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Baptists Attending Recent Prayer Fellowship Breakfast in Frankfort included Pastors, Administrative Assistants, Senators, a Judge of Court of Appeals, and other high state officials. First row (Left to right)—Pastor Joseph Richard Estes, Rep. Wayland Render, Walter H. House, C. R. Daley. Second row—R. E. Bevins, Rep. James H. Newberry, Dr. Orba Traylor, Rep. Ralph O. Stith, Lawrence Surritt, Roscoe I. Downs, Pastor Bob Brown. Third row—Rep. R. Douglas Ford, S. T. Skaggs, Pastor William H. Rogers, Rep. Murphy Whitehead, Alfred S. Portwood, C. P. Stovall, Rep. J. P. Hahn, Owen Gray. Forth row—Judge Robert B. Bird, Rep. Owen Billington, Sen. Ed P. Warinner, Commissioner Charles Allphin, Rep. Ann B. Hall, Sen. H. Stanley Blake, Rep. Walter F. Davis. Back row—D. C. Riley, John Demoisey, M. J. Vinson, Finley Williams, Sen. B. E. Hickerson, Pastor James A. Puckett, Pastor I. Ferd. Graves, Rep. Charles W. Wirsch. (See Editorial, page 4.)

New Lexington Church

►The Idle Hour Mission, Lexington, was constituted as a Baptist Church February 16. It was sponsored by Chevy Chase Church. Wayne Craig is pastor.

Gift of Clothing

►Guy M. Deane, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky., reports a gift of clothing worth over \$600 from the Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro. The clothing was used to meet pressing needs in the area and was distributed through the First Baptist Church, Martin and mission churches of the section. The clothing was delivered by Yellow Creek pastor, Neil Wilson who, along with Pastor Deane, visited places where the local mountain mission program is being conducted. The work includes Dinwood Mission, Hunter Mission and Drift Mission.

Youth Week

►Hodgenville Baptist Church will observe Youth Week, May 4-11. The young people of the church will take over every office in the church for the week. It will close with a week-end revival, led by a Youth Team from Georgetown College. D. Perry Ginn is the Hodgenville pastor.

►Burlington Baptist Church will observe Youth Week April 6-13. In connection with this week will be a Youth Revival with Dr. Ralph Elliott, professor of Old Testament, Southern Seminary, preaching and Jim Norwood leading the singing. Burlington's pastor is Robert B. Wallace.

Changes in Postions

►Miss Betty Joe McCoy, Catlettsburg, Ky., is the new reference research worker with Dargan-Carver Library, Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville. Formerly she was church secretary in Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., and First Church, Jefferson City, Tenn.

►Chaplain (Major) Delbert C. Partin is the new staff chaplain for the 41st Air Division, Johnson Air Base, Japan. This is his second assignment in the Far East. He has been in the service as a chaplain since 1940. He is a son of Mr. Henry C. Partin, 701 Central Avenue, Campbellsburg, Ky.

►Mr. and Mrs. Wayne R. Maddox have come to First Baptist Church, Frankfort, where Mr. Maddox will assume the responsibility of the educational program of the church. Mr. Maddox is a native of Appalachia, Virginia. He has served as minister to Baptist students at the University of Chattanooga, Tenn.,

and as minister of education at the First Baptist Church, Dyersburg, Tenn., and Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and received his graduate training at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and Southern Seminary, Louisville. Fred T. Moffatt, Sr., is pastor of Frankfort's First Baptist Church.

Proud Parents

►Pastor and Mrs. Ira Singleton are the proud parents of a son, Mark Daniel, born at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, March 9, 1958, at 5:54 a.m., and weighing nine pounds, eleven ounces. This is their second child, the older one being James David, 3. Brother Singleton is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Barlow, Ky.

Grace Church Moving

►The Grace Baptist Church, located at 1620 Anderson, Louisville, since 1923, has sold its building to a Negro Baptist church with the view of erecting a building on their new property on Gagle Avenue, near Manslick Road east of Dixie Highway. In the meantime, however, until their new structure can be erected the church has rented temporary quarters in the old Nichols Hospital, on Manslick Road. Floyd Whistler is pastor of the Grace Church.

Death Invades Mission Ranks

►Happy Enete, 28, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Enete, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, died of cancer March 8. Mr. and Mrs. Enete, who came to the States because of their son's illness, may be addressed at 736 Doulton Courts, Apt. 5, Columbus, Ohio.

►Rex Ray, 72, emeritus missionary, died January 31 at Baylor University Hospital, Dallas. He had leukemia. Appointed in 1919, he went to Wuchow, China. Later he returned to the Orient and worked as superintendent of the Tai Kam Baptist Leper Colony until the Communists drove him out. In 1951 he moved to Korea, where he labored until 1955. He leaves his widow, nee Janet Gilman, and three children.

Wedding Bells Are Ringing

►Miss Rachel Davis Wiggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Franklin Wiggins, Indianapolis, Ind., and Mr. L. M. Polhill, Jr., also of Indianapolis, were united in marriage at the Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, March 1. The groom is a son of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Polhill, Sr., Richmond, Va., and formerly of Louisville. The wedding ceremony was



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performed by the groom's father, who is Executive Secretary of Virginia Baptists. The newly married couple is residing at The Meadows, Indianapolis.

►The engagement of Miss Janice Edwards, Louisville, Ky., and Mr. Marshall Mahan Siler, Jr., Paris Crossing, Ind., has been announced. The wedding is to take place at Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, May 15, at 5:00 p.m. Miss Edwards is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Edwards, Wilmington, N. C. She is a graduate of Wake Forest College and is now doing post-graduate studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary School of Religious Education. Mr. Siler is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and has studied at the Southern Seminary.

FALLACIES IN DESIGNATED GIVING

By O. W. YATES, Lexington, Ky.

There was a time when nearly all giving by Baptists was designated giving, but now Southern Baptists have a co-operative plan of giving that works marvelously for our Baptist institutions as well as our Baptist people. In the old days before a co-operative plan, representatives from various institutions would visit our churches, associations and conventions and cry over their needs. The ones who could cry the most generously got the most offering. The co-operative plan is a far better plan.

The plan works like this. The Baptist State Conventions set a budget goal for each state and also decide how much will be kept in the state and how much will be sent away for southwide and world purposes. In the meantime, the Baptist institutions and causes in each state view their needs and present their budgets to the state committee which in turn recommends allocations keeping in mind the institutional needs and the anticipated income. Likewise the Southwide institutions present their needs to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for allocations. The final distribution of the state and southwide funds is approved by the state conventions and the Southern Convention.

Most Baptists regard designated giving, except in special cases like Lottie Moon, etc., as outmoded, but a few still persist in such giving thus forgetting all Baptist work except one pet cause. Because of this the following fallacies in designated giving should be pointed out.

1. He who designates assumes that he knows more of the needs of the various institutions than those who are in charge and have knowledge of the needs of the institution. If he knew the facts of all institutions, he would not designate.

2. When one designates to a particular institution, he hereby votes to close all the other institutions. If he designates

to Foreign Missions, as an illustration, he then votes to close the schools that prepare the missionaries. "How can they hear, without a preacher?" You may ask any alert pastor and he will say that it is best "to bring the whole tithe into the store-house." Ask any institution head and he will say that he depends upon the Cooperative Program in his life line.

3. That which is right for one Southern Baptist is likewise right for another. If everyone designates then we would wreck the program that has proved so effective and so efficient for these 35 years.

4. Designations to a great extent will wreck any church program, because there is no record made generally of designated gifts and the program is built upon the supposition that every member will co-operate. Mal. 3:9-10; I Cor. 16:2 have not been rescinded nor changed.

5. There is no question that the tither has the right to designate but he could not count it the part of wisdom. If the designated money does not go to that sponsored by the church, it would not be counted as a tithe anyway. The tithe is to go into the store-house and then if there are other recognized needs beyond, the gift would come out of the money above the tithe.

Designation in giving usually grows out of one-side or insufficient information of our churches and denomination, and on the part of the giver, or from a childish whim that he may have. All of our institutions look to the denomination for support and are definitely related. Therefore to cripple one is to cripple the whole body. "We are workers together with God," therefore we ought to be very sure that we do not fall down in our co-operation with our Baptist people.

