

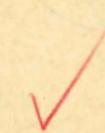
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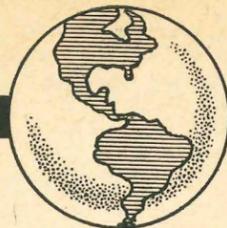
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R. E. Naylor begins his administration as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

PASTORAL CHANGES

►The First Baptist Church of Earlington has called Guy Gordon as its new pastor.

►Cecil V. Cook, Jr., has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bluefield, Va. He expects to work with a fund-raising firm in New York City.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

►Southern Baptists have selected the Saxony Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, for its headquarters for the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention sessions.

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

►Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sullivan, of the Third Church, Owensboro, had their sixtieth wedding anniversary on December 29.

PARK TO LITTLE BETHEL

►The new superintendent of missions in Little Bethel Association is Brother George D. Park. Since returning from his duties as a chaplain in the U. S. Army, with assignments in the Far East, he has been superintending the work in Caldwell Association and residing at Princeton. His new address is P.O. Box 373, Madisonville, Ky.

RICHMOND BOOK STORE

►An item in the Religious Herald, Richmond, Va., says that Miss Della Frances Bell, manager, has announced the dedication service for the new Baptist Book Store in Richmond will be held February 16 at 10:00 a.m. The new Baptist Book Store is located at 115 East Grace Street. The Richmond store's manager is a product of Owensboro, Kentucky, and formerly served at the Baptist Book Store in that city.

LONG RUN W.M.U.

►Dr. Joseph R. Estes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, will be the speaker for the Long Run Association WMU Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, January 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., according to announcement made by Mrs. John T. Steverson, superintendent. In addition, Pastor James G. Pickens, West Broadway Church, will give a meditation on "The Effect of Personal Witnessing," and Mrs. J. Chester Durham and Mrs. Paul Linde will give short talks.

DEER PARK SUPPLIES

►The Deer Park Church, Louisville, has extended a leave-of-absence for a few months during the first of the new year to its pastor, Dr. J. Herbert Gilmore, Jr., and during his absence the Deer Park pulpit is being supplied by Drs. Eric Rust, William A. Mueller, J. B. Weatherspoon, all of the Seminary faculty, and Dr. Anderson, a missionary on furlough.

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TORSTRICKS BACK HOME

►Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Torstrick, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Chile, have completed language school in Costa Rica and have returned to the States for a short time before proceeding to their permanent field of service. Their address is 2294 Ralph Ave., Louisville 16, Ky. Mrs. Torstrick is the former Shirley Lee. Both are natives of Louisville.

DONALD LYTAL ORDAINED

►Donald E. Lytal was ordained to preach the Gospel by the Cold Spring Baptist Church, Battletown, January 4, 1959. The council was convened by L.

B. Kendall, and the interrogation was led by Louis Wilhite, Ekron. Edmon Burgher, associational missionary, was elected moderator and he also gave the charge to the church. The charge to the candidate was delivered by Mike Champlin, of the Seminary. The ordination prayer was led by Walter Jackson, Paynesville, and the Bible was presented by L. B. Kendall.

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WHAT GOD HATES

By DR. JOHN H. BUCHANAN

Dr. Buchanan, eminent Baptist preacher and statesman, is now serving as chaplain of the Baptist Hospital of Birmingham after a long ministry at Birmingham's Southside Baptist Church. This article is a meditation which appeared in one of his monthly hospital bulletins.—Editor.

Last month in our meditation we considered the wisdom of seeing no evil, hearing no evil and speaking no evil. I stated that I believed there was more of the good and beautiful and wholesome in life than of the bad and ugly and unwholesome. I urged that we seek to see and hear and speak only the good and wholesome and beautiful. In giving emphasis there, I did not mean to imply that we can with wisdom ignore the existence of evil quailites in life.

I do not hold to a Pollyanna philosophy of life. I am not so far removed from reality as to delude myself into believing that only the good and true and beautiful exist. We are wise when we note the existence of the ugly, bad and unwholesome in order that we may be fortified against them and thus forestall their encroachment into our own hearts and lives.

