steal just one soul from God, then he can steal all; and if he does not, it is simply because he doesn't want us all. The Bible tells us, however, that Satan goeth about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. It is the nature of our adversary to hate with intensity those whom the Father has redeemed and it is his desire to destroy every last soul. Only those who are "kept by the power of God through faith" are saved. If God should allow one soul to be lost, He may possibly allow all to be lost. But God's power is commensurate with his concern and not one of the least of these whom he has redeemed could ever be lost.

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### Watch Night Party

Many churches sponsor a Watch Night Party on the last night of December. A suggestion of this is given in the October, November, December issue of the *Church Recreation Bulletin*. If you as Training Union Director are not receiving the Church Recreation publication, write to the Church Recreation Service, Baptist Sunday School Board and ask to be placed on their mailing list. The bulletin is free.

There are a great many things which we did not have in my Father's household which I thought quite necessary. We were not rich, but we had one thing that made us wealthy beyond words to express. We had a family altar. Usually Father read the Bible at the supper table, and then we would pray around the table. Father would never begin until each one of the children was in his place. Suppose one evening Father should sit down at the table and open the Bible and look around the table at the family circle. There would be Mother and older sister and two older brothers, but the baby boy's chair would be empty. Would he proceed with the Bible reading, prayer and supper? He would not. Before a verse had been read, or a bite had been taken, he would inquire of each of the

### Playlets For Christmas

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members of the family in turn as to the where-abouts of the baby. If none knew, he would say, "Go out and find the boy. We will not eat a bite until he is here."

In Heaven, when God gathers the saints to the marriage feast of the Lamb, he will look all around the family circle and there will be Peter and Paul, James and John, and the roll call of the saints, down through the centuries. Should He discover that just one place was vacant, just one simple soul was not present, He would stop the festivities. He would say to the angels, "Sing not a note." And to the saints, "Not a moment's rejoicing will we have until we have searched the length and breadth and height and depth of this universe and found that one soul and brought him home."

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►Miss Hazeldean Hibbard, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, has

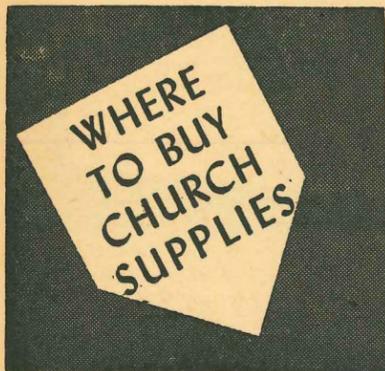


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### THAT I MAY KNOW CHRIST



H. C. Chiles

In this letter to the church which had given him so much joy, Paul went deeply into his own experience. He never ceased to be grateful to the Philippians, who had never faltered in their love for him or in their support of him. To these whom he loved so dearly, Paul revealed his twofold purpose—to know Christ better and to make Him known to others.

#### I. The Setting. Philippians 3:4-6.

If anybody ever had any ground for "confidence in the flesh," Paul did. He formerly trusted in his Jewish descent, legal observances, social standing and moral attainments. Here Paul describes his family, racial and religious background. His early life in Tarsus fitted him to work with the people in the various lands to which he later carried the gospel of Christ. His experiences in Jerusalem, where he studied at the feet of Gamaliel, brought him in contact with all kinds of people from numerous places.

None of the Judaizers could match Paul in legalistic righteousness. His ancestry could be traced back to Jacob. He belonged to the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Hebrew of the Hebrews, strictly adhering to the traditions of his nation. He was a Pharisee and, as such, yielded full loyalty to the law. He was an unexcelled example of Pharisaism. He was sincere and conscientious, earnestly striving to do what he thought was right. He was zealous, moral and blameless before the law. He was the chief of religionists, with none higher than he on the hill of human "goodness," but he was also the chief of sinners, with none lower than he in the pit of ruin. External religion had its most complete embodiment in him, but Paul did not have the joy of salvation.

Instead of accepting the testimony of the scriptures with reference to Christ, Paul clung to the traditions of the fathers, and resisted the pleading of the Holy Spirit as He witnessed to the claims of Christ. He spent much time and energy in fighting against God, persecuting the saints and murdering Christians.

In spite of all his advantages—his superior lineage, his standing in Jewry and his strength of character—he needed to be born again. He had come to the realization that all his glorying was

in vain, and that he was still without peace. His heart was dissatisfied, his spirit was restless, and his soul was in darkness until by grace through faith in Christ he was born again. In the sight of man he had much in which to glory, but in the sight of God he was poverty-stricken.

One day, while Paul was on his way to Damascus, he met Christ and received Him into his heart and life. Thereafter, he had a new standard of values. To him, Christ was superior to anything that could be gained by natural birth or human efforts.