"SOMETIMES - A LITTLE - IN THE SUMMER"

By WYATT SHELLEY, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Years ago when the words meant little to me I learned the Proverb 20:4 which says, "He who will not plow by reason of the cold shall beg in harvest." Every child had his memory verse for Sunday School and, like the song in Longfellow's much-loved poem, it was long, long, after before their meanings became clear.

With starting force the proverb leaped again into my mind when a few days hence I stopped at the home of an indigent man—a new comer to our community—and left for him a bit of food purchased by the class I teach on Sunday. In the course of conversation I

asked him if he did any kind of work.

Almost with apology—certainly, without embarrassment—he shocked me with his candid, "Sometimes, I work a little, in the summer."

Later reflection caused me to appreciate the man—to appreciate him very much—for indelibly the accusation burned into my mind as I thought of the fields white unto harvest—"Sometimes—a little—in the summer." I have never seen the world afar; I have not sailed across the sea; nor have I faced sworn enemies of the Cross. Yet, one does not have to tavel far to see malignancies that challenge healing in our communi-

ties; one needs no hearing aid to recognize the wail of broken hearts, though voices make no sound; a strong lens is not required to see the look of burden borne by those whose youthful dreams have faded and whose hopes have all too soon grown dim.

The church may boast a good enrollment; the treasury may be comfortably full; satisfied parishioners may listen briefly to a sermon fluently delivered and meticulously prepared—yet live upon a "field" that is producing far below capacity.

Weeds of delinquency, clods of indifference, thistles of broken homes, thorns of jealousy, stones of pride—tares of every description—thrive upon our "fields" because too many of us are willing to work "sometimes, a little, in the summer."

The time of year soon comes when the farmer says of his crop that it is "laid by." Such a time never comes to the vineyard of the Lord. "In season, out season," He has told us to be diligent and He has promised the rain.

House by house and heart by heart we need once more to survey the "field," and begin anew to cultivate with love and ceaseless prayer the portion of the vineyard that is ours.

Would this not be a terrible epitaph? "Sometimes—a little—in the summer."

Society may frown upon the idle man; relatives may abhor the one whose indolence has made of him a burden; the church may feebly strive to bestow a few crumbs to feed the hungry mouth; but the heart of God must break anew when you and I cry aloud against the sins of idolatry, yet so easily yield to idleness. "A little more sleep, a little more closing of the eyes to slumber" must not be the laconic description of a man whose heart and hand is in the will of God. The things we do and the words we say can never be ephemeral, but long are the shadows we cast—though our days be few.

"Sometimes—a little—in the summer" may it not be so!

►First Baptist Church, Beaufort, South Carolina, recently dedicated a new educational building costing \$214,000. Pastor of the Beaufort church is George A. Jones, who went to the South Carolina pastorate from the Lawrenceburg Baptist Church in Kentucky.

►Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, has already made plans for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade by Southern Baptists for the spring of 1959. Dr. F. Townley Lord, of Bloomsbury Baptist Church, London, will be the evangelist. Dr. Lord is the immediate past president of the Baptist World Alliance. The pastor of Calvary Baptist Church is Franklin Owen.

Daley Observations

Watch Your Language, Parson!



C. R. Daley

Those who complain that the Roman Catholic Church is misunderstood, misrepresented, mistreated and maligned by its critics will have difficulty accounting for its conduct in the recent Italian incident. When a local priest charged a couple with living in public sin because they were not married by the Catholic Church, the couple filed legal suit against the priest for slander. The Italian court found the priest guilty and fined him, whereupon the Pope and the Roman Church reacted with

an explosion which rocked relations between the church and the state to a point unknown in modern history. The Pope claimed the state has no jurisdiction over a priest in the performance of his religious duties. He expressed his resentment by refusing to celebrate the forthcoming anniversary of his coronation as pope and by threatening to excommunicate all those connected with the prosecution of the priest.

Is the "papa" justified in his "righteous indignation?" It's all according to the view held as to the relation of church and state. The action of the Pope is consistent in that the Roman Church has always considered the state as ordained to do the will of the church and has seen to this function wherever and whenever the church had the power to do so. This is why the mode of operation of the Romans is so different in some countries from others. In such places as Spain, Italy and some South American countries history records not a few incidents where a strong Roman Catholic majority has used the state for suppression and persecution of non-Catholics while in countries like the U. S., the Catholic minority appears mild and tolerant. This is why so many conscientious adherents to this faith in the United States are ignorant of the actual Roman methods elsewhere.

On first thought it seems the priest was mistreated. A preacher ought to have the right to point out sin wherever he sees it. Two considerations however, seem to figure in this instance. One is that the priest connected the sinful conduct of the couple with the absence of sanction of the marriage by himself and the church thus assuming the church and not the state controls marriage. The other is that apparently the priest knowingly and willfully violated a law of the land. Should a preacher expect to be exempt from any law of the land whether or not he agrees with it? What Baptist preacher has not run away with the law upon ignoring a stop sign or using too heavy a foot? In such cases he has the same right to argue and make excuses as any other "innocent" offender, but heaven forbid that he should try to pull his ministerial immunity.

There's further inclination to sympathize with the priest upon learning that the object of his accusation was a Communist and an atheist. That's enough "to make a preacher cuss" and many Baptist preachers can roast hides with less provocation, but the fact remains that priest and Baptist preacher alike take

their chances when hide-roasting reaches the point of violation of a law designed for public welfare and the protection of free people.

Could such an incident occur among Baptists? Imagine next Sunday some local Baptist pastor resorting in his sermons to name calling and sin describing. Imagine further that the person named in his accusation preferred charges and the court convicted the preacher in due process of law. What would happen among Baptists? Would Brooks Hays, Southern Convention president, blast the U. S. government and the local courts? Would he call off the Southern Baptist Convention in May and refuse to make his presidential address? Would he order that all Baptists connected with the conviction of the preacher be excluded from Baptist churches? Impossible? Of course, and as ridiculous to conceive as to compare our convention president with the Roman Catholic pope.

Words of Jesus (Matt. 22:21) and Paul (Romans 13:1-7) teach clearly that church and state were both ordained of God for his glory. The churches by their use of God's revelation are for guidance in the moral and spiritual realm while the state is ordained for the preservation of law and order that the churches might execute the Great Commission. It is wrong when the state tries to put the church into subjection and just as wrong when the church tries to rule the state.

The Italian incident provides light on the true attitude of Romanism. Baptists might profit by reflection upon it for where we are in a majority, we are also sorely tempted to throw our weight around and have not always resisted the temptation. In the meantime fellows, better check your Sunday sermons and keep them within the law. This is too good a season for revival and crappie fishing to be in court.

Prayer Is Offered In Frankfort

In Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales," those who came to scoff remained to pray. In Frankfort every Wednesday morning of the current legislative sessions, some have prayed that what happens the rest of the day and week might not deserve scoffing. There's been much to criticize about the 1958 Kentucky General Assembly, and an observer might have found difficulty in seeing any signs of spirituality, but there can be little doubt that among state government personnel can be found not a few men and women of moral integrity and devout Christian faith. One evidence of this is the unusual response of legislators and others in very responsible places of state government to a unique affair known as the Prayer Fellowship Legislative Breakfast.

On any given Wednesday morning at 8:30 in the Office Building Cafeteria might be found at this breakfast representatives, senators, department heads, Appellate Court judges and about anyone else with official duties in Frankfort. Bacon, country sausage, old ham, eggs, biscuits, sorghum, coffee and other breakfast delicacies comprise the menu. Jovial conversation, good natured jokes, kidding, sermons, scripture quotations, prayer requests and prayer complete the order of the day. Democrats and Republicans, Baptists, Disciples, Methodists, Nazarenes, etc., elec-

tive and appointive, pro and anti-administration all fraternize without any indication of differences. This is at least one gathering of political personalities where partisan politics is not evident. Good will, fellowship and invocation for divine blessing seem to be accomplished in unusual fashion.