So in this meditation I want us to look at the seven things which Solomon in his Proverbs tells us that God hates. We think of God usually as the embodiment of love, and that is true. There is no finer definition of deity than that given by John, namely, "God is love."

Believing this about God, we may be a bit shocked at the first blush to discover the Bible declares that He hates certain things. When this term is employed to reveal God's attitude toward anything, it certainly emphasizes the depth of its degradation; and if God hates it, we should be exceedingly careful to avoid it.

What are the seven things which the Scriptures state that God hates? I quote from the sixth chapter of Proverbs: "These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him. A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among his brethren."

Let us consider briefly each of these seven things which God hates. We shall do this with the hope our consideration of them will enable each one of us to eschew and avoid all of them.

First we are told that God hates a proud look. If the center of all sin is selfishness, the heart of selfishness is pride. Remember there is a vast difference between a proper self-respect and

pride as employed here. A proud look is the outward expression of a false and exaggerated egotism. It is that disdainful attitude toward the worth and interest of every one else which some superficial souls manifest.

In religion it leads to the holier than thou attitude of the Pharisee; in the realm of education it is the supercilious attitude assumed by self-styled intelligentsia which leads to cynicism; and in the realm of business it is that cocksure attitude that develops the tyrant and hard driving taskmaster. It has been an interesting observation of mine that every really great and big man I have known has been a person from whom this quality of the proud look has been conspicuously absent. God hates the proud look.

Again we are told that God hates a lying tongue. This is natural when we remember it it stated that the archenemy of God and of good, namely, the Devil, is the father of liars. Mankind universally joins with deity in its hatred of lying lips. Lying lips reveal a character that is devoid of integrity, a man that is twisted and warped, and a soul that is essentially crooked. Genuine manhood will swear to its own hurt before it will stoop to a lie.

In the scriptural connection in which Solomon employs the term "lying lips" its root idea is the man who creates a lie. It refers to those degenerates whose favorite pastime is the creation of gossip and scandal and false rumors, those whose chief delight in life seems to be the assassination of their fellow man's character and good name. We do not wonder that God hates that unfortunate disposition of life.

God hates hands that shed innocent blood. This brings an indictment against a good many realms and activities of our modern life. It most certainly condemns any economic system that shields and protects the greed of man at the price of human suffering and sacrifice of life of a fellow man. And, too, it condemns that spirit that would destroy or mutilate the happiness and well-being of the weak and helpless. It arraigns those who for selfish gain or vaunted ambition provoke and promote human carnage which we know as war. God also hates the heart that deviseth wicked imaginations. This surely means, among other things, the disposition that raises suspicions, impugns motives, breeds envy and jealousy. In its wider application I wonder if it

does not apply to much of our current literature, and particularly to the moving picture industry. Every thoughtful person must commend our friends of the Catholic church for their recent and sustained effort to lift the moral tone of the moving picture and television industry to a higher level.

More than any of us dream movies and television are shaping and determining the moral character of our generation. I do not believe that it is an unfair or unjust statement when I declare that much of the contribution the movie industry and television are bringing toward shaping character and life gives every evidence as being an emanation from hearts that devise wicked imaginations.

Solomon tells us that God also hates feet that be swift to run mischief. God's attitude could not be otherwise. Deity builds, creates and completes. God's very nature is against destruction in any realm. Feet that be swift in running mischief are dedicated to the task of destruction. It is always a tragedy when man made in the image of God lends his life to tearing down rather than building up.

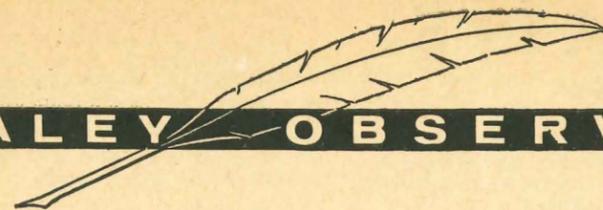
In every community in which I have lived I have found that there are always a few unfortunate souls who seem to feel that their chief purpose in life is to wreck happiness, blast hopes and blight the lives of their fellow men. I do not wonder that God hates the disposition that thus leads men to dissipate and defeat the high purposes of living.

