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To Prepare for an Abundant Harvest, Hundreds of Pastors and Church Leaders Will Attend the Statewide Evangelistic Conference, January 13-15, 1958, at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

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Revivals

►Charles Riggs, a ministerial student at Georgetown College, led a youth revival at Utica Baptist Church, Utica, Ky., during the Thanksgiving holidays.

►Three students of Georgetown College led a youth revival during the Thanksgiving holidays at the Berean Baptist Church of Kansas City, Kansas. Leading the revival were students Charles Miller, evangelist; Bill Curl, song leader; and Lucy Pat Redding, pianist.

►Evangelist Walter K. Price, Danville, Ky., was in revival services with Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Louisville, December 8-15. Pastor Roy L. Puckett reports a fine meeting with 20 professions of faith, 4 by letter and 13 rededications. He commends Evangelist Price to all pastors as very sound doctrinally, and as one of the most fluent speakers he knows.

►A Georgetown College youth team, composed of Carroll Hubbard, Jr., evangelist; Tony Mobley, song leader; Bob Hargrove, pianist; and Larry Petty, soloist, led the Sunday services of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort November 10. Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, Sr., is pastor of the church. The same team also led in a youth revival at the Southside Baptist Church of Covington the weekends of November 30-December 1 and December 6-8. Charles Garriinger is pastor of that church.

Kentucky News

►Post Oak Church, near Russellville, has ordered new seats and pulpit furniture for its new church. The recent flash flood entered their basement, but did very little damage.

►Wallace Adams, Jr., has been licensed to preach by the Twelfth Street Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky. The action of the church took place at the regular business meeting on December 4, 1957. Wallace is a first-year student at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

►Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Southern Baptist missionary to South Brazil, has recently returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed at 2702 McCullough, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Bratcher is the former Artie Porter, native of Caneyville, Ky.; she makes her permanent American home in Louisville, Ky.

►John A. Stevens, of the Ashmore Farm, RFD 2, Bloomfield, Ky., writes us that George Childress, former pastor of the Ninth and O Church of Louisville, Bloomfield, Bethel near Harrodsburg and churches in Cynthiana and Cincinnati, Ohio, has suffered a stroke

on November 6 and is now convalescing at his home, one and a half miles from Bloomfield on the Old Bardstown Road.

►Twelfth Street Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky, Denzil Dukes, pastor, reports remarkable progress in the adoption of a financial policy. Among the new recommendations unanimously adopted were the use of the Forward Program of Church Finance, the calling into service of an accounting committee, the six-point record system and the unified church budget and a budget committee for the preparation of a church budget. An examination of the complete financial policy of the Twelfth Street Church reveals that this church now has the most adequate and satisfactory financial program available.

►Robert A. Sowder was ordained as a minister of the Gospel by the Pine Flat Baptist Church, Suttle, Alabama, where he is pastor. The charge to the candidate was given by Dr. Frank Forward; Dr. W. E. Prout preached the ordination sermon and Dr. Eugene Stockstill offered the ordination prayer. Sowder is a native of Somerset, Ky., the son of Mr. Samuel Sowder, and the late Mrs. Sowder. He was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church, Somerset. He is a graduate of Somerset High School, Georgetown College, and has continued preparation in Southern Seminary. Last June he married Miss Anne Adams, daughter of Mrs. J. McKee Adams, Louisville, and the late, lamented Professor J. McKee Adams.

Pastoral Changes

►Dripping Springs Church, Bethel Association, has called Shirley DeBell as its pastor. He is from Salyersville.

►Frank Parham, Nashville, Tenn., has been called to be pastor of the Barbe Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., and he has accepted. His family will soon move to Franklin.

►Ray H. Dean, Springfield R. 5, Tennessee, has accepted the work at Williams Chapel Baptist Church, Robertson County Association in Tennessee. He was for fourteen years in Kentucky—nine years at Central City, two in Cave City, and three at Middleton, in Simpson County. He has been doing supply work for the last two years. Williams Chapel is only two miles from the Kentucky state line. He and his family own a home (a farm) near the church. He extends his greetings to his friends in Kentucky.

►Thomas Howard Kingston, a Kentuckian who has been pastor for some years at Mann, W. Va., and more recently of the Starcher Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va., has been called to

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be pastor of the First Baptist Church, Maysville, Ky. In 1932 he organized the Central Baptist Church of Maysville, and was its first pastor for some years before going to West Virginia. At the First Church he is succeeding Thomas A. Thacker, now pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. Mr. Kingston grew up in the Weaver Memorial Church, Louisville, under the late Dr. Robert H. Tandy. He was graduated from Bethel College at Russellville, Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He will begin his new work the first of the new year.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ARE UNINFORMED ABOUT PIONEER MISSION FIELDS

By KEN HAYES, Pastor
Broadman Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Every week thousands of people are moving from the south into the industrial north and east and the rapidly developing west. Many hundreds of these are Southern Baptists. What happens to these Baptists when they move from states where the work is well established into areas where our work is still in the pioneer stages? Hundreds of them are lost to usefulness as far as our denomination is concerned. Some join other denominations while others remain unaffiliated with any church. Why are they lost to us? Primarily because our pastors and other leaders have not taken the trouble to become informed about this part of our work.

PRESENCE OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST WORK NOT KNOWN

We are wasting valuable leadership in the pioneer fields because of lack of knowledge. Over and over in visitation I talk with southerners who have not been told that there are Southern Baptist churches here. In discussing this with other pastors I have found this to be a common problem. Some of these, your members, we catch in time to salvage. Many others have joined other groups before we reach them, or have grown so cold no one can reach them. A large number of these cross over denominational lines in order to try to satisfy their spiritual hunger.

The reason for this unenlightenment on the part of our people is obvious. Our pastors are uninformed on this vital issue. In talking with pastors throughout our convention territory, I have found that they are surprised to learn of work north of the Ohio River. The conversation usually goes like this:

"Where are you pastor?" they ask me.

"In the Akron area."

"Ohio?"

"Yes."

"Northern Baptist?" (They have not heard that this was changed to American Baptist several years ago.)

"No, Southern Baptist."

"In Ohio? You must be the only one up there."

"No, there are over 1,000 Southern Baptist churches north of the Ohio River."

There is no excuse for such ignorance. These people need to be told that we have publications such as "Home Missions," "The Baptist Program," and "The Southern Baptist Convention An-

nual" which point out very clearly our work in pioneer areas.

It is my conviction that as pastors and leaders we should make it our business to know what our denomination is doing and then inform our people. Your people need to know that we have work in all the states except New England. They ought to be told that when they move into the pioneer areas the churches will not have large memberships with fine buildings. Tell them to look for us in school buildings, store fronts, warehouses, union halls and such like so they will not pass us by. But tell them also that when we bear the name Southern Baptist we proclaim the same gospel, follow the same program, and govern our churches the same as the churches back home.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF BAPTISTS

The people should be told of other Baptist churches in the pioneer areas, and how Southern Baptists are distinct. There are at least five different kinds of Baptists in our area: (1) American Baptists, many of them having pastors trained at the expense of Southern Baptists but in some instances doing all they can to keep us out (we feel as welcome in the north as Sherman was in Georgia); (2) General Association of Regular Baptists, who might be characterized as having a lot of enthusiasm but very little program; (3) Non-co-operating Baptists, who want nothing to do with anyone; (4) Billington Baptists, with their Baptist Temples patterned after Dallas Billington's in Akron scattered over much of the state (they make a pitch for Southern people by claiming to be Southern Baptists, when in reality they are a long way from our understanding of the New Testament and our program of work); (5) and Southern Baptists.