The Prayer Fellowship Breakfast is a project of the Kentucky Temperance League and is three years old now. During legislative sessions it takes the place of a devotion which precedes the Cabinet meetings. Both these projects are under direction of Walter H. House, executive secretary of the Temperance League. House hopes that the projects can continue through the coming years without being identified with any one administration. The projects originated in Ken-

tucky according to House but have been considered by other states. At least one state, Oklahoma, has started such projects patterned after Kentucky.

It might be noted that no harmful piece of liquor legislation has had legislative floor action in the 1958 session. However, a bill sponsored by dry interests restoring the county option law failed to get beyond committee consideration.

Also noteworthy is the large number of Baptists in the Kentucky state government. Their interest in the Prayer Fellowship Breakfast is indicated by the cover picture of this issue. Several Baptists, including State Auditor Mary Louise Foust and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms Buddy Richardson, attended this particular breakfast but had to leave before the picture was taken.

Letters of Spiritual Counsel

Professor of Psychology of Religion,
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Wayne E. Oates

Question: My next-door neighbor, who is very close in friendship to me, lost her husband very suddenly. He was only forty years old and died with an attack with no previous warning. She has a small son to rear. She is on the verge of collapse. She is searching desperately for something to hold her together. She has been a "church goer" all her life. She knows God is her hope. But she doesn't seem to feel that he is near or cares.

How can I best understand her and what could I most helpfully give her to read?

Answer: The more sudden a death is, the more severe the shocking blow. The more severe the shocking blow, the more numbness and loss of feeling occurs. The more numbness and loss of feeling one has, the harder it is for him

or her to feel close to anyone. This doubly applies to their feelings about God. These feelings do not return all of a sudden and the person walks around in a daze feeling very far from God. This does not mean that God is far away, but it does recognize that the person feels that way. You should recognize her feelings, accept them, and quietly live through this tragedy with her. At this stage long exhortation and many words do not help. But faithful love, genuine acceptance, and long-standing patience in prayer for the person will help.

Let me suggest that you get William F. Rogers' book, *Ye Shall Be Comforted*, Westminster Press, to hand to your neighbor. For your own understanding, let me suggest that you read Chapter three of my book, *Anxiety in Christian Experience*, in which I deal with the process of grief.

But above all remember that it is difficult for her to pray for herself by reason of the shocked numbness she has to bear. Be sure to pray for her and let her know that you are doing so. This is the meaning of the Christian faith: "That with the comfort where-with we have been comforted of God, we become comfort to those who are in any affliction."

thy and good, and yet it is obvious that too many can be detrimental to home and perhaps indirectly to the church itself, what is the solution? If too much of a "muchness"—even of a thing, is harmful, must something not be done? Should paring or changing begin with the top areas of within each local church?

One needs only attend a Sunday School Class or some other group where reports, records, proposed visitations, business, etc., consume two to three times as many minutes as the lesson proper does, to realize that we have lost sight of the essential, in many instances.

This tendency in many churches—unintentional as it may be, usually—remind one of the manner in which classes in driving cars, ceramics, dancing, cosmetology, trade, clothing, child development, general industry, graphic arts, art, music, woodwork, etc., have slowly but surely come to replace science, foreign languages, English, history, mathematics, and other basic subjects in American high schools. One wonders where it may lead or end, in both schools and churches, and more especially in our great nation as a whole.

Tollesboro, Ky. Mrs. E. R. May

MISSIONARY NEEDS HELP

Editor:

As Pioneer Missionary in Pike County, Kentucky, I have many interesting experiences in the Lord's work. I am enclosing a story about the Phelps Baptist Mission, Phelps, Kentucky. It might be possible for you to use it in the Western Recorder.

One of our urgent needs at the Mission is for trained leadership. We have a large high school at Phelps with over 900 pupils. There is a demand for teachers for this school. If I could get someone who is interested in teaching and doing mission work on the weekends it would solve our problem. If you know of anybody who would be interested in this type of work, let me know. I think this would be one of the best things that could happen to our area.

Williamson, W. Va. J. E. Casey, Jr.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

ANOTHER SIDE OF THE CHURCH QUESTION

Editor:

This is in no way intended as a detailed reply to the recent letter concerning the doctrine of the church. I would, however, like to present to the readers of the Western Recorder two considerations.

First, lest the discussion be settled by forfeit, it needs to be said that there is considerable feeling in favor of the view of the church, as presented by Dr. Price in his article.

Second, Baptist people should derive their understanding of the Church and

the churches from the New Testament rather than from the traditions of elders of a few decades ago. Such a New Testament doctrine would give due place both to the universal church and to the local church.

Taylorsville, Ky. Henry J. Durham

TOO MUCH OF A "MUCHNESS"

Editor:

Your editorial on Church Organization, etc., this past week deserves a super bouquet. Your analysis was excellent. It was splendidly written, of course, and it covered much ground.

But if all the organizations are wor-

KENTUCKIANS IN CUBAN CRUSADE

By J. CHESTER DURHAM

On January 15, Rev. O. B. Mylum, Pastor, Berea Baptist Church, Berea; Rev. Ross Range, Pastor, Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Paint Lick; and Mr. J. Chester Durham, State B.S.U. Secretary, Louisville, Kentucky, boarded a Q Lines plane at Key West, Florida. About an hour later they were circling over Havana, Cuba with its streets crowded with buses, cars, and pedestrians; the shops, the parks, time-worn buildings in old Havana; modern structures in the newer sections, monuments, the University of Havana; street vendors, etc. A few minutes later the plane landed and taxied down the runway of the Havana airport. We were in Cuba, the Pearl of the Antilles.

We were greeted by missionary Hubert Hurt, several native pastors, and other preachers who were to join us in evangelistic services in seven churches.

Cuba, which is divided into six provinces, has an area slightly larger than Kentucky and a population of about twice that of Kentucky. The greatest length of this island republic is 759 miles and the greatest width is 135 miles but it averages about 50 miles in width.

About 3 out of 4 Cubans are white people of Spanish descent. Most of the rest are Negroes or Mulattoes. Seventy per cent of the population is rural and 30% urban. Most Cubans make their living growing sugar cane or processing sugar.

Since 1885 Baptists have had a part in the work of leading men and women to Christ. The Home Mission Board sponsors this work. Dr. Herbert Caudill, Secretary of the Baptist Work of Cuba, was most gracious in welcoming us and in informing us about this great mission field.

The Baptist Temple is a real center for our work in Cuba. This is our Baptist Building, located one block from the capitol, which houses the headquarters for much of our Cuban work, a school, and two churches. In this building we find the home of El Calvario Church, with about 2,000 members. Dr. M. N. McCall was pastor of this church for 42 years. The present pastor is Rev. Aurelio Travieso. This is also the home of the First Baptist Church. Missionary Tom Law is pastor of this church. Here is housed the Colegio Bautista, an elementary school of over two hundred children. The office of the Superintendent of Baptist Work in Cuba is located in this building as well as offices of the WMU, the Baptist Papers, and a Book Store.

It was a privilege to visit the Baptist Seminary in Havana and to see the work our Home Board is doing. It was my privilege to speak to the student body on three different occasions. There are thirty-six young men and women enrolled at the Seminary. The Semi-

nary Building, a memorial to Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, was dedicated in 1950. This Building was erected at a cost of \$118,000 (\$100,000 of which was given by the W.M.U. of the south and \$18,000 by the Home Mission Board).

A Baptist Home for the aged at Villa Rosa was opened during February. This home will accommodate eight people but it is hoped that the facilities may be enlarged.

The Cuban Baptist Summer Assembly at Yumuri is a beautiful assembly grounds. Beautiful palm trees are scattered over the campus. We are thankful for the adequate facilities of this summer assembly.

Baptist Student Union work was organized in Cuba in 1950. The University of Havana has an enrollment of 14,000. Unfortunately the University has been closed due to the Revolution. However, a number of students are still in Havana and we had a rich fellowship with them. The best Baptist building in Cuba is the Baptist Student Center adjacent to the University campus.

After a few hours of fellowship with our pastor friends we went to several different churches where the revivals were to be held. This was a rich and rewarding experience. Cubans do not like morning services even on Sunday but they do like evening services. Our services started at 8:30 each evening. Great crowds attended all of the revivals. Many were reached for the Lord. In these revivals there were 382 recorded decisions.