And then we are told that God hates a false witness that speaketh lies. There is a distinction and difference between lying lips referred to above and the false witness that speaketh lies referred to here. The lying lips represent that disposition to create and bring into existence the falsehood; the reference here to that disposition to spread and circulate the falsehood created by someone else. God hates equally the scandalmonger, along with the creator or author of the scandal. All talebearers, gossipers and busybodies fall under the indictment.

There are three rules which every one of us should observe in repeating anything that bears upon our neighbor's good name or interest. We should subject it to these three tests before we repeat it: First, is it true? Second, is it kind? Third, it is helpful? If we cannot answer all three of these questions in the affirmative, we had best leave it unsaid.

In the last place we are told that God hates him that soweth discord among his brethren. That disposition which causes a man to be a troublemaker is despised of God. Sometimes it seems that some people are never so happy as when they

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No Time to Let Up

It would appear that the post-war religious boom in America has at least leveled off, if it has not already begun to decline. It seemed that about all churches have had to do in recent years was to open their doors and pass the plates to fill their pews and their coffers. This day may be past.

Southern Baptists, whose phenomenal success in numbers and dollars in recent years is known far and wide, are not to be without fear of a recession. J. P. Edmunds, eminent Baptist statistician of Nashville, has sounded warnings for more than a year now that the present trends are disturbing. In the matter of winning the unsaved, we are running a poor race with the birthrate of our own land, to say nothing of the hordes born each day in the rest of the world. Our per capita giving has a hard time keeping up with the increase in per capita income. Each year we show up a little worse in percentage of our gifts that are sent away from the local churches, though we comfort ourselves in that the number of dollars is higher.

It is so that the more we get as individuals to give, the smaller part of it we give. It is also so that the more prosperous our churches become, the less percentage of this prosperity we share. There are wonderful exceptions to this trend, thank the Lord.

In Kentucky there is some reason for concern. Our General Association budget for this year was increased only slightly over last year, but in both of the first two months we have come up short of the amount necessary to reach the \$2,300,000 for the year. We are ahead of last year for these same months, which is encouraging.

Several reasons might account for this failure to reach or pass these monthly goals. One of these is the recent forming of the Indiana Convention of Southern Baptists which took approximately 40 churches in Indiana out of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. This means that about \$35,000 which have been contributed by these churches to the Kentucky program will no longer be coming here but going into the program of the Indiana Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

Another factor is an economic depression of some consequence in many Kentucky communities. Many places in Kentucky were hardest hit by the recession a year ago and have been the slowest in overcoming it. Indeed, there are presently many destitute Kentuckians, and not a few are Baptists.

A third possible factor in our situation is the stormy controversy of last fall over the proposed changes in our Kentucky Baptist set-up. It has been said that Baptists multiply when they fight but this does not mean they are always most generous when they fuss. For this reason we can be thankful the fussing is over and can sincerely pray it won't start again.

One bright part of the picture is the annual report of designated and undesignated giving by Kentucky Baptists which shows that about 1,750 of our nearly 2,300 churches made some contribution to the work last year. This leaves about 500 churches who are counted but can't be counted on for support of the the organized work. To be sure this is the freedom of the local church to give or not to give, and no good Baptist would suggest coercion or pressure on these churches.

In fairness to the co-operating churches, however, it should be remembered that in Kentucky we have a considerable number of churches, and indeed, more than one association, which is cool toward, if not opposed to, our present organized work.

The national decline in religious fervor and our significant, if not serious, recession as Kentucky Baptists should spur us on to greater faithfulness and sacrifice. Few of us there are who would not have to admit much room for improvement.