#### II. The Secret. Philippians 3:7-14.

In these verses Paul, the most remarkable Christian of the centuries, tells us the secret of his marvelous life. He had learned from experience that Christ is the only source of acceptable righteousness. He had given up everything in which he had trusted in order to have Christ. After he had come to know the Saviour, everything else lost its importance.

According to these verses, the secret of Paul's great life was four-fold: 1. He was dissatisfied with his attainments.

In the midst of Paul's career, of persecution the loving grasp of Christ had laid hold on him for a definite purpose—to divert his great ability into the right channels and to make a great missionary out of him. Paul yielded to that grasp, gave himself to Christian service, and did many wonderful things for his Lord. As the end of his career was approaching and he thought over what he had done, Paul stated that he was dissatisfied with his attainments for his Lord Who had done so much for him.

2. He was desirous of spiritual achievement.

Although he had not yet attained perfection, he was striving to achieve it. His ruling passion was to get nearer to Christ, to grow in His grace and knowledge, to be more like Him, and to do more and better work for Him. Instead of encouraging self-satisfaction, his achievements served as a stimulus to greater endeavors for Christ.

In our desire for greater spiritual achievements, we, like Paul, should cultivate a wise forgetfulness of everything that tends to limit the audacity of our hopes and the energy of our efforts.

3. He was devoted to a single aim.

He said, "I would lay hold on that for which I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus." He declared that God's purpose in calling and Christ's purpose in redeeming him was his aim in life.

For him, the one thing worth while was to win the ideal set up for him by Christ. From Paul we learn that no life can be very happy, very great, or very useful without a single aim and a strong devotion to it.

4. He was diligent in strenuous activity. When Paul wrote these verses he had the picture of a race in his mind. He knew that distractions were fatal in a race. As he was running the race of life, he had no time nor inclination to look backward. Neither did he turn aside to look at anything else. He stretched toward the object which he was so eager to reach. He strained every nerve to reach the goal and to win the prize. He persisted with strenuous and unceasing activity in bearing down upon the goal.

For each Christian the important thing is to please the Lord. Major Whittle and P. P. Bliss, while engaged in evangelistic work, started for a new field of labor on a very cold night. As they passed from the station toward the train, they reached the gate before which a man stood and said to the hurrying passengers, "Show your tickets." His demand was annoying to many, who loudly expressed their discontent.

When Whittle and Bliss approached, the Major remarked pleasantly to the gateman, "You are not a very popular man with this crowd tonight." "I don't care a cent for this crowd," was the surly reply. "I just want to be popular with one man," referring to his superior.

"Ah, my brother," said Bliss, on entering the train, "that is a lesson for you and me. If we can please God, it doesn't matter much whether we are popular with men or not."

#### III. The Saviour. Philippians 3:20-21.

Christians have a heavenly citizenship. By the grace of God they have been made citizens of heaven with privileges, prospects and opportunities that infinitely surpass anything which earth has to offer. Our heavenly citizenship should be the source of a peculiar joy. The realization and appreciation of it should cause us to live up to the standards of heaven instead of conforming to the standards of this world through which we are passing as pilgrims. How wonderful to be citizens of heaven! The principle is sound, the privileges are delightful, and the prospects are bright.

As citizens of heaven, we have an outlook that is altogether glorious. We have the joy of anticipating the return of our great Saviour, the Lord of glory. Christ is coming back to receive us and take us to the place of our eternal citizenship. There will be a great thrill in seeing Him appear, as well as an amazing delight at being transformed into His likeness. Without this glorious transformation we would not be fit subjects for heaven.

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The fact is, his father lost him! Being too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer his trivial questions during the years when fathers are the only great heroes of the boys, he let go his hold.

Yes, his mother lost him! Being much engrossed in her teas, dinners and club programs, she let the maid hear the boy say his prayers, and thus her grip slipped and the boy was lost to his home.

Aye, the church lost him! Being too much occupied with sermons for the wise and elderly who pay the bills, and having good care for dignity, the minister and elders were unmindful of the human feelings of the boy in the pew and made no provision in sermon or song or manly sport for his boyishness. And so the church and many sad-hearted parents are now looking earnestly for the lost boy.—(Copied)

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►Miss Mary Sue Meuth, Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, has moved from Bandung to Djakarta and may be addressed at Djalan Gunung Sahari VI/36, Djakarta V/2, Indonesia. Miss Meuth is a native of Henderson County and makes her permanent American home in Henderson, Ky.