Most of the churches were made up of Spanish speaking congregations and the brethren had to speak through an interpreter.

It was my privilege to be the evangelist for the Buena Vista Baptist Church. Missionary Hubert Hurt is pastor of this church. Buena Vista is a British West Indian congregation. Each night the crowds were large, the people were dedicated and willing to do whatever they could to honor the Lord. The results were most gratifying.

We returned to Kentucky to God for this wonderful privilege of being used by Him on this great mission field.

Manchester's F. R. Walters Named Outstanding Citizen

MANCHESTER, Ky. — Pastor Frank R. Walters was named Clay County's outstanding citizen for the year 1957 by the Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting last week. Walters was presented a plaque and praised for his outstanding service to the community by Joe L. Tigie.

Tigie said in making the presentation, "In making their selection the

members of the Kiwanis Club, knowing somewhat intimately the early history of the Manchester Baptist Church, thought of its pastor—Frank R. Walters—as its father."

"When Mr. Walters first came to Manchester in 1916 he dreamed of a Baptist church here, conceived in the fullest meaning of the term," Tigie said.

"Nearing the end of a long pastorate he has not only built a solid foundation, but he has seen growth that has cheered his soul as it has the souls of many others," Tigie said on behalf of the club.

Tigie continued: "Pastor Walters has made a splendid contribution to the moral training of the people of Clay County in both word and deed.

"If you were to ask us what is the greatest characteristic of Pastor Walters, we would say in unison, his indomitable faith. In his firm soul there is neither doubt nor fear. He stands upon his convictions and his commanding imperative sense of duty," Tigie stated.

"We believe that he has done more for the upbuilding and elevation of our citizenship," continued Tigie, "than any other man in the year of 1957. That is the reason for his selection for the honor of Outstanding Citizen."—Manchester Enterprise.

Special Summer Program At Campbellsville College

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. — An accelerated program in business and economics has been announced for this summer at Campbellsville College. Details of the program were released by Frank E. Borich, acting head of the Business and Economics Department. The summer program will begin June 2 and continue through August 8. It offers such courses as accounting, shorthand, typing, business correspondence, business law and mathematics and general office procedures for those interested in becoming an accountant, stenographer, typist, general office worker or church secretary. Cost of the ten weeks including tuition, room and board is listed as \$180. Campbellsville is a Baptist college with a distinctive Christian atmosphere. All courses are fully accredited.

▶ Jack Naish has come to be minister of education at the Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, where he is now associated with Pastor M. D. Morton. He has heretofore been with the Morning View Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

▶ A county-wide revival campaign beginning August 24, 1958, has been arranged by the Graves County Baptist Association. Buckner Fanning, well known evangelist, has been secured as revival preacher for the campaign.

PRESENT COMMISSIONS TO CONTINUE FUNCTIONS

By the Baptist Press

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The Southern Baptist Convention will vote at Houston in May on recommendations of a Committee to Study the Total SBC Program. This is the truth of six articles on the committee's report. This article covers the part of the report applying to the group of agencies known as commissions, to Convention-operated hospitals, and to the Southern Baptist Foundation.]

The report of the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program makes specific reference to only two agencies classed as commissions. They are the Hospital Commission and the proposed new Stewardship Commission.

While it discusses the responsibility of the new Stewardship Commission, the Survey Committee report makes no recommendations for internal changes of existing commissions. They would perform the same duties with which they are already charged.

References to the existing commissions—except for one item about hospitals—are made only in general terms applying to all of them.

The existing commissions are the Brotherhood Commission, Christian Life

Commission, Education Commission, Historical Commission, Radio and TV Commission, Hospital Commission, and Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary.

The possibility of another new commission at some indefinite future date is also discussed.

The recommendations of the Survey Committee will be presented to the 1958 Convention session at Houston for adoption.

The Survey Committee recommends that as a policy the commissions "work primarily with other Convention agencies and state conventions and their agencies rather than with local churches."

It adds that the Convention Executive Committee "in reviewing the work of

the Commissions each year, should devote particular attention to the manner in which the Commissions are conducting their work to assure that the principle is adhered to."

"The Commissions should correlate their work with other agencies both through direct co-operation and through active participation in the work of the Inter-Agency Council," the recommendation continues.

"Sponsorship of hospitals is a function most appropriately performed by state conventions or other local Baptist organizations," according to the Survey Committee.

This recommendation would reaffirm an already existing Convention policy.

The Southern Baptist Convention as a whole operates two hospitals, both under supervision of the Hospital Commission. One is located at New Orleans and another at Jacksonville, Fla.

The Survey Committee says the Hospital Commission should continue to operate these two hospitals. It says transfer of them to local groups would involve legal complications and might affect gifts which the hospitals would receive.

It adds two other points:

1. "The hospitals are more effective missionary forces in the areas they serve under Southern Baptist sponsorship than would be true if they were under state convention or local sponsorship."

2. "The hospitals are valuable to the Hospital Commission in providing technical assistance to state or local Baptist hospital groups." It recommends that the Hospital Commission continue to advise local Baptist groups on operation of denominational hospitals.

The new Stewardship Commission would be created by removing the division of promotion from the present operation of the Convention's Executive Committee.

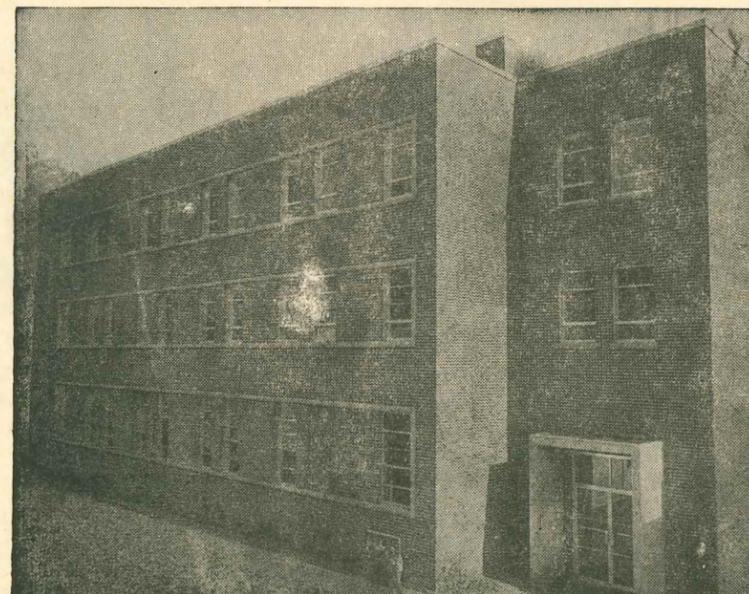
Creation of the new Commission, the Survey Committee reports, would leave the Executive Committee more objective in its Conventionwide responsibilities. It also would "encourage more rapid expansion of the stewardship promotion program" and give such a program "status equal to that of other agencies."

Another new commission is discussed as a prospect for some indefinite date in the future. It would embody functions now carried on through the Executive Committee's division of publications.

The division of publications serves the Convention in public and press relations, operates a news service, publishes a monthly magazine for Baptist leaders, and operates the Baptist Bulletin Service and mat service.

The Survey Committee says such a new commission could be established when an "expanded public relations program" warranted the creation of a sep-

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First Baptist Church, Pikeville, dedicated its new fireproof, air-conditioned, three-story Religious Education Building Sunday, March 9. It is the first unit in a four-unit plan, which, when completed, will have a capacity of 1,230 in Sunday school, with a corresponding sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1,200. Present facilities provide for a capacity of 530, costing \$197,849.66. The total cost, including furnishings, will run \$218,580.70, exclusive of the lot. Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary for Kentucky Baptists, brought the message at the eleven o'clock hour. Open house was observed in the afternoon, and Dr. L. O. Griffith, director of promotion of the Home Mission Board, brought the evening message. The Pikeville church was organized in July, 1904, with 12 charter members. The inception of the church was due mainly to the efforts of missionaries who came into the area from the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. The Home Mission Board also extended a helping hand toward the purchase of a site and a construction of a building in 1906 and 1911. The first building was dedicated June 10, 1911, with the Educational Annex to the old building in 1917. This building and site served the church until the purchase of a new location in 1955. The estimated total value of church property now, including site, parsonage, new structure and old location, stands at \$436,593.53. Present membership is 765. Harold Wainscott is the pastor.