More Than a Widow's Mite

One of the easiest and most dangerous things a Christian can drift into is a feeling of self-satisfaction. About ourselves and our performance of Christian duties, we all tend to feel if not say, "I think I'm doing pretty good, if I do say so."

Occasionally, however, we are shocked out of such spiritual insensitivity by finding some saint who puts us to utter shame. Such is my experience in reading the following letter which Billy Graham recently received and which is self-explanatory.

Dear Rev. Graham:

You will probably never see this letter. I know, however, I feel compelled to write to you.

I am twenty-eight years old, a victim of cerebral palsy since birth. I have never been able to use my hands. They flop about, getting in my way, breaking things, hitting people and behaving like naughty children. (Doing exactly the opposite to what they are told.)

Everything I do is done with my feet. For example I'm writing this with a ball-point pen between the toes of my left foot. The right foot isn't much good for anything except turning pages and walking. But that is beside the point.

The point is that for many years I have made spending change and bought most of my clothes by selling the fancy needle work that I do. The Lord has blessed me with many wonderful friends and I have most always found ready sale for my wares, but I am slow, and the little money I make is soon gone for

things I need. I do tithe my earnings but I have long wanted to do more.

To be able to give to your Crusade has been an unattainable goal for several years. Because of my speech defect I cannot talk to people about our wonderful Savior or be a soul winner. I felt that through you I might repay a little of my debt to Christ. I don't deserve it but the Lord has blessed me again—beyond my wildest dreams.

I am indeed thankful. It is with the greatest of joy that I sign the enclosed \$10 check. I have high hopes that it will not be the last.

I will pray daily that your wonderful work may be continued for a long time to come.

Eleanor A. Drath
1212 West 31st Avenue
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

The act of this saintly woman is remindful of the widow whom Jesus watched as she gave her mites and surely will draw from the Saviour the same approval and commendation.

I feel like asking for my pledge card back because a tithe now looks so small. How about you? Pardon me, I forgot that not every Baptist believes in a pledge.



"LET THE PREACHER PREACH"

Editor:

In reading the December 1 issue of the Recorder, I note an article—"Let the Preacher Preach."

Using the same thought, I should like to offer a suggestion to Kentucky Baptists in their selection of another president for Georgetown College.

Doubtless many ministers in our denomination are fully aware of the widespread feeling among the brethren today that our preachers are doing too many other things to be good preachers, and they must know that few lay-members are encouraged to attend Associational meetings because they are rarely recognized as messengers with a message, and that every school, committee, or institution must be led by a too-heavy group of ministers.

We have thousands of business men who could do the work, outside and inside the churches, that hundreds of one-talent preachers are trying to do, and allow these "God-called Boys" to attend to their knitting. Many, many hungry congregations are wishing that their pastor would decide that "this one thing I do"—and dig up some gospel to feed them, and allow some executive, who handles men and money quite well in spite of opposition, the Devil, and highwater,—do some of this spade work. The layman would accept this task willingly and proudly, especially if he heard something to challenge him when his preacher preached!

Georgetown College needs an educator. A man who knows schools, and students, and education leadership. I can see no reason for a great school like Georgetown having a minister as president. Let us let the preachers preach!

St. Petersburg, Fla.

R. I. Kerr

WHO REMEMBERS?

Editor:

In looking through my diary of 1908, on June 18 and 19, I see that I was attending an international Sunday School convention in Louisville, with representatives from seven different nations. The climax of the convention was the masterful sermon of George W. Truett. His text was I WOULD SEE JESUS.

Two songs were sung by that great audience that thrilled my soul, and they have no less effect on me to this day, though more than a half century has elapsed. What these songs did for me has an inestimable value, and every time I hear them I'm renewed, refreshed, and revived. The spirit-filled author was unalterably possessed by the inspired word of God when he wrote them, and these are the songs: *O That Will Be Glory* and *He Is So Precious To Me*. How well they fitted into the great sermon!