Southern Baptists are distinct from these groups in our proclamation of the gospel message, in our church-centered mission program, in our co-operative effort toward the evangelization of the world, in our adherence to the Scriptures on proper baptism, in having a democratic form of church government, and in our belief in the autonomy of the local church.

In spite of the many kinds of Baptists, in many areas the ratio of churches (Baptist churches) to population is still only one to thirty thousand.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PASTORS

Pastors ought to feel their pastoral responsibility for people who move from the state until they are properly

related to another Southern Baptist church. We ought to care enough for the spiritual welfare of our church members to do our part in helping them find a new church home. We can tell them Southern Baptist churches are in the locality to which they are moving. We can teach them the distinctive elements in a Southern Baptist church so that they will want to find one of our churches. We can show them the wonderful missionary opportunities awaiting them in the pioneer areas. There is still another thing that we can do as pastors. We can send the name and address of that family to the Executive Secretary in the respective state. These men are concerned about people. They will forward this information on to the proper church.

As pastors and leaders in a state like Kentucky you can be a tremendous help to the work here if you will only take the time and effort to give the facts to your people and then be concerned about them enough to help them get affiliated with the right church when and if they move from your area. Some of these people will be moving back one of these days. If we do not keep them related to a Southern Baptist church while they are gone, they might join another church across the street from you when they return.

Plane Crash Kills Missionary

John S. Oliver, 34, Southern Baptist missionary, died in a plane crash Saturday, November 30, near Teresina, in the state of Piaui, Brazil, according to information which the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has received by cable from other missionaries serving in that area.

The cable gave no details; but the Board presumes Mr. Oliver was piloting its light plane, a gift of the Holloway Street Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., which he had been using in field work in north Piaui.

Appointed for mission service in 1950, Mr. Oliver spent a year in language study in Campinas, Brazil, and directed a Baptist primary school in Teresina, before taking up the work of field evangelism.

He received his pilot's training while serving in the U. S. Air Force. An ordained minister, he served pastorates in Oklahoma before becoming a missionary.

A native of Moore County, North Carolina, he received the bachelor of arts degree from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He is survived by his widow, the former Virginia Winters, native of Leslie, Ark., and three daughters, Alice, 10; Anna, seven; and Rebecca, six weeks.

Daley Observations



C. R. Daley

The saying "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow" is no truer anywhere than when applied to Southern Baptists. How little the acorn once was and when it first sprouted might not yet be finally settled even with the help of volumes of annual and doctrinal sermons but that Southern Baptists are a mighty oak in this day can hardly be doubted by anyone. And the future looks even brighter through our use of statistics to predict the days ahead.

A prominent leader of another denomination is reported to have said recently that according to Baptist reports of growth, in the not too distant future there will be more Baptists than people in the U. S. We might be pleased upon hearing such a statement but I doubt that it was meant for a compliment.

The magnitude of Southern Baptists and their world missionary enterprise can be seen nowhere more vividly than in the deliberations and actions of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention which met recently in Nashville. This committee is composed of less than fifty members from the states of the convention and acts for the convention between sessions much as the Executive Board of Kentucky Baptists does for us between General Association and as the Associational Executive Board does in the District Association. Kentucky is ably represented on this very important committee by Philip Wilson, Glasgow layman; Frank Norfleet, pastor, Immanuel Baptist, Paducah; and E. N. Wilkinson, pastor, Parkland Baptist, Louisville. Kentucky is especially honored in that Dr. Wilkinson is secretary of the Executive Committee.

Several things which took place in the December meeting indicate its importance and the magnitude of Southern Baptists. A fuller report of the Committee action is included elsewhere in this issue and should be carefully studied by every Baptist for the recommendations of this committee will very likely be adopted by the whole convention in session next spring and will thus become the program for Southern Baptists.

It was a high moment for me when Committee Chairman Homer Lindsay, Jacksonville, Florida, called to the front Dr. Baker James Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board and presented him a check for more than \$554,000 which was the Advanced World Mission share of the Southern Baptist budget for only the first ten days of October. According to our plan of operation in 1937 all Southwide Cooperative Program receipts above \$11,000,000 go 75 per cent to Foreign Missions and 25 per cent to Home Missions and since October 9 when the \$11,000,000 was passed, all money has been thus divided. Though it might not go nearly far enough, \$554,000 for 10 days and around \$3,000,000 total for the 83 days from October 9 to December 31 to one board of our Southern Baptist Convention is big business. This of course

is in addition to the regular 1957 Foreign Mission Board operating allowance of \$3,950,000 and \$600,000 capital needs allotment. The Home Missions part of October 1-10 was a little over \$172,000.

Another interesting Executive Committee responsibility is the preparation for the S. B. C. budget for 1959 to be recommended to the Convention next May. This is done mainly by the Appropriations Committee, a sub-committee of the Executive Committee. The anticipated pie to be sliced is \$17,500,000 and the head of every board, agency and institution is on hand to present his particular need. Each board secretary, agency head and seminary president appears before this small group of men to plead for his just slice of the pie. Understandably there is always more hunger than pie since many of our causes are hard-pressed financially.

This is a far cry from early days of Baptists when these leaders went to the congregations with direct and personal appeals for offerings. And this is a far better way and usually makes for fairer distribution. We must always be aware, however, of how much responsibility rests upon only several men whose decisions generally become the spending policy of nearly 9,000,000 Baptists. They must be unimpeachable, unpurchasable, and above prejudice or favoritism—in short, they must be nothing less than Holy Spirit controlled. One little in spirit, no matter how big in voice, has no place here. We ought to thank God for such men as we have in these places and ever pray for them.

From time to time I'll be sharing more of the inner workings of Southern Baptists with you. I have a conviction that all Baptists must be better informed if we are to continue to exercise our historic place in Kingdom work. Let me sound a note of warning passed on by Convention President Brooks Hays in a stirring address to those present for the Executive Committee meeting. Quoting the late George W. Truett who said he was once asked to "pray for a young man getting rich very fast," Congressman Hays said Southern Baptists need to "pray for a denomination that is getting rich very fast." So right, Mr. Congressman.

Southern Baptists have reason to be grateful to God for the prospect of a \$17,500,000 budget in 1959, over 9,000,000 Baptists in 1958 and a prospect for 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964 but we should never presume that huge budgets and big numbers automatically indicate God's sanction. If so, the Roman Catholics are God's favorites and likely will always be. Even the Baptist Forward Program of Church Finance will never match Catholic carnivals, bingo and collections of priests who control heaven, hell and purgatory with their prayers. Neither will our World Baptist Year of Evangelism in 1959 likely let us overtake the Romans since we only count those who profess to be twice-born (conversion) while they count all who are first-born (natural birth) and are greatly aided by a strong religious sanction against any form of artificial birth control. The race of budgets and numbers is a bad one for Baptists to get in with the Romans for their methods will provide memberships, hospitals, chil-

dren's homes, schools and churches in places we only dream of.

When it comes to acorns and oaks, we might do better to think of the kind of oak rather than the size and be sure it produces acorns like it sprang from.