KENTUCKY TRAINING UNION LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AND WORKSHOP

APRIL 14 - 18

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MORNING SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

- 9:00 Worship..... Dr. W. C. Boone
9:20 Song, Announcements
9:30 Correct use of Curriculum Materials..... Panel Discussions
10:30 Intermission
10:40 Administration with a Purpose Panel Discussion
11:40 Song
11:45 Basic Objectives Dr. J. E. Lambdin
12:05 Adjourn

Provisions for pre-school children will be provided.



J. E. Lambdin
Secretary and Editor
Training Union Department
Baptist Sunday School Board



James H. Whaley
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Kentucky Training
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EVENING SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

CLASSES — 7:15-8:45

Classes for each age group, Junior through Adults. Special Classes for Nursery through Intermediate Leadership, Conferences for General Officers, Conferences on Associational Work, and Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Departments.

Every age group worker from the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board will be teaching along with most of the editors.

ASSEMBLY — 8:45-9:15

Speakers:

Monday and Tuesday Dr. J. L. Sullivan

Wednesday..... Dr. W. L. Howse

Thursday and Friday Dr. H. F. Paschall

ADJOURN — 9:15

DEPARTMENTS

R. A. Congress

By FORREST W. SAWYER



Just prior to Feb. 23 church leaders in Kentucky Baptist Churches received information relative to the convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress to be held in Ft. Worth, Tex., August 12-14, 1958.

Quoting a recent communication from Jesse A. Hatfield, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Barbourville, and a Kentucky Congress pastor advisor, as well as member of the Convention Congress Promotion Committee for Kentucky, he describes the Ft. Worth Congress as being a **ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY**. Mr. Hatfield further states, "My personal feeling is that such unusual and costly summer adventures are the launching sites from which God thrusts boys into the orbit of His will."

Mr. Hatfield itemizes six of the Congress' potential values as:

1. It comes, usually, only once while they are in the proper age group.
2. It is distinctly Christ centered.
3. It is winsomely church related.
4. It provides a wholesome introduction to cooperatives with Baptist ranks.
5. It offers the boy a real and meaningful challenge to participation in, and familiarity with, missions and other areas of service within his interests and abilities.
6. As one of life's outstanding memorable experiences, it will give him a singular injection of enthusiasm in his church life everytime he recalls it—because he will associate this genuine pleasure with his Lord.

Chartered buses have already been scheduled to leave from Louisville, Danville, Covington, Owensboro, and Paducah. For information on these contact the person nearest you. They are:

- Covington: Rev. Chase W. Jennings, 12 East Robbins Street, Covington; Mr. Thomas Herron, 729 Taylor, Bellevue.
- Danville: Mr. Bill Vaught, 105 Williams Street, Danville.
- Louisville: Long Run Association of Baptists, 302 Commonwealth Bldg., Louisville; Mr. Bill Funk, 339 North 22nd Street, Louisville.
- Owensboro: Rev. Cecil Laster, 332 West Fifth, Owensboro; Rev. William Towery, Rt. 2, Utica.
- Paducah: Rev. John R. Flynn, Box 239, Paducah; Mr. Paul S. Owen, 219 Atlanta Avenue, Paducah.

The chairman of the Royal Ambassador Committee of church Brotherhoods will be working with pastors, their

Brotherhoods, and the Royal Ambassador counselors and the boys to see that Kentucky reaches its quota of 210.

The Indispensable Ingredient in Growth Is Visitation

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



R. E. Boatwright

The slogan, "You Can Grow Now," is applicable to any Sunday school in any location. But the indispensable ingredient in growth is visitation. Before your Sunday school can grow, the pastor and superintendent must lead the school to take a stand for growth.

When this conviction is developed, two basic steps will make immediate and consistent growth a reality in your Sunday school.

I. PROVIDE A PRACTICAL VISITATION PROGRAM

If visitation is to flourish, the church must earnestly commit itself to six vital essentials of fruitful visitation.

1. Vote to schedule a definite visitation day each week.—Most churches use Thursday, but whatever the day you choose, guard it from all other meetings and observe the day religiously.

2. Locate every available prospect.—In the initial effort, take a thorough census of the church area. Discover additional prospects from visitors in the church services, families of those already enrolled in Sunday school, new-comers to the city or community, and church members who are not enrolled in Bible study.

3. Maintain an active prospect file.—Elect a competent person to include in an active file the names and addresses of all known prospects. Enlist one or more persons to make initial contacts with additional prospects who are discovered each week. From week to week, remove from the file the cards on those who have been enrolled and add cards for new prospects.

4. Make assignments a personal matter.—Sunday school workers find it easy to ignore cards, boards, and letters but hard to resist a personal approach. Use the weekly officers and teachers' meeting and the Sunday morning class session to make assignments.

5. Secure visitation reports.—Train the visitors to evaluate each visit and make a written report on the assignment form.

6. Practice sustained visitation.—One or two visits rarely ever enlist a new member. Faithful, regular, patient, prayerful persistence is the key to successful enlistment.

[Note: For a full discussion of the program outlined here, see the book, *THE MINISTRY OF VISITATION*, or the leaflet, *THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED*. Order the book from your Baptist Book Store and the leaflet from your State Sunday school secretary.]

Bowling Green Gives Warm Welcome

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON



Dr. J. R. Estes

"The members of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, take great pleasure in welcoming the ladies of the WMU to our church and community. The role of Baptist women in the life of our churches has been increasingly significant from the time William Carey

launched the modern missionary movement in a prayer meeting in the home of Widow Wallace. The vision of missionary opportunity has been enlarged in every area of our church life because of the zeal of the ladies of our WMU.

"It is with a sense of keen anticipation and high expectation from God that we approach the annual convention. It is our hope that the facilities of our church and community may be conducive to the most successful convention ever. You will find our people to be friendly and the Baptist witness to be respected in Bowling Green."—J. R. Estes, Pastor

"The members of the WMU of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, extend a cordial invitation to you to come and worship with us April 1-3, which is the time for our 55th Annual State WMU Meeting.

"Every facility of our church, our city and our homes will be at your disposal. We sincerely hope that many of our Baptist women can arrange to be with us as we pray, plan, listen to inspired speakers and enjoy Christian fellowship in order that we



Mrs. I. F. Pedigo
WMS President

may glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for which purpose we were created (Isaiah 43:7).—Mrs. I. F. Pedigo, WMS President.



L. O. Griffith

"We regret that lack of space prevents using pictures of Miss Mary Frances Gould, of Covington and Thailand, who will speak on Thursday morning, Dr. Pat Hill, of Nigeria, and others who will speak on this outstanding program. Don't miss a session of this meeting."

Big Events

By JAMES WHALEY



James Whaley

"When it rains it pours" is an old saying that really seems to apply to Training Union work this April.

Three big events sponsored by Training Unions over the state are scheduled this month. Two of these are held each year and one is for this year only.

The State Training Union Convention will meet April 10-11 at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky. A poster giving all the information has been mailed to every pastor and Training Union director in the state. Next week in the *Western Recorder* the program of the convention will be printed in outline form. If anyone wishes to stay in a home in the St. Matthews area on the 10th or 11th, write: The Homes Committee, St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Avenue, Louisville 7, Kentucky, before April 2.

The Kentucky Training Union Leadership Institute and Workshop—This is the first time any such program has been held in Kentucky. There will be thirty-two people on the faculty at Ridgecrest. On pages 8 and 9 of this issue of the *Western Recorder* more detailed information is given. It is hoped that a large group from over the state will attend this workshop. Your attention is again called to the fact that members of churches in Louisville are opening their homes for out of town guests for the entire week. If you wish

a room in a home, please write Mr. Harold Dunaway, 1712 Roosevelt Ave., Lyndon, Kentucky.

Youth Week—April is the suggested month for churches to observe Youth Week. However, it can be held at any time. Tracts are available through the Kentucky Training Union Department on how to plan and conduct this special week of activity. Also, free posters for publicizing the event are available. Too, several copies of an excellent film-strip showing What A Youth Week Can Mean To A Church may be obtained. If you wish to order the material mentioned above, write the Kentucky Training Union Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.