A parade of more than 1000 delegates to this convention marched down Fourth Street, singing *All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name, Onward Christian Soldiers, and America*. Sid Lovelace of London, Kentucky, a very devout man of God, marched besides me. I shall always be grateful for the inspiration that came to me, as a result of this opportunity, and to take part in this great assembly. It opened mine eyes and I think I saw.

If you happen to be one of this group, I'd like to have a word from you, after the lapse of more than a half century. I, too, wonder how the spirit of the Master would manifest itself in a similar group today? Yes, I wonder—for the fiery darts of the devil are still encamped round about us—thicker and faster.

THOMAS L. BRITAIN

Oneida, Ky.

Book Reviews

MacLAREN'S BIBLE CLASS EXPOSITIONS ON MARK, published by Zondervan Press, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1958.

Verse by verse, these rich expositions bring new depth of meaning to the narrative and recorded conversation of the Gospel of Mark. Those who will be called upon to teach this Gospel during the January, 1959, Bible Week, will find this small volume a valuable source book and an excellent guide.

These expositions were written specifically as comments on the International Sunday School Lessons, and are completely different material from that contained in any other commentaries by this truly great preacher.

The Zondervan Publishing House, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has published anew this fine commentary. This house has also published these expositions for the other Gospels and the Acts, all of which are fresh, incisive and suggestive.—Dudley Thomas Pomeroy, Newport, Ky.

WHERE ARE THE CONVERTS? By Sidney W. Powell. Published by the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Price \$3.00.

Here is a book that is a must for pastors and other church leaders interested in keeping members in the local church once they unite with the congregation. Such matters are discussed as how to avoid the pitfalls of mass evangelism, how to develop the young convert, how to train in the spiritual life and how to continue spiritual growth. Dr. Powell writes with the background of a pastor in the American Baptist Convention and chairman of the Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism of that Convention. The Baptist Book Store has this book.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

THIS WAY TO HAPPINESS, By Clyde M. Narramore, published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$2.95.

As a Christian psychologist the author feels that modern psychology alone cannot meet the basic needs of man. Only through faith in Christ can these needs be met. This thought is the basis for this book. It does handle such problems as love, guilt, belonging, and fear. Written on the layman's level this book should be helpful to Sunday School teachers, pastors and other Christian leaders. Your Baptist Book Store can get it for you.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

GOD INVADED HISTORY, By Guy D. Newman, published by the Zondervan Press, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1958.

Dr. Guy D. Newman, president, Howard Payne College, in Texas, has written what I consider to be one of the finest, most original sermon books of the year. There is not a cliché in it. The illustrations are pointed and contemporary. Perhaps not everyone will completely subscribe to his Christology in the first sermon, but there is no question that the Christ he preaches can redeem. He deals with an unbelievable variety of subjects: the incarnation, schizophrenia, the purposefulness of history, the racial problem, and the Model Prayer. Every Christian interested in keeping abreast of great preaching should buy this thoroughly interesting volume.—Jess Moody, Owensboro, Ky.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

By MISS IONE GRAY, Press Representative, Richmond, Va.

Cauthen Says 1958 Best Year In Baptist Foreign Missions

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, told the Board in its last meeting of the year that 1958 has been the best year in the history of Southern Baptist foreign mission work.

He said it has been the best year from the standpoint of missionary appointments. The 24 missionaries appointed at the December meeting brought the total for the year to a new annual high of 137—seven above the goal.

Dr. Cauthen said 1958 has also been the best year from the standpoint of financial support of foreign missions. A comparison of cash income for January through November, 1958, with the same period in 1957 reveals a 13.02 per cent increase.

Dr. Cauthen said all early reports from the 1958 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering indicate that it will go beyond the 1957 total of \$6,121,585.14.

"This has also been the best year from the standpoint of mission work in the overseas fields," Dr. Cauthen continued. "Missionaries from every area of the world report progress in their work.

"In the appointment of new missionaries we are reminded of the very great value of the foreign mission program at meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention. A number of the 24 missionaries appointed at the December meeting of the Board testified that their decisions were made in the high hours of foreign mission presentations at the Southern Baptist Convention meetings. This happens repeatedly."