Ministerial Sacrifice

The First Church, Greenville, Ky., used December to observe the fifth anniversary of Pastor Robert Martin and also to celebrate the completion of educational space and a redecorated sanctuary. To preach to large and attentive morning and evening congregations on December 8 in the beautiful Greenville sanctuary was a grand experience. It would be difficult to find a sanctuary more worshipful and a church with more progress in five years than Greenville under Bob Martin's leadership.

Typical of Greenville laymen leadership is Bro. T. L. Jones who spoke at an Adult Assembly. He last missed Sunday School the second Sunday in December, 1924, to be with a sick sister. With thirty-

Western Recorder, since we have been in a pastorate here in Ohio. Southern Baptists are so "few and far between" up here. Nevertheless, the Southern Baptist work in Ohio is very challenging. Almost half the population of this city does not attend church.

The Immanuel Baptist Church, of which my husband is pastor, was constituted only November 24, 1957, and is growing rapidly and the Lord is working in a great way through the members. We have never before seen people so willing to go out and visit and witness to the lost, sick and unchurched. Ours is the only Southern Baptist church within miles.

We need your prayers and we shall not forget you in your great efforts for Him.

Mrs. Charles Mitchell
Washington C. H., Ohio

[Charles Mitchell formerly served as pastor of the Buckner Mission of DeHaven Memorial Church, LaGrange.—Ed.]

BRITISH VISITOR COMMENDED

Editor:

It is a pleasure to commend the Rev. A. Stuart Arnold BA, BD, to our churches in the United States. After successful pastorates, the last of which was at our flourishing church at Rushden, Northamptonshire, he has been appointed Young People's Secretary to the Baptist Missionary Society. In this capacity he will be attending the Fifth Baptist Youth World Congress in Toronto. Both by personality and preaching gifts he will commend himself to our friends in the United States.

London, England F. Townley Lord

[Stuart Arnold will be in Kentucky June 15-22, 1958 and available for use by Kentucky churches and other groups on the two Sundays, June 15 and 22,

and the week days between. Arrangements for his services can be made through Prof. O. R. Corey, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.—Ed.]

YOUTH LOOKS AT SPUTNIK

Editor:

Last fall Gay Felty, my closest friend, moved to Mississippi. Her son, Johnny, is a freshman in Campbellsville College. When she came to say goodbye, Gay left with these words, "Be sure to write Johnny."

Gay gave our daughter her only vacation two different summers, when Libby Ree visited the Feltys in Ashland, so it was a pleasure to write Johnny. The first letter asked his opinion of Sputnik. Following is that part of his reply:

"You asked my opinion of Sputnik, Aunt Wilma. If America would put a little more of her efforts, time and money into scientific research, instead of trying to make better whiskey, inventing new types of filter cigarettes, building big, new and different cars every year, and manufacturing so many 'get-out-of-work' gadgets, she could be far ahead of Sputnik. Indeed, America does need to wake up!"

Not bad from an eighteen-year-old.
Tollesboro, Ky. Wilma May

►John D. Freeman, Nashville, Tenn., did the preaching, basing his messages upon his book, *More Than Money*, in a Stewardship Meeting at the Pleasant Grove Church, Wilkes County, N. C., November 17-24, resulting in more than 100 decisions. Eight were added by baptism, two by letter, a rift in fellowship was healed, some forty tithers renewed their covenant to tithes, and sixty others pledged to make the tithes the starting point in their giving. Sam O'Neal, a student in Southeastern Seminary, is pastor.

What's Your Question?

Question: What is the Unified Budget which so many churches seem to be adopting?

Answer: A Unified Budget is just what it sounds like. First, the church decides to try to anticipate its spending needs and plans a budget accordingly. So much is planned for literature, pastor's salary, missions, etc. Next, all funds are put into one treasury which makes it unified. There are no separate Sunday School treasurer, church treasurer, etc. The members make one contribution each Lord's Day which goes into the one treasury whether it is given in Sunday School, Worship service or elsewhere and all checks of the church are made out and signed by one treasurer who should give a full report each month to the church in business meeting.

I once visited a church where there were four separate treasuries each one kept in the pocket of different treasurers without any church bank account. The Unified Budget would be well worth consideration by such a church. Incidentally six point record envelopes are generally used with the Unified Budget and I've never heard of an instance where this plan did not result in increased offerings.

KENTUCKIANS IN OHIO

Editor:

I just wanted to tell you that my husband and I look forward more than ever to the coming of each issue of the

Youthful Kentucky Music Ministry Measures High

In its very first year of organized work the Kentucky Baptist music ministry finds itself in some leading positions in the Southern Baptist Convention music picture.

The top 25 associations in the entire Southern Baptist Convention with the largest number of music awards earned during 1957 includes Long Run Baptist Association, with a total of 246 awards earned during the year.

Among the 25 churches, nation-wide, with the highest number of music awards earned in the year, the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green is found with its fine record of 82 awards.

Youthful Kentucky was thirteenth among the 24 states in the Convention in total number of music awards earned in 1957, our number having reached 1,193. There were 117 churches who had at least one music award earned by one of their members; 32 associations had at least one member of one of its churches in the list of earned music awards recipients.

This year the record should be even better.—Eugene A. Quinn.



GEORGETOWN COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKE WHO'S WHO. — Nineteen Georgetown College seniors have been elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." Front Row (left to right)—Phoeba Baker, Louisville; Sue Arnold, Madisonville; Martha Banta, Louisville; Marylynn Field, Louisville; Mildred Cutshaw, Georgetown; Second Row—Becky Slover, Louisville; Mildred Lacefield, Midway; Mary Ann Munford, Frankfort; Rose Marie Baisch, Louisville; Margaret Kort, Jerusalem, Jordan; Third Row—Glenn Johnson, Frankfort; Wanda Copes, Berry; Rachael Nickell, Beaver Dam; Wally Montgomery, Midway; Top Row—Don Tarter, Somerset; Chuck Kutscher, Harvey, Illinois; James Richards, Paducah; and Billy Webster, Stamping Ground. Not shown in the picture is Bob Bratton, Winchester.

State's Gifts to SBS Run Ahead of 1956

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Cooperative Program and designated gifts forwarded from Kentucky to the Southern Baptist Convention through November 30 are running ahead of the first 11 months of 1956, according to SBC Treasurer Porter Routh.

The state's total Cooperative Program gifts to work of the Southern Baptist Convention at large totalled \$593,061 through November compared with \$550,000 at the same time last year.

Designations from Kentucky were \$333,313 compared with \$318,697 through November, 1956.

Routh reported that Convention Cooperative Program receipts for January-November amounted to \$12,945,477. Gifts for November were \$1,309,355. All Cooperative Program gifts since early October—when the basic SBC budget of \$11,000,000 was attained—have been divided 75 per cent to foreign missions and 25 per cent to home missions.

Total Cooperative Program gifts through November, 1956, were \$12,075,770. Gifts this year mark a 7.2 per cent increase over the 12-month span.

Designated offerings for the year totalled \$8,491,222 compared with \$7,613,872 a year ago. This is an 11.52 per cent rise. Totals of Cooperative Program and designations reached \$21,436,700 compared with \$19,689,642, an increase of 8.87 per cent.

During November, the SBC treasurer's office disbursed \$982,016 to the Foreign Mission Board from Cooperative Program receipts and \$107,244 in designations. The Foreign Mission Board has received \$12,482,016 so far in 1957.