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Louisville, Beechmont (2)	1,169	26	315
Lou., Beechland (1)	1,105	5	311
Lou., Parkland (1)	994	3	302
Hopkinsville, Second (1)	971	4	273
Lou., St. Matthews	929	6	271
Owensboro, Third	905	—	270
Lou., Victory Memorial (2)	904	3	226
Harrodsburg (2)	866	—	243
Lexington, Grace (2)	847	1	167
Covington, Calvary	757	—	—
Hopkinsville, First (1)	733	—	202
Mayfield, First	711	—	256
Murray, First (1)	707	—	—
Ashland, First (3)	702	—	120
Frankfort, First (1)	687	—	203
Lou., Hively (1)	663	1	178
Lou., Third Avenue (1)	648	2	177
Henderson, Immanuel (2)	626	9	110
Shelbyville, First	568	5	104
Lou., Hazelwood	545	1	132
Prestonsburg, Irene Cole Memorial (13)	540	1	90
Lou., Highland	530	6	159
Lebanon, First (1)	529	—	131
Lou., Eastern Parkway	526	4	108
Lou., 18th St. (1)	521	2	146
Covington, Southside	520	—	110
London, First (1)	520	—	101
Erlanger	516	3	101
Lou., Southside	512	—	122
Paducah, First	500	—	175
Lou., Rockford Lane	500	1	157
Central City, First (1)	496	—	265
Hodgenville, First (1)	485	2	121
Georgetown (3)	482	—	256
Winchester, Central	479	—	115
Lou., Farmdale	478	4	160
Winchester, First	478	—	109
Evansville, Calvary	469	—	197
Cynthiana (1)	468	—	—
Lou., Shawnee	464	1	147
Ft. Thomas, First (1)	452	—	102
Russellville, First (1)	417	—	135
Lou., Immanuel	416	2	139
Lou., Bethany	412	4	100
Bellevue	401	—	85
Owensboro, Hall Street	397	—	199
Florence	386	3	86
Covington, First (2)	384	—	165
LaGrange, DeHaven Mem.	379	—	93
Owensboro, Eaton Mem.	378	—	177
Ashland, Pollard (1)	367	1	78
Greenville, First	366	—	119
Paducah, Twelfth St.	365	3	95
Walton, First	362	1	123
Lou., Baptist Temple (1)	361	—	128
Versailles	358	—	61
Lexington, Felix Mem.	356	—	126

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Many are asking about report books for the new year. They will be mailed to you as soon as we receive them in our office. They will be mailed to the WMU President (if your president has mailed to this office the card of officers, including youth workers) and we hope to have them in the mail by about December 1. We hope to include in the package the quarterly bulletins and the schedule of Associational meetings.

**OUR APOLOGIES**

We sincerely regret our delay in filling your orders for new leaflets. Many of these leaflets are being revised and we cannot fill your orders until we receive our supplies from Birmingham. We will send your materials as soon as they reach us. Please forgive us for the delay.

**GIRLS' AUXILIARY HOUSE PARTIES**

We expect to have full information on the forthcoming GA House Parties on this page in the Western Recorder, December 5. Please use that sheet for your reservations. For your calendar we list places and dates:

- January 24-26—Oneida Institute. Any member of G.A.
- February 14-15—Cumberland College. Maiden or higher.
- February 21-22—Georgetown College. Queen's Court.
- March 7-9—Campbellsville College. Intermediates (Maiden or higher).
- March 14-16—Bethel College. Lady-in-waiting or higher.

**FOR WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL?**

From Brazil a missionary writes, "We had a good mission meeting." She had traveled from a distant lonely station for that period of fellowship, prayer and planning with her fellow missionaries. There they had listed their needs. Together they had talked about them, prayed for guidance in arranging the requests in order according to priority, and hoped that there would be money to supply them all. The missionary continued, "As always there were more requests for funds than money available. Thanks to the enlarging Lottie Moon Offering the gap is much smaller than it used to be. We always feel confident that Southern Baptists will meet the most pressing needs." Will we? That depends on Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Cooperative Program gifts.

**DROPPING A THOUGHT**

Miss Mary Pat Kent, our Youth Secretary says, "Sunbeam Band Workers, wouldn't it be wonderful to have a bus load from Kentucky to attend WMU Week at Ridgcrest next August 7-13, or even better, Glorieta July 17-23! You can see much of Home Missions at work on the Glorieta trip!



# **GIVE! TO FILL EMPTY HANDS WITH GOD'S WORD**

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## **GIVE TO YOUR AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky has adopted resolutions requesting the churches and the people to contribute to the work of the American Bible Society. The Executive Board has suggested the 2nd Sunday in December (Dec. 8, 1957) be observed as American Bible Society Sunday, using materials provided by the Society for Bible Sunday and giving the people an opportunity to make gifts for this work.

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