Dr. Cauthen said if present plans materialize the December meeting of the Board is the last to be held in the old headquarters building at 2037 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Va. Plans are under way to move to the new building at 3806 Monument Avenue, Richmond, on January 2.

Dr. Cauthen said: "The construction of the new headquarters building is one of the best missionary investments Southern Baptists have ever made. The work of the Foreign Mission Board has doubled in the last few years and the facilities in the old building have long been outgrown. Due to lack of space it has been impossible to add needed staff members. The result has been that the increasing load of foreign missions has had to be carried by the same staff. The new headquarters building will enable the Foreign Mission Board to strengthen all aspects of its work and to prepare for larger responsibilities which are growing out of increased missionary conviction."

The new headquarters building will be dedicated at the semiannual meeting of the full Board, April 7-8. The new address is 3806 Monument Avenue, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond 30, Va.

Board Provides for Liaison With Baptists of Portugal

At its December meeting the Foreign Mission Board asked Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, veteran missionaries under appointment to Brazil, to be its fraternal representatives to the Baptists of Portugal. In this capacity they will serve as liaison persons between the Foreign Mission Board and the Portuguese Baptist Convention.

The Board's action came after careful study of urgent requests from the Portuguese Baptist Convention and the Brazilian Baptist Convention that Southern Baptists enter Portugal. (Baptist work in Portugal is the product of the foreign mission work of Brazilian Baptists; but the Brazilian Baptist Foreign Mission Board has been forced to reduce its assistance.)

"The appointment of Dr. and Mrs. Crabtree as fraternal representatives to Portuguese Baptists does not necessarily indicate that the Foreign Mission Board is entering Portugal on a definite permanent basis as a new mission field," commented Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East. "They will make a full investigation of the situation among the Baptists of Portugal; and, on the basis of their reports, the Board will be in a position to decide concerning the desirability of expanding its aid to Portuguese Baptists."

Dr. and Mrs. Crabtree have had 37 years' experience as Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil. Appointed in 1921, they served in Rio de Janeiro, where Dr. Crabtree was professor of theology and president of the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, pastor of the Tijuca Baptist Church, and editor of periodical literature for the Baptist publishing house of Brazil.

Since 1954 Dr. and Mrs. Crabtree have been in the States on an extended furlough while Dr. Crabtree has been writing books for the Baptist publishing house of Brazil. He is the author of 10 books in the Portuguese language.

Dr. and Mrs. Crabtree will go to Lisbon, Portugal, in January.

Religious Liberty Victory In Italian Court Decision

In his report to the Board Dr. Goerner said a recent ruling of the Constitutional High Court of Italy is hailed as significant victory for religious liberty in that

country. The court is a 15-man tribunal modeled after the Supreme Court of the United States.

Dr. Goerner said: "On November 24, 1958, the Court passed down a historic decision when—ruling upon the case of an elder of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God who had been charged with acting as a minister and operating a church without a proper permit—it upheld the right of all religious communities to open and operate houses of worship without police authorization.

"There is a certain appropriateness in the fact that at the first meeting of the Foreign Mission Board following this momentous victory for religious liberty in Italy two new couples are being appointed for that country. These are the first new appointees for Italy since 1952.

"Also they are the first missionaries appointed for Italy specifically for evangelism in new areas rather than for theological education or publication work. The Italian Baptist Union appealed two years ago to the Foreign Mission Board to send additional missionaries for the purpose of establishing Baptist work in untouched areas. Attention was called to the fact that there is no Baptist witness in 63 of the 92 provinces of Italy. It is hoped that other evangelical workers may soon join these new appointees in Italy."

[The two couples appointed for missionary service in Italy at the December meeting of the Board are Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Crabb, Jr., of Kentucky, and Rev. and Mrs. Virgil H. Moorefield, Jr., he of North Carolina, and she the former Jane Richardson, daughter of President and Mrs. W. Edwin Richardson, of Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.]