The Home Mission Board's November, disbursement was \$327,338 through the Cooperative Program and \$15,053 in designations. For the year so far, the Home Mission Board has received a total of \$3,939,951.

For the month of November, 1957, Kentucky contributed \$57,860 through the Cooperative Program to SBC work and \$6,508 in special designations. This made a total of \$64,368, and placed the state ninth among those in the SBC.

Warren Will Direct SBC 30,000 Movement

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — (BP) — C. C. Warren, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been called by the SBC Home Mission and Sunday School Boards to direct a movement to establish 30,000 new SBC churches and missions.

He has announced his resignation as pastor of First Baptist Church here to assume his new duties January 1. He will continue residence in Charlotte.

In his first address as president of the Convention—at Kansas City in May, 1956—Warren challenged Southern Baptists to start 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964, when Baptists in North America celebrate the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on a national scale.

His challenge was accepted by the Convention, and for two years plans have been made to reach this goal.

While Warren will work under the joint direction of the Sunday School and Home Mission Boards he will also work with other Convention boards and agencies in this movement.

Warren will remain as a member of the Baptist Jubilee Committee, and chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Jubilee Advance Committee, both of which concern goals to be reached by the Jubilee Year, 1964.

►John Buford Cobb, Jr., was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Finchville Church, near Shelbyville, November 24. A graduate of Georgetown College, he is now attending Southern Seminary and has just been called to be pastor of the Finchville Church. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Eminence.

Forward Program Successful In Early Reports

By Thomas B. Chaney, Director

Early reports, from twelve Kentucky Churches who have just completed the FORWARD PROGRAM of Church Finance, indicate unusual results were obtained.

The budgets in the twelve churches were increased over a quarter of a million dollars; gifts through the Cooperative Program increased 35.3%. The amount pledged was more than double the amount last year, and the number of tithers and pledgers were almost doubled over last year.

The budgets were increased from \$802,300.00 in 1957 to \$1,059,374.00 for 1958, which is an increase of \$227,071.00 or 21.4%.

The Cooperative Program will share more worthily in the budgets of these churches during 1958. Gifts through the Cooperative Program were increased from \$153,675.00 to \$237,794.00 which is an increase of \$84,119.00 or 35.3%.

On a percentage basis the Cooperative Program gifts were raised 3.3% over last year.

The Bullitt Lick Baptist Church, near Shepherdsville, Kentucky, is the first Rural Church in Kentucky to report use of the FORWARD PROGRAM. With a resident membership of approximately two hundred and a budget last year of \$14,458.00 their 1958 budget was set at \$20,000.00. The number of pledges increased nearly three times that of last year, and the number of tithers more than doubled.

The pastor, Odell Leigh, reports other notable results of the Program: (1) The church began using offering envelopes for the first time; (2) During the first month after the Campaign, offerings increased \$62.63 per Sunday, over last year; (3) On the third Sunday after the Campaign the church gave more than the weekly amount required to meet its new budget; (4) The church began a new Mission during the closing days of the Program; (5) The new budget is 3½ times as large as it was five years ago.

The First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Dr. John Huffman, pastor, reports the largest budget increase to date. The 1957 budget is \$124,000.00 and the 1958 budget goal is \$167,944.00.

Percentage-wise Lyndon Baptist Church reported the largest increase in Cooperative Program giving. Their 1957 goal was 18.7%, the 1958 goal is 28% of all undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program. Bethany Church, Louisville, is second in percentage increase through the Cooperative Program, their increase is from 12% to 20% through the Cooperative Program.

Other churches included in the early reports, all located in Long Run As-

Students From 49 Nations Consider Christianity

One of the most unique and interesting meetings in which Baptists have any part is the International Student Retreat. This meeting sponsored by the Baptist Student Union brings together students from many nations and many religions to become acquainted with one another and to study the teachings of Christ. The idea for these Retreats originated in Kentucky and the first meeting was in 1955 at Mammoth Cave. Generally two adjoining states sponsor a retreat as in the case of Kentucky and Tennessee whose meeting this year was at Kentucky Dam Village. Other states have begun similar projects.

The 1957 Kentucky-Tennessee Retreat had an attendance of 203 for the three days, November 28-30, and 171 of those attending were from other nations. Forty-nine different nations were represented including such faraway places as Turkey, Nigeria, Iraq, Iran, Hungary, Jordan, Korea and Formosa.

The students represented fourteen different religions of the world including such large world religions as Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism as well as smaller religions as Zoroastrianism, Sikhism, and the Drews. Fifteen of the students were professed atheists.

The program was under the direction of J. Chester Durham, Student Secre-

sociation, are: Carlisle Avenue; Clifton; East Audubon; First, Middletown; First Southern, Clarksville; Rockford Lane; Southside; and St. Matthews.



SOUTHSIDE BECOMES A CHURCH IN MIDDLESBORO. — The Southside Baptist Mission, arm of the First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, was organized into a Baptist church October 13, 1957. The organization came as a result of the combined efforts of four Baptist ministers and their churches through a city-wide tent revival held in July. Participating ministers were A. C. Walker, First Baptist Church; Fern D. Robinson, Old Yellow Creek Baptist Church; W. B. Bingham, Binghamtown Baptist Church; and Damon Patterson, East Cumberland Avenue. The body was organized with 38 charter members, and they now have 55 members, with 115 enrolled in Sunday School; 65 in Training Union, and a growing WMU. The church is now seeking a suitable building site on which to erect its new church structure. Seal Janeway, Middlesboro, has been elected to serve as pastor.

tary of Kentucky and Charles M. Roselle, Tennessee Student Secretary. Outstanding program personalities included Dr. Paul Geren, Vice President of Baylor University, Dr. George Schweitzer, nuclear scientist of the University of Tennessee, Dr. Frank Stagg, New Testament professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Glenn Yarbrough, Director of Religious Activities, Georgetown College and Miss Johnni Johnson, editor of Mission Study Literature, Baptist Foreign Mission Board.—(Editor)

Mississippi To Have New Missions Secretary

JACKSON, Miss. — (BP) — Gordon Sansing, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church here, will be the new secretary of the department of co-operative missions for Mississippi Baptist Convention.

He takes the new post December 15.

►Pastor George W. Smith, Jr., has been at North Side Church, Science Hill, Ky., 20 months, and in that time a \$40,000 building has been erected to take the place of the old store building. Organized in 1951, the church in six years has constructed a modern parsonage and church building. The church started a mission at Ringold, Ky., in November, 1956, which now has been organized into a church with 24 members and an average of 40 in Sunday School. W. K. Wood recently helped them in a revival.

S. B. C. PRESIDENT BROOKS HAYS DECLARES SCIENCE IS NOT ENOUGH

Seventeen and a Half Million Budget, Convention Sessions and Sites, the Seminary Plans also Receive Consideration by S.B.C. Executive Committee.

In an address to the December meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Convention President Brooks Hays declared that despite "recent successes in the missile field" which "should spur our own endeavors, all Christians know that science is not sufficient." The Executive Committee which met in Nashville on December 11-12 gave attention to a variety of other important matters such as a \$17,500,000 1959 S. B. C. budget to be recommended to the 1958 Convention, the matter of a longer meeting time for the Convention, building plans at several seminaries and expanded service of the Baptist Press. The following is a report of the principal transactions of the Committee as reported by the Baptist Press:

PROPOSED BUDGET IS \$17,500,000

The recommended Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget for 1959 is \$17,500,000, which is \$1,000,000 greater than the budget for 1958.