The Kentucky Church Music Department announces the appearance of Mr. R. Paul Green, director of the Baptist Hour Choir, at the State Music Leadership School at Georgetown on July 28 to August 1. He is to direct the Festival Choir of the school in a public concert on Friday night, August 1, at 7:30 p.m. at John L. Hill Chapel. Mr. Green will also teach a class to music ministers on choral arranging. Besides directing the Southern Baptist Radio Hour choir, Green is connected to the School of Sacred Music of Southwestern Baptist Seminary and is music minister of University Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Green's contribution to Kentucky Baptist music leadership is highly anticipated.

MORE for MISSIONS

BECAUSE WE CARE WE SHARE

CONSIDER

by

David E. Mason



"Where are we?" roars the captain to the mate. Taking sextant in hand, the mate scurries across the deck, carefully works with his instrument, makes a few brief calculations, and reports to the captain the exact position of the ship.

The captain and the mate would be in bad shape if they did not have a sextant to tell them where they are. You and I—without insight into our moral and spiritual condition—would be in the same boat with the captain and the mate if they were adrift without a sextant to answer—"Where are we?"

"Where are we going?" roars the captain to the mate. With fleet feet the mate runs to the poop deck, uncovers the compass, reads it with care and makes a simple calculation. He reports to the captain the course the ship is following. The captain and the mate—even though they knew where they were—would be pitiful if they didn't have a compass to tell them the direction in which they were headed. You and I need a spiritual and moral compass to answer—"Where are we going?" We also need the wisdom and fortitude to heed the answer given.

"How can we get there?" roars the captain to the mate. Not losing a precious second, the faithful mate zips to the chart room, pulls out a map, works briskly with protactor and divider, rolls up the map, and reports to the waiting captain the course that must be followed to reach the proper destination. Even with compass and sextant, the captain and the mate must refer to the maps and charts if they are to get anywhere. You and I also need to learn that it is not enough to know our position and our direction. We must also have the answer to—"How can I get there?"

►Members of Felix Memorial Church, Lexington, surprised their pastor, John T. Wallace, with a birthday party after the service Wednesday night, March 12. They presented him with a gift of a tape recorder. On the birthday cake, instead of the expected one candle for each of his birthdays, there were only nine candles—as a recognition of his nine years service to that church as of this coming May.

W. G. Crawford Becomes Minister of Education at First Church, Newport



William G. Crawford

Pastor D. T. Pomeroy, of the First Baptist Church, Newport, announces the addition of a new staff member with the call of William G. Crawford as minister of education. Mr. Crawford began his work in Newport on March 23.

Mr. Crawford surrendered to full time religious service in 1945 while stationed in the Hawaiian Islands during World War II. He is a native of Newport where he received his early training in the Newport Public Schools. Other training includes the B. S. degree with honors from Texas Wesleyan College and the Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, where he also received the John P. Price Memorial Award.

Experience of Mr. Crawford includes associate pastor of First Church, Newport, 1946-48, educational director of First Church, Lake Worth, Texas, during seminary days and educational director of Latonia Baptist, Covington, from 1955 to his present move. Under his direction the educational program of Latonia has become one of the most outstanding.

Mrs. Crawford, a Newport High School graduate, was listed in "Who's Who Among American College Students" at Texas Wesleyan where she received the B. S. degree with honors. The Crawfords have a daughter, Bonnie Mary, age 16.

Mr. Crawford's work at Newport will include the development of 13 new departments for a new \$230,000 educational building with 900 capacity now being constructed.

What A Clerk!

The Westmoreland Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia, co-operates with the General Association of Kentucky Baptists and is a member church in the Greenup Association. When the appeal went out in February for special effort on the part of our churches in

providing the Western Recorder for the church leadership, the Westmoreland Church was without a pastor but not without someone who accepted the challenge. Paul A. Scaggs, church clerk, became concerned and through investigation learned that the church had never had more than ten subscriptions, and at the time only one family in the church was receiving the paper. Paul busied himself almost every night calling members of the church concerning subscriptions to the paper. As a result a list of fifty-three new subscriptions to the Western Recorder has come from Westmoreland.

Among those on the subscription list is the new pastor, William S. Holton, who is now even yet on the church field. The subscription for the new pastor was sponsored by the Men's Bible Class. Mr. Holton is presently pastor of the Manhattan Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, and will begin his Westmoreland ministry on March 30.

The efforts of this church clerk and the response of the Westmoreland membership proves that the Western Recorder can become vital in the life of any church. Wherever there is a will, there is a way. To every church clerk and pastor we are inclined to say, "Go thou and do likewise."—(Editor)

PRESENT COMMISSIONS TO CONTINUE FUNCTIONS

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arate agency to conduct its affairs.

The Survey Committee recommends that the Southern Baptist Foundation be continued as a separate agency and that it "strengthen its investment management staff" by employing a qualified specialist in the field.

It would also have on its staff "one or more persons qualified to advise and provide information material to Southern Baptist Convention agencies and state conventions on technical matters relating to wills, annuities, and other means of capital giving."

The Survey Committee "considered the desirability of merging the Foundation with other Convention agencies but after more deliberation and study decided this would not be a wise course of action." A merger "would likely involve legal complications and violate moral commitments," according to the report.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MARCH 16, 1958

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut St.	1,433	12	269
Missions (3)	231	1	40
Lou., Carlisle Ave.	1,166	1	281
Missions (3)	245	5	94
Lou., 9th and O	1,140	5	386
Mission (1)	109	—	35
Madisonville, First	1,121	2	276
Hopkinsville, Second	1,062	—	249
Owensboro, Third	1,030	—	274
Mayfield, First	922	—	301
Lou., St. Matthews	940	8	300
Lexington, Immanuel	905	5	310
Harrodsburg	892	2	226
Missions (3)	137	—	80
Evansville, Grace	889	—	—
Hopkinsville, First (1)	860	—	245

Covington, Calvary	851	—	—
Murray, First	840	—	—
Mission (1)	41	—	—
Lou., Beechland	829	—	208
Mission (1)	438	10	219
Lexington, Calvary	829	2	224
Mission (1)	34	—	—
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	817	6	191
Missions (2)	—	—	—
Covington, Latonia	757	—	189
Mission (1)	108	—	30
Lou., Beechmont	754	6	140
Mission (1)	393	—	167
Newport, First	749	3	209
Missions (2)	177	—	—
Lou., Victory Mem.	729	2	152
Missions (2)	186	4	95
Lexington, Grace	722	—	202
Missions (2)	113	—	—
Somerset, First	683	—	—
Mission (1)	65	—	—
Frankfort, First	660	—	167
Mission (1)	84	—	46
Lou., Parkland	659	3	198
Mission (1)	215	3	92
Princeton, First	653	—	107
Georgetown, Missions (2)	28	—	206
Lou., Hazelwood	597	3	115
Shelbyville, First	583	4	102
Henderson, Immanuel	576	—	100
Missions (2)	136	—	—
Erlanger	560	2	88
Lou., Highland	541	1	180
Lexington, Rosemont	537	—	145
London, First	531	—	128
Mission (1)	63	—	—
Ashland, First	529	1	101
Missions (3)	171	—	—
Lou., Rockford Lane	527	1	189
Ashland, Unity	525	8	125
Lou., Third Ave.	520	—	146
Mission (1)	160	4	45
Shively	519	2	101
Mission (1)	98	—	40
Danville, First	515	—	147
Missions (2)	138	2	67
Owensboro, Hall St.	514	—	189
Middlesboro, First	504	—	106
Lou., Farmdale	497	7	143
Mission (1)	98	—	37
Lou., Bethany	492	2	109
Evansville, Calvary	490	—	160
Owensboro, Buena Vista	490	—	138
Winchester, Central	489	2	119
Lou., Southside	485	2	156
Lou., Eastern Parkway	484	4	104
Lexington, Porter Mem.	480	—	156
Danville, Lexington Ave.	467	—	56
Mission (1)	49	—	—
Winchester, First	460	3	136
Mission (1)	47	—	—
Lou., Valley View	444	—	142
Bellevue	440	—	106
Owensboro, Eaton Mem.	437	—	176
Covington, First (1)	435	1	188
Lou., Shawnee	432	—	132
Lebanon, First	426	2	92
Mission (1)	105	—	55
Paducah, East	423	—	153
Cynthiana	410	—	86
Mission (1)	77	3	33
Bardstown	409	—	43
Franklin, First	408	—	73
Mission (1)	41	—	10
Russellville, First	406	—	140
Mission (1)	53	—	—
Corbin, First	405	—	91
Lou., Immanuel	404	—	123
Versailles	402	—	61
Richmond, First	396	—	92
Lawrenceburg (1)	382	—	60
Lou., Fairdale	374	7	120
LaGrange, DeHaven Mem.	373	—	91
Lou., Valley Station	369	2	83
Lou., 18th St.	367	1	102
Mission (1)	59	—	26
Mt. Washington	365	—	105
Ludlow, First	359	2	110
Nicholasville	355	—	2
Mission (1)	20	—	26
Danville, Gethsemane	351	—	150
Paducah, 12th St.	350	4	130
Hazard, First	350	—	73
Sturgis, First	349	—	95
Ft. Thomas, First	345	—	87
Missions (1)	71	—	—
Paducah, West End	339	6	105
Mission (1)	25	—	—
Walton, First	338	—	138
Greenville, First	330	—	111
Shepherdsville	327	—	68
Dawson Springs	326	—	69
Lou., Green Acres	323	2	107
Frankfort, Crestwood	317	—	118
Lou., Beechwood	311	—	105
Ashland, Pollard	309	2	96
Mission (1)	72	—	—
Dayton, First	300	—	—