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee has approved the 1959 budget and will recommend it to the Convention proper next May in Houston.

The 1959 budget includes \$15,000,000 to meet the needs of Southern Baptist boards, commissions, seminaries, and operating expenses. This is \$2,000,000 higher than the 1958 amount.

Three of the major differences between the 1958 and 1959 budgets concern funds for the Foreign Mission Board, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, and Midwestern Baptist Seminary.

The Foreign Mission Board operating budget for 1958 is \$5,085,250. Its proposed operating budget for 1959 is about \$400,000 greater. However, the proposed amount for foreign mission capital needs in 1959 is \$400,000, which is only two-thirds of the capital needs allotment for 1958.

The capital needs allotment for Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., would be increased to \$2,000,000 in 1959, under the proposed budget. Its capital needs allotment for 1958 is \$1,256,433.

The California seminary is building a new campus on Strawberry Point across Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. It is also across San Francisco Bay from the present location.

Midwestern Baptist Seminary is Southern Baptists' new seminary, loca-

ted in Kansas City, Mo. For 1958, it has been allocated only an operating budget of \$110,000.

For 1959, the proposed allocations would be \$192,500 for operations and \$200,000 to meet capital needs.

LONGER CONVENTION PROPOSED

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee approved a recommendation that future sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention open on Tuesday night and close on Friday night, with sessions each afternoon except Wednesday.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, who presented the recommendation, said that "abbreviated Convention programs do not allow adequate consideration of business before the Convention."

The plan also is that the Convention not meet in any city in which there

is "a considerable distance" between the hotels and Convention meeting hall.

Hobbs was asked if in Chicago, site of the last annual session, there was too much distance between hotels and the auditorium. He replied, "In Chicago, there was a considerable distance."

FOUR CITIES QUALIFIED FOR 1961 CONVENTION

Four cities which have invited the 1961 session of the Southern Convention are qualified to accommodate it.

The cities are Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, and St. Louis. Los Angeles is qualified only on condition that a sports arena with a 16,000-seating capacity is completed in time.

Several factors enter into qualifications. They include adequate hotel space to accommodate about 10,000 to 12,000 persons coming from out-of-town points. The other factors are about the meeting place. It must have enough seats for attendance which averages 12,500 to 15,000 and the auditorium must be close to hotels at which Conventioners are staying.

Of the four qualified sites, only one has been the site of a Convention session in recent years—St. Louis in 1954.



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The Convention met once in Dallas, in 1894. It has never met in Detroit or Los Angeles. Its only meeting in the Far West was in San Francisco in 1951.

Detroit recently became a potential Convention site with the organization of the Michigan Baptist Convention with offices in that city.

Convention sites through 1960 have been picked—Houston in '58, Louisville in '59, and Miami Beach in '60.

The Convention session at Houston will decide on the site of the 1961 meeting. It does not necessarily have to select one of the four cities mentioned.

PLAN MADE TO ROTATE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

The committee which plans the order of business for the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention will have a continuing membership in the future, if present plans are adopted.

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee approved a plan by which members of the Committee on Order of Business will serve three-year terms on a rotating basis. The Executive Committee's recommendation now goes to the Convention itself for a final decision.

The present Committee on Order of Business is appointed from year to year, so that the membership of the committee is entirely new each year.

The plan approved by the Executive Committee is for the Committee on Order of Business to have seven members—the president of the Convention and six others. Of the six others, two would be laymen. The six would be elected for three-year terms.

The change from the present procedure would be such that two of the six members rotate off the committee each year. The change-over also provides that some of the members of the 1958 Committee on Order of Business be carried over to help plan the 1959 session.

MIDWESTERN TO CLOSE DEAL FOR CAMPUS SITE

Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Seminary plan to close a deal for "highly desirable" property in Kansas City, Mo., which will be the new seminary's campus.

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee instructed the Southern Baptist Foundation to lend the seminary \$60,-625 interest free out of the Southern Baptist Convention reserve fund. This money will be used as a down payment on the property.

The total cost of the property is \$252,500, trustees told the Executive Committee. They said the property is across the river north of downtown Kansas City at the junction of two federal trunk highways.

Midwestern Seminary plans to open to students in the fall of 1958, meeting in buildings of Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City.

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY PLANS APARTMENT UNIT

Southeastern Baptist Seminary wants to postpone its final, \$200,000 payment for its campus so that it can build student apartments.

The seminary is buying the campus and buildings of Wake Forest College which has moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Final payment will be made January 1, 1961 if the Southern Baptist Convention approves the deferment. It has already been approved by the SBC Executive Committee and will be recommended to the Convention.

The debt is to Wake Forest College. The deferment will still permit final payment within the time limit of the contract between the seminary and the college.

BAPTIST PRESS TO EXPAND SERVICES

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee has approved expansion of Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist Convention news service.

The Committee authorized Baptist Press to establish, as soon as possible, news contacts or correspondents in "important Baptist centers especially where existing news-gathering facilities do not meet Baptist Press needs."

It also authorized Baptist Press to establish on a co-operative and experimental basis an office in Washington, D. C. The only expense to Baptist Press of the Washington office would be in providing stationery and mailing supplies.

W. Barry Garrett, who joins the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs there as associate director on January 1, would function as a regional editor for the Baptist Press.

Garrett has been serving as editor of the Baptist Beacon, Arizona Baptist weekly newspaper which is a member paper of Baptist Press.

If the co-operative experiment in Washington proves successful, Baptist Press is authorized to look into the possibility of establishing similar regional offices in other cities.

SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER SURVEY REPORT

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee plans to hold a special meeting January 23-24 to discuss further proposed changes in the Executive Committee's functions.

The changes have been proposed by the Southern Baptist Committee to Study Total SBC Program.

Members of the Executive Committee heard proposed changes outlined at their December session here by H. L. Wilsey, a representative of the management consultants, Booz, Allen and Hamilton of Chicago. This firm is working with the Convention Committee.

After listening to the proposed changes members of the Executive Committee said they felt they needed time to study the firm's proposals before discussing them.

One of the major suggested changes was organization of a new Southern Baptist Commission on Stewardship and Promotion. The Commission on Stewardship and Promotion would handle stewardship promotion functions now in the hands of the Executive Committee.



Larry McCoy, senior at Georgetown College, has accepted the position of minister of music at Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, where he is to be associated with Pastor Roy Lyons.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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The Place of New Sunday Schools in Evangelism

It has been reported that new churches baptize one person for every eight church members while the ratio of all churches is about one to twenty. The Sunday school enrolment in new churches averages 130 for every 100 church members while in all Baptist churches the Sunday school enrolment stands at 78 for every 100 church members.

The ratio of one baptism for every eight church members should serve as an incentive in the establishment of new Sunday schools. To serve as an example—the Enterprise Association in Kentucky is cited. The 1956 minutes show 33 churches with 38 missions. The ratio of baptism for that year was 1-11. The Irene Cole Memorial Church of that association reported 557 members with 117 baptisms or a ratio of approximately 1 to 4½. Twelve missions are conducted by that church which accounts for the large number of baptisms.

It is a well known fact that if the multitudes are to be reached and great numbers baptized many new Sunday schools must be started.

In relation to starting new work and using new Sunday schools to win lost people some imperatives are faced.