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Sunday School Lesson

For March 30, 1958

By H. C. Chiles

The Ordinances of the Church



H. C. Chiles

Christ instituted the church, commissioned it to proclaim His gospel to the ends of the earth and commanded it to perpetuate His ordinances. The ordinances of a New Testament church are two in number—baptism and the Lord's Supper. There is no saving efficacy whatever in either or both of them as anybody who has received Christ's salvation can testify. According to the New Testament, these ordinances are symbolic acts setting forth spiritual truths.

I. The Ordinance of Baptism. Romans 6:3-4.

Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ upon a profession of faith in Him as Saviour and Lord. It is a descent into, a burial under and an ascent out of the water, symbolizing the subject's personal union with the dead, buried and resurrected Christ. The immersion, the submersion and the emersion of the believer in Christ picture the death, burial and resurrection of the Saviour. Anything which does not portray the death, burial and resurrection of Christ is not baptism no matter who may call it that.

Baptism represents Christ's death and burial for our sins and His resurrection from the dead for our justification. The gist of the gospel of Christ is that He died for our sins, was buried and rose again. The child of God dramatizes this gospel in his baptism. In this act of public commitment to Christ as Lord and of loving obedience to Him, the Christian symbolizes his death to sin when he goes under the water and his rising to walk in newness of life when he comes up out of the water.

II. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. I Corinthians 11:23-29.

Christ instituted the Lord's Supper in the Upper Room at Jerusalem on the night of His betrayal. He did this in express recognition and for the everlasting remembrance of His death of torture, agony and ignominy. It is an ordinance which is to be observed by and in His churches at stated intervals as determined by each individual church, inasmuch as the Scriptures do not specify how often it is to be observed. Since Christ commanded the

observance of the Lord's Supper, "This do in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19), there should not be any question in the mind of any Christian as to its importance. It was His desire that He might ever be remembered by His blood-bought followers.

When He instituted the Supper, our Lord took the bread, which represented His own body, and gave thanks unto the Father for a body that could die for the sins of the world. He also took the wine, which represented His blood, gave thanks for it and interpreted the meaning of this symbol to the disciples, then gave it to them and commanded them to drink it. Of course, the bread which He gave to them was not His literal body, because He was yet present with

BIBLE VERSE



MATTHEW 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

them; and the wine was not His literal blood, because that blood still flowed in His veins. These elements were symbols to remind the disciples of that Bread which came down from heaven and of that Blood which alone had power to cleanse from all sin. This memorial of His death was established and is to be observed until He returns.

It is rather remarkable that the passage in this lesson should be the only apostolic teaching which we have respecting its observance. Paul's discussion of the Lord's Supper was based on the revelation and instruction which he received from the Lord. After receiving it from Him, Paul passed it on to all believers in Christ. In voicing that instruction Paul gives a thrilling command, "This do in remembrance of Me."

The Lord's Supper pictures truth for believers in connection with the past, the present and the future. Concerning this ordinance three things should be noted.

1. It is A Practice.

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup." The regular and

prayerful practice of observing the Lord's Supper will enrich the life of believers, cause them to love Christ more and bring them to a more loyal and faithful devotion to their Lord and His church.

2. It Is A Proclamation.

"Ye do shew forth the Lord's death." The silent bread and voiceless wine should tell the world that Christ died and that through His broken body and His poured-out blood sinners receive eternal life. His death is what is held up to view in this Supper. His sacrifice for our sins was sufficient for our salvation.

3. It Is A Prophecy.

"Till He come." Truly, the Lord's Supper is a prophecy of a future event—Christ's return. The memory of His death should quicken the hope of His return.

God's Word is explicit and positive concerning the lives and attitudes of those Christians who would partake of the Lord's Supper. The reference to eating and drinking unworthily does not apply to the unworthiness of the person observing the ordinance, but to the wrong manner in which it is done. For example, anyone who attempts to substitute human fellowship for the scriptural observance of the Lord's Supper observes it in an unworthy manner. His Supper must ever be a remembrance of Him and not a feast of friends. Whoever partakes of the Lord's Supper in order to show his fellowship with any human being certainly perverts the ordinance and fails to observe it worthily. Christ said, "This do in remembrance of Me." Let us remember Him in the spirit of deep humility, grateful love, faithful obedience and joyous hope.

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Williamson, E. Williamson	296	—	94
Mission (1)	33	—	—
Marion	294	—	85
Mission (1)	15	—	—
Scottsville, First	294	—	83
Middletown, First	286	2	81
Campbellsville, S.	—	—	—
Campbellsville	283	—	89
Junction City	278	—	74
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	276	—	108
Monticello, First	274	—	91
Lebanon Junction	274	2	88
Lou., Audubon	271	—	76
Hawesville	273	1	80
Owensboro, Seven Hills	271	—	68
Middleboro, East	—	—	—
Cumberland Ave.	248	—	107
Hima, Horse Creek	260	—	—
Sonora	248	—	107
Somerset, Calvary	240	2	118
Mission (1)	47	—	—
Horse Cave	235	—	61
Carrollton, First	235	4	46
Paintsville, First	230	2	98
Missions (2)	96	—	—
Covington, Ashland Ave.	229	2	75
Lou., Baptist Temple	224	—	68
Mission (1)	120	—	57
Frankfort, Memorial	221	—	—
Falmouth	219	—	—
Mission (1)	25	—	—
Prestonsburg,	—	—	—
Irene Cole Mem.	217	12	75
Missions (12)	376	—	—
Mt. Vernon, First	212	—	56
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Manual A. Cooper Resigns Fourth Avenue Pastorate

Manual A. Cooper has resigned as pastor of Fourth Avenue Church, Louisville, effective April 6. Having reached retirement age, he feels that the church should have a younger man to carry on. Still robust in health, he does not intend to retire from preaching. He expects to keep himself available for supply work, interim pastorates, revival meetings, and teaching.

He is going next month to Atlanta, Ga., to preach the 75th anniversary sermon at the West End Baptist Church, where Dr. O. Norman Shands is now pastor. His son, Dr. Manuel Neal Cooper, heart specialist, has his office directly across the street from this West End Church, where the Fourth Avenue pastor formerly was pastor for 15½ years.

Dr. Cooper is a native Kentuckian. He grew up in the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home (now Spring Meadows). He was awarded his A. B. degree by Bethel College at Russellville, and was for a time during World War I a first lieutenant in U. S. Army at San Antonio. He became professor of English at Cleburne, Texas, High School. Back in Kentucky, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church and principal of the

School, both at the same time, at Scottsville, Kentucky.