1. Places for new Sunday schools must be spotted. The associational organization may be used. Interested pastors and Sunday school people may also assist in finding places where new Sunday schools may be started. New churches may not result in every case, however, in many situations new churches will be established.

Committee Asks Policy Rather Than Tradition

NASHVILLE — (BP) — By tradition, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed the man to direct the music at the annual Convention session.

A recommendation of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee is that this become an official, written policy of the Convention. It will recommend the change to the Convention for adoption.

Convention leaders pointed out that the tradition is now followed as if it were a written policy, but that they felt the matter important enough to be made a policy in the future.

2. For the greatest evangelistic results to be realized ample provisions should be made to support the new work. This would include locating an adequate place of meeting, supplying literature and other necessary provisions and sufficient number of qualified workers. Material and spiritual support are imperative.

3. A constructive program of soul winning must be conducted. A complete census will be included in such a program. A census will reveal the urgency of evangelism and thus the justification of the new work. Officers and teachers must feel the "pull of the people." Bible teaching is imperative and fruitful. Up-to-date teaching methods which centers on the individual and his relationship to God results in souls won to Christ. Special soul winning efforts will also be provided in the form of revival meetings.

4. New work must be properly supervised. A full church program should be conducted as soon as advisable. By proper direction new Sunday schools will continue to be evangelistic. For evangelism to be most effective it must go beyond winning people to Christ. Indoctrination, spiritual fervor, and a sense of loyalty must be experienced by the newly converted person. This requires an adequate training program which should be developed in each Sunday school.

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►Earl Northern has moved to Trenton, where he is the new pastor.

►The Rosedale Church, Richmond, experienced a revival in the preaching of John S. Gaines, Milton, Kentucky during November.

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Greensburg Pastor Called to Franklin



J. V. Case, Jr.

J. V. Case, Jr., pastor of the Greensburg Baptist Church for 4½ years, had accepted the call of the Franklin Baptist Church. Born in Mercer County, Mr. Case received his training at the University of Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Pastoral experience includes four years at the Junction City Baptist Church, Junction City, Kentucky, and nine years at Rose Hill, North Carolina, in addition to the Greensburg pastorate. Mr. Case has had wide denominational experience serving as trustee of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, moderator of the Russell Creek Association in Kentucky, as a member of the Board of Managers of the Western Recorder, and as member of both the Executive Board and Executive Committee of Kentucky Baptists. At present he is chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Executive Board, one of the most responsible positions among Baptists.

Mr. Case is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Case, Sr., of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and is married to the former Josephine Grant of Burlington, Kentucky. The Cases have one son, Gerald. Mr. Case assumed his responsibilities at the Franklin church January 1, 1958 and succeeded Bailey F. Davis, now of Amherst, Virginia.



Charles Saylor, Georgetown College student, who was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Trinity Baptist Church, Paducah, on December 1. He is now pastor of the Short Creek Church, near Falmouth.

TRAINING UNION

JAMES WHALEY, Secretary

Standard Unions

We are again happy to offer congratulations to two unions in **East Baptist Church, West Union Association:** The Adult Union—All Out for Christ Union—Department No. I.

The Junior Union—Shining Light Union

Both of these unions have been standard for every quarter this year. Congratulations are in order especially to Mr. Charles E. Lynn, the president of the Adult Union and to Mrs. C. L. Vick, the leader of the Junior Union.

Also, **Second Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association,** has several standard unions:

Quarter ending: September 30

The Intermediate Union
The Adult Union No. I
The Adult Union No. II

Mr. Norris King is the leader of the Intermediate Union; Mrs. Marie Marks—president of Adult Union I; Mr. L. B. Tucker—president of Adult Union II. The general director is Mr. David H. Gentry.

Mexico Receives Seal V

The Mexico Baptist Church, in Ohio River Association, is the first church in the state to request Seal V for the Honor Church Diploma. Seal V is awarded to churches that request during the period for October 1, 1957, to September 30, 1958, Training Union Study Course Awards equal to 40 per

Plans Made To Reach Inactive Membership

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Plans for reaching two million inactive church members and for holding 900 associational evangelistic clinics in 1958 were made here recently.

The plans were announced by 23 Baptist secretaries of evangelism.

The state secretaries and staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of evangelism spent two days discussing state programs and preparing a step-by-step procedure for the 1959 year of simultaneous Baptist evangelism in North America.

Preparation for the co-operative Baptist year of soul-winning begins June 1, 1958 with a world day of prayer and ends in April, 1959 with reports.

cent of the number of people enrolled in the Training Union as reported in the church letter of 1957.

In the past twelve months the Training Union enrollment of this church has grown from 74 to 148. Pastor Robert Bozart states that this unusual growth is due primarily to the table leadership of Mr. Bruce McKinney, director, and to the fact that considerable effort has been made to enroll more young adults.

"M" Nights

Additional Reports:

Associations	Attendance	Churches Represented	Pastors Present
Booneville	63	6	5
Caldwell	71	7	7
East Union	66	9	4
Irvine	20	1	1
Rockcastle	112	8	7
Simpson	193	9	5
Whites Run	98	9	7

This year 62 associations have already reported observing "M" Night. These 62 total 23,367 in attendance, 959 churches represented, and 624 pastors present.

There are a number of other associations planning "M" Nights in January which will make the total number of "M" Nights reported close to 70 which is considerably over 64 of last year (attendance last year—22,447).

September 28-Oct. 5, 1958 was set aside as a church member visitation period. Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, Home Mission Board secretary of evangelism, estimated that two million members of Southern Baptist churches who live in their church communities do not attend church services.

A preliminary 1957 evangelism report showed an increase of 1,775 baptisms over the previous year. Baptisms totalled 386,324 for 1957.

►The Georgetown Baptist Church presented their pastor, Dr. Dan C. Moore, a new automobile at the close of the evening services October 20, 1957. The car was presented by Mr. Charles A. Mifflin on behalf of the many people who contributed. This was the pastor's third anniversary at the Georgetown Baptist Church.

Miss Lansdell Leaves Carver School

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (BP) — Miss Emily K. Lansdell, president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here, began her sabbatical leave January 1 and apparently will end her connection with the school on July 1.

John Sandidge, Louisville attorney who is chairman of Carver trustees, reported that no one has been elected to succeed Miss Lansdell.

The school last summer became property of the Southern Baptist Convention after being operated by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Convention. At one time it was known as Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

Sandidge said that trustees are seeking a man to head the school. The next regular meeting of the trustees is in February and a nominating committee may recommend a successor at that time, he added.

The trustees have offered Miss Lansdell the position as professor of missions on the faculty, according to Sandidge, but she has neither accepted nor declined their offer. She resigned as president earlier but was asked to continue for the time being.

Sandidge said that during the interim a faculty committee will operate Carver School.

►Dr. David F. Boston, 13102 Candlewick, Houston 15, Texas, has been recommended to Kentucky Baptists by Pastor Jess Moody, First Church, Owensboro, for service in the field of evangelism. Dr. Boston is characterized as an able preacher, an effective soul-winner and an accurate theologian.

►The Highbaugh Foundation has made a gift of \$300,000 to the Greater Louisville College Committee for the establishment of a branch of Georgetown College. This Foundation is owned and controlled by Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Highbaugh, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Highbaugh, Jr. The elder Mr. Highbaugh is a trustee of Georgetown College and is a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church. In former years he was a member of Parkland Church. This gift, together with the \$250,000 gift of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Cooke, makes a total of \$550,000 for the new branch school in Greater Louisville.