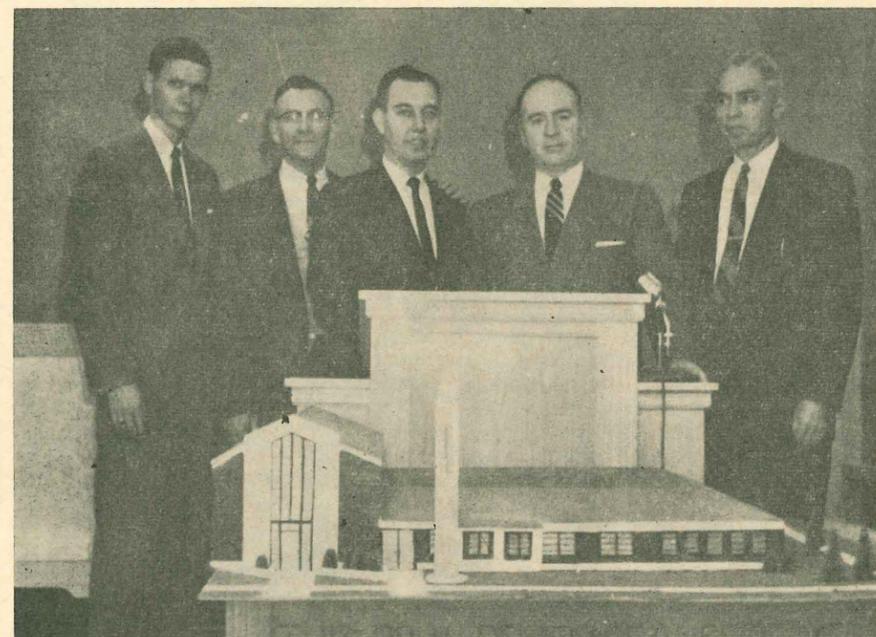
Vanderbilt University conferred the M. A. on him, and the Southern Baptist Seminary its Th.M. and Th.D.

Other early pastorates included Finchville, Leitchfield and Central City churches in Kentucky, before going to West End in Atlanta, already mentioned.

After the West End pastorate in the Georgia capital, he spent about three years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He returned to Louisville to be pastor of the Fourth Avenue Church in March, 1945, and has been here thirteen years—which is said to be twice as long as any previous pastor.

He has been president of the Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Meeting; president of the Louisville Ministerial Association; on the Home Mission Board for fifteen years; and vice president of the Georgia Baptist Convention for three years.

While at Leitchfield, Ky., he led in the erection of the church auditorium and class rooms; and at Fourth Avenue he led in putting up their new Educational Building.



The first unit in the new building of the South Park Baptist Chapel, on Old National Turnpike Road at Schaffer, Louisville, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, March 2, 1958. Taking part on the program were (left to right): (1) Alton H. McEachern, the present pastor; (2) A. B. Watson, now a member of Ormsby Avenue Church, who was the first pastor of South Park; (3) Dr. Henry Beach, pastor of Ninth and O Church, who preached the dedicatory sermon; (4) Melva D. Morton, pastor of the mother church, Beechmont Baptist; and (5) Fred Morgan, member of the missions committee and moderator of the mother church, Beechmont. In the foreground, in front of the pulpit stand, is a replica of the entire church plant. The unit in the back and right side constitutes the original structure, with the other units to be built later as funds are available.

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Today is the greatest time in history to be alive and tomorrow promises even more. Modern "miracle medicines" promise better health and longer life. Soon we will be flying to Paris just for shopping trips! No matter where our friends are they will be no more than a few hours away. Think of the opportunities of space travel and the opportunities to learn about and see things we have never dreamed of.

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ought to use this knowledge to better our living conditions in any way we can. But, there stands before us an open door. With modern transportation and communication the world is becoming smaller and smaller. This gives us an even greater opportunity to carry Christ into all the world.

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Or we can keep silent. We can waste the time we gained in riotous living. We can learn to move faster, but where shall we go? Atomic power can conquer the world, but who would want it? What is long life in the poverty of sin?

Live modern but live for Christ! Young people, the door is open. Tomorrow can be a beautiful day with the sunshine of God's peace or one in which, "too much rain will fall." The door is open: What will it be? It's up to you!

Two Convention Leaders Die At Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Two Southern Baptist leaders died here recently within a 24-hour period.

Deb Lee Stennis, former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died following brain surgery. Stennis, cousin of Sen. John Stennis (D. Miss.), was pastor of four rural churches in the Meridian, Miss., area. Funeral services were held March 7.

Lewis M. Smith, Birmingham, president of Alabama Power Company and a member of the SBC Executive Committee, died after an illness. Services were conducted March 6.

Stennis was born July 3, 1909, in Kemper County, Miss., north of Meridian. Except for a two-year period,

Stennis had been pastor of Baptist churches at Union, Miss., and New Hope, Miss., since 1936.

The Southern Baptist Convention elected Stennis second vice-president during its 1956 session at Kansas City, Mo. He presided over part of the 1957 session of the Convention at Chicago.

Smith was active in civic and denominational affairs. He was member-at-large of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America. He was president of the Birmingham Civic Symphony Association.

He was past district governor of Rotary International and past president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

In denominational life, he served also as trustee of Howard College, Baptist four-year school at Birmingham. He was a director of Birmingham Baptist Hospitals, operated by Baptists in the Birmingham area.

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TWO BAPTISTS STRICKEN ILL IN LOUISVILLE

►Herman Marx has completed his eleventh year as pastor of the Chapel of the First Baptist Church, Frankfort.

►Pastor Samuel G. Shepard, Trinity Baptist Church, Paducah, and Lee Stallings, minister of music at First Church, Mayfield, are to be the evangelist and singer for evangelistic meetings with Pastor E. Paul Howerton at the East Williamson Baptist Church, Williamson, W. Virginia.

►Don Hart, minister of music and education at the Versailles Baptist Church, has been called to a similar work with the First Baptist Church, Pineville.

►Clark W. McMurray, Philadelphia, Miss., has been the evangelist assisting John W. Kruschwitz in a revival at the Versailles Baptist Church, March 24-30. The music has been under the direction of Ira Prosser, assistant pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington.

During the week of March 16-22, just as we are preparing this paper, two of our Baptist brethren have undergone illness, and their cases are both still in process. One is James W. Allen, Jr., new Royal Ambassador secretary in Kentucky, whose picture appeared on the front cover of the Western Recorder two weeks ago, March 13. The other is Pastor Herman E. Rowlett, of the Twenty-third and Broadway Baptist Church.

Allen fell ill while swimming in the Levering Gymnasium at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has been taken to the Kentucky Baptist Hospital where he has been undergoing treatment for about three days. This morning as we go to press he is reported to be slightly better, but is still on the hospital's critical list. He is to undergo a series of treatments this morning at 10:30 o'clock, and the result of those findings will probably determine what course his physicians and surgeons will take in treating his case.

Rowlett has been slated to be taken to the Kentucky Baptist Hospital for some days, but up to this writing he has not been removed from his home at 2602 Algonquin Parkway, Louisville. He is running a temperature of 102 degrees.

It is too early at this writing to give anything like a final statement on either.

►Dr. S. S. Hill, Sr., Versailles, Ky., is holding a revival with Pastor Carey Albritten in Peru, Indiana, March 23-April 4. Also he will hold one with Pastor Ted Dougherty at Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., April 13-25, and will be supplying for Pastor John W. Kruschwitz at Versailles Baptist Church, Versailles, Ky., April 27.

►Dr. E. F. Estes, Louisville, was with the First Baptist Church, Morgantown, for the week of March 10-14, in a "Doctrinal Emphasis Week." Each evening Dr. Estes preached on one of the great doctrinal themes. Much interest was manifested and the church has been revived by this series of meetings. Charles H. Ham is the pastor.

►The Bartholomew Southern Baptist Mission, Third and Jackson Streets, Columbus, Indiana, will be constituted into a church on Saturday night, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. Bartholomew has been sponsored by the First Baptist Church, Rushville. Lawrence P. Miley, 714 Washington, Columbus, Ind., is the pastor, and he wishes people who know of Southern Baptists living and working in his area to communicate with him.

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