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	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut St. (4)	1,794	10	412
Lou., Carlisle Ave. (2)	1,356	1	316
Lou., Beechland (1)	1,160	2	310
Lou., Beechmont (2)	1,145	7	305
Bowling Green, First (1)	1,131	—	244
Harrodsburg (3)	1,062	2	270
Madisonville, First	1,008	—	305
Lou., St. Matthews (1)	1,004	9	272
Hopkinsville, Second (1)	1,000	2	240
Mayfield, First	982	—	322
Owensboro, Third	979	—	263
Lexington, Immanuel	955	15	367
Murray, First (1)	949	—	—
Lexington, Ashland Ave.	934	—	115
Covington, LeTonia (1)	892	—	226
Glasgow (2)	883	—	123
Evansville, Grace	880	—	286
Lexington, Grace	825	10	178
Hopkinsville, First (1)	813	1	189
Covington, Calvary	811	—	—
Elizabethtown,	—	—	—
Severns Valley (2)	807	—	196
Frankfort, First (1)	799	—	257
Lou., Third Ave. (1)	699	4	224
Prestonsburg, Irene Cole Memorial (13)	684	5	106
Henderson, Immanuel (2)	681	—	108
Georgetown (3)	671	—	244
Corbin, Central (1)	616	—	158
Shelbyville, First	588	—	115
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	587	—	113
Lou., Hazelwood	563	2	134
Lebanon, First (1)	556	—	167
Covington, Southside	551	—	91
London, First (1)	550	—	151
Middlesboro, First	521	—	118
Lou., Eastern Parkway	519	18	125
Lou., Highland	513	—	163
Evansville, Calvary	508	—	212
Central City, First (1)	500	—	280
Paducah, First	494	2	163
Lou., Southside	483	3	117
Bellevue	481	—	90
Florence	481	2	64
Owensboro, Buena Vista	478	—	190
Owensboro, Eaton Mem.	453	—	203
Lou., Farmdale	450	4	140
Russellville, First (1)	444	—	143
Lou., Rockford Lane	444	—	131
Ft. Thomas, First (1)	430	—	62
Richmond, First	420	—	79
Lou., Immanuel	419	—	141
Owensboro, Hall St.	411	—	170
Corbin, First	407	—	116
LaGrange, DeHaven Mem.	399	—	76
Lexington, Felix Mem.	394	—	138
Morganfield, First	390	—	132
Nicholasville	389	—	94
Springfield, First	386	—	121
Ludlow, First	386	—	93
Versailles	386	—	83
Marion (1)	382	—	—
Lou., Shawnee	380	1	126
Danville, Gethsemane	378	1	148

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A. C. Harlowe, Ex-Head of Two Kentucky Schools, Dies in Louisville

The funeral of Archibald Clay Harlowe, 87, was held in the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Ky., December 19, at 2:30 p.m., and burial took place in the Resthaven Memorial Park, Louisville, December 20 at 9:30 a.m. He died at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, following sickness for three weeks.

Brother Harlowe was a retired Baptist preacher, educator and newspaperman.

He was the founder in 1905 of Magoffin Baptist Institute, then at Salyersville, Ky., now at Sky (Mountain Valley), Ky., and he was its first president. At a later time he was for some years head of the Prestonsburg Baptist Institute, now defunct. For nearly 15 years, from 1914 to 1928, he was owner and editor of the Prestonsburg Post (now The Floyd County Times). He retired from his last pastorate at the Weeksbury Baptist Church, Floyd County, in 1930, but has since been active as a member of Irene Cole Memorial.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ada Harlowe, and two sons—Robert E. Harlowe, Beaver, Penna., and Dr. Julian C. Harlowe, dentist, 6815 Carolyn Road, Louisville, Ky.

►The Alva Baptist Church, in Harlan County, in Harlan County, was destroyed by fire on November 22 at 2:30 a.m. The structure was erected thirty years ago. Everything was lost except the church records.

Hazard, First	376	—	84
Greenville, First	374	—	139
Lou., Baptist Temple (1)	369	—	171
Frankfort, Crestwood	358	—	111
Williamson, East,	—	—	—
Williamson (1)	357	—	121
Ashland, Pollard (1)	342	—	109
Mt. Washington	340	—	121
Paducah, West End	326	—	114
Lou., Green Acres	326	2	113
Paducah, 12th St.	314	—	117
Dawson Springs	304	4	66
Lebanon Junction	302	—	105
Owensboro, Seven Hills	290	—	94
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	287	—	115
Paducah, Oaklawn	285	—	122
Middlesboro, E.	—	—	—
Cumberland Ave.	282	—	74
Middletown, First	280	—	64
Monticello, First	276	—	89
Mt. Vernon, First (1)	275	—	75
Burlington	274	2	—
Sonora	268	—	124
Hawesville	258	—	91
Covington, Ashland Ave.	248	—	80
Campbellsville, South	—	—	—
Campbellsville	244	—	96
Carrollton, First	242	—	78
Cloverport (1)	238	—	45
Radcliff, Stithon	237	—	41
Lou., Portland Ave.	233	3	50
Horse Cave	208	—	56
Hazel	205	—	80
Perryville	204	—	97
Lou., 18th St., (1)	184	5	137
Jeffersonville, Ind.,	—	—	—
Rolling Fields	135	2	40
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	—	—	116
Newport, Trinity	—	—	100

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I. The Person. Matthew 16:13-17.

In the light of His irreproachable life, matchless teachings, astonishing miracles, and marvelous example, our Lord asked His disciples to tell Him Whom they had heard others say that He was. He was not seeking this information for Himself, because He knew all things, but He asked the question in order to get His disciples to give the subject more serious consideration.

Christ's question was answered promptly, and the answer revealed that the people had a variety of opinions about Him. Some thought that He was John the Baptist, reminding them of their obligations to God; others were of the opinion that He was Elijah, calling upon them to live righteous lives; still others thought that He was Jeremiah, advocating a genuine revival; and numerous others declared Him to be one of the prophets. All seemingly thought well of Him, and readily admitted that He was some great man, perhaps the greatest one who had ever lived. In reality the people did not know Him. To them He was no more than man. They ignored or denied the fact of His deity.

A proper estimate of Christ was never made by unguided human reasoning. Such a confession of Christ as those people made is not sufficient. It is not enough for men to recognize and to acknowledge Christ Jesus as an extraordinary individual, a perfect example, a great teacher, a moral leader, and a courageous martyr, but only a man. His teachings and miracles had been aimed at leading all to recognize Him as the Messiah. How tragic that many failed to recognize Him as the Son of God!

A right conception of Christ is essential to a proper relationship to God.

So, after Christ had listened to the various reports as to His identity, He asked His intimate friends a very personal question, "Whom say ye that I am?" This crucial question was vastly more important than the first one, and it was intended as a heart searcher.

With his usual impetuosity, Peter, the spokesman for all the disciples, answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." His answer indicated that there was not any doubt in his mind about that. His reply was a very wonderful confession of faith. So pleased was our Lord with this splendid confession from the lips of Peter that He highly commended him. The fact that Peter confessed Him as the Son of God, and therefore the proper object of worship, brought great joy to the Saviour. At the same time the Master hastened to tell Peter that it was not due to any human wisdom that he had reached that conclusion, but that it had been revealed to him by the Father. The glorious truth of the deity of Christ, which is the very heart of the Christian faith, is a divine revelation, and not a human discovery.

II. The Purpose. Matthew 16:18-19.

In announcing His purpose our Lord said, "Thou art Peter (Petros—literally, 'a pebble' or 'a little rock'), and upon this Rock (Petra—literally, 'a fixed rock' or 'a ledge rock') I will build My church." So, this Rock, upon which Christ promised to build His church, is Himself, the Son of the living God. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:11). As a foundation He is solid, safe, secure, and eternal. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

It would be difficult to find anything in the scriptures more magnificent than this marvelous declaration of Christ, "I will build My church." The carrying out of His purpose in this regard through the centuries constitutes the clearest possible proof of the deity of Christ. Only God could speak thus and then bring it to pass.

III. The People. Ephesians 2:19-22.

In this chapter Paul reminds his readers that in their former condition they were dead in trespasses and sins, disobedient to God, deserving of wrath, without Christ, without a place among God's people, without a share in God's covenants, without hope and without God. They had been in darkness and despair. They had been helpless and hopeless. Even though the world was teeming with evidences of God's wis-

dom, love and power, they had lived without any real knowledge of Him.

It is a good thing for all Christians to recall their former condition when they were Christless and hopeless. How marvelous that, while we were in that terribly hopeless condition, God loved us and made provision for us! Due to the atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross, we are able to approach God and to enjoy a wonderful fellowship with Him.

We are now called saints, which is simply God's name for believers. We are set apart and dedicated to Him. As members of God's family we are the center of His love and life. We may think of ourselves as being the Lord's temple and the habitation of the Holy Spirit. When Christ returned to the Father's side, the Holy Spirit was sent to earth, and He came claiming believers as His abiding place.

►Roger Maslin, Willisburg, Kentucky, has resigned there to become pastor of the Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Florida. He began his new labors January 1.

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Shown here are members of the Advisory Committee of the Brotherhood Department for the new year as appointed by E. N. Wilkinson, chairman of the Executive Board of our General Association at the annual meeting of that group December 3. I. L. Baughn, pastor of the Eighteenth Street Baptist Church of Louisville is the new Chairman of the Committee succeeding Roy A. Hamilton, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, also of Louisville. Mr. Baughn, with Mr. Stites, who is pastor of Beechland Baptist Church, Pleasure Ridge Park, Kentucky, are hold-over members of the State Board under a policy adopted by the Board which prescribes that members of all departmental committees shall be members of the Board. Mr. Jones is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Leitchfield. Mr. Hill is pastor of the High Street Baptist Church, Somerset. Mr. Downing is pastor of Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort. All of these men are Brotherhood enthusiasts and we commend Dr. Wilkinson upon their selections.

The first meeting of this committee was held in the offices of the Brotherhood Department on December 20 with all members present. The committee unanimously approved the calendar of activities previously adopted for the new year and heard the retiring secretary of the Department, L. E. Coleman, Sr., and J. C. Ballew, state Royal Ambassador secretary, who has also resigned, outline plans for the promotion of these activities. Special emphasis was placed upon the state LEADERSHIP CLINIC-CONFERENCE to be held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly grounds February 10-12. The group invited and requested Messrs. Coleman and Ballew to assist in the clinic and both agreed to do so. James M. Sapp, director of promotion, Brotherhood Commission, on the staff of which Mr. Coleman will become an associate secretary in charge of promoting church Brotherhoods on January 1, will also be one of the conference leaders. Mr. Ballew, who will become state Royal Ambassador secretary in Virginia on March 1, and Marvin Byrdwell, manager of Cedarmore, will also lead in the conference.

Fairview Church, Russell County, under the leadership of Pastor Drewry Meece, has voted to adopt a budget—the first in its 55-year history. Also a Training Union has been organized with Kenneth Robertson, youthful Army

veteran, as director. It is approaching 60% of the Sunday school attendance. Gifford J. Walters, Cumberland, Ky., assisted in a revival at Fairview which netted the church an increase of 13 persons—six upon profession of faith and 7 by letter.

The new house of worship of Lake Spring Church, in Simpson County, was dedicated on November 3.

The Ohio County Baptist Association has formally commended to the Blackford Association and the Blackford Baptist Church, Brother Irlan Snyder, who leaves the Woodward's Valley Church, Ohio County Association, to continue his ministry with Blackford Baptist Church. The expression from the Ohio County Baptist Mission Board, submitted by Clerk Duncan J. Smith, characterizes Brother Snyder as a sincere and conscientious worker, devoted to the Saviour and loyal to the denominational program.

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The First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville, Indiana, is now sponsoring two missions—one in the Ohio Falls section of Clarksville, on South Clark Blvd., and the other in Blackiston Mill area. A previous mission, near New Washington, Indiana, was constituted as the Pleasant View Baptist Church in 1955. First Southern Church of Clarksville has had six young men to enter the gospel ministry during the three years that Lyndon W. Collings has been their pastor. They are: Joe Burk, Sanford Board, Jim Adkinson, Floyd Kierking, Ray Slaughter and LeRoy Leigh. Mrs. Collings is the former Louise Satterly, Shelby County, Kentucky. They have three children: David, 12, Dean Kay and Jean Gay, 8.

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WMS FOCUS WEEK JANUARY 12-17

Plan early and well for an outstanding observance of WMS Focus Week. See page 100 of the Year Book and the January number of Royal Service for suggestions. Take advantage of this time of **ACTIVITY, ATTENTION** and **ATTRACTION** for your organization, in your church and community.

Some organizations will undertake varied activities. Others will concentrate on one or two. Some will have plans for each day while others will give some days to individual activity and other days to organization meetings.

There may be a visitation program planned by the enlistment committee; personal efforts to win tithers, planned by the stewardship committee; exhibits, displays, and the launching of the study of a book by the mission study committee; a telephone campaign for magazine subscriptions; a social event honoring new members or prospective members. There may be a reserved section for members in the worship service of the church on Sunday.

Use your creative talents and your initiative in making plans which will best focus the attention of the church on the purpose, work and value of the WMU.

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Our State YWA President says:

"Young Woman's Auxiliary means a great deal to me—not just as an organization or because of friendships with other girls, but as a channel of service. YWA is work! As we plan for Focus Week, let us remember that the more time and effort a girl is challenged to put into a project, the more it means to her. The YWA Citation is something to challenge a girl to do her best for Christ and World Missions."—(Mary Ann Wacker, Louisville)

- P**ut the date in your church calendar.
- P**romote one of the fundamentals or Ideals of YWA, preferably mission study.
- L**et's have a tea featuring YWA Book Clubs! Include book reviews in the program.
- L**earn of associational YWA plans and co-operate in every effort.
- N**on intriguing opportunity—present a missionary play, perhaps on Wednesday night for Prayer Meeting.
- A**ny YWA's holding their Citation? Recognize these and those in church working on such; present requirement for receiving Citation.
- N**ever a better opportunity for enlisting all young ladies 16-25 in YWA or for starting one in a neighboring church; or for teaching a book to members of another race.

NOW FOR A GREAT WEEK!

Our State YWA Pianist says:

"To me, YWA has been one of my richest experiences. YWA Conference at Ridgcrest this past summer was most memorable and profitable to my life. Perhaps the real meaning to me of YWA is in the word "dedication"—dedication to finding God's will for my life and dedication to the work of proclaiming the message of Christ." (Joyce Neel, Versailles)

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