German Baptists Give \$4,000,000

BERLIN, Germany (BWA)—Baptists in Germany contributed more than \$4,000,000 during the past ten years for construction and rebuilding of 180 places of worship throughout the country. Future plans call for the building of 80 more churches, including 20 in the Soviet Zone.

There are about 100,000 active Baptists in Germany in 530 congregations served by 370 pastors. Some 25,000 Baptists live in the Soviet Zone.

Wide attention has been attracted by the denomination in recent years through tent evangelism programs under which teams of evangelists hold services and lectures throughout the country. German Baptists operate several deaconess houses, a number of youth homes, a Bible school and a printing plant.

HAYS FOR VICE PRESIDENT ?

By JESS C. MOODY, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky

There have been several recent suggestions that Brooks Hays would make an excellent nominee for the Vice Presidential candidacy. There has been quite some speculation concerning this suggestion.

Several observations need to be made concerning this proposal.

For one thing it shows that Baptists represent a growing segment of America to which the politicians must give consideration. There are 20 million Baptists in the United States, which includes only immersed people. The Roman Catholic Church claims 34 million adherents. This, of course, includes all people born into the Catholic homes. If Baptists were to include on their church rolls all the people born into Baptist homes, there might possibly be as many Baptists in America as Catholics—and perhaps more.

There is another important matter concerning Mr. Hays as a potential candidate. With whom do they want him to run? To be sure, Mr. Hays is one of our greatest Americans, and could serve as President with as much facility as Vice President; but why has he been mentioned as Vice President? Has this suggestion been made with the idea that he might make a good running mate with some particular person? Who is this person?

Could it be that there are those political aspirants who greatly fear the Baptists and Baptist influenced vote; and who hope that with Hays in the second office, the front runner would have the potential opposition satisfied?

It is very difficult to conceive that Brooks Hays would accept such a conscience binding nomination. If he should, it would be a great disservice to his country and to his fellow Baptists.

This is a time for greatness for all Baptist people everywhere. Never have we been faced with so many great issues at one time.

It is tragic that the religious issue has to be injected into the current political scene, but there is one sure way to remove the issue and produce harmony in our strife torn country. That is for the Roman Catholics who aspire for office to repudiate all foreign entanglements and consider the majority vote of the American people as the final authority on all American decisions.

In America any man can run for public office regardless of religious affiliation. This is as it should be, and Baptists have historically supported such a position.

There are some things that should be borne in mind by the voter, however, before he casts his ballot.

For one thing, the voter must know that the man elected will be at all times absolutely loyal to the government of this country. If there is the remotest doubt concerning this, the voter will find a real conscience problem if he casts a ballot for such a person.

The absolute separation of Church and State is a principle to which this nation has constantly adhered. America has been made great because this Baptist principle has gained acceptance by all denominations in this country except one.

If a man runs for public office and is a member of this one denomination, he should be asked if he will abide by this principle. If he refuses to answer the question or gives a hazy answer, he should be removed immediately from any consideration for any office.

This one denomination has spoken consistently concerning this matter. For example, in the book, *Living Our Faith*, by Flynn, Loretts, and Simeon, and under the imprimature of an American, Cardinal Spellman, these words appear:

"The question of union or separation of Church and State has perplexed men since the Protestant Revolt. The ideal situation exists when there is perfect union and accord between Church and States, with each supreme in its field . . . when a dispute arises (between Church and State) and settlement is unattainable, the rights of the Church should prevail, since it possesses the highest authority."

Any man who aspires to any public office owes it to the people of this country to declare what he believes about the above statement. He should not be allowed to skirt the issue by becoming angry if asked it or appearing hurt that he has been questioned. Without equivocation, without discussion, the question should be pressed until it is answered in simple and understandable terms. Either a man believes that Church and State should remain separate or he doesn't.

►The Central Baptist Church, Winchester, has just entered a building program. Included in the remodeling is the adding of complete new floor. The building will be air-conditioned and modern heating equipment will be installed. The total cost of the first phase of the program will be about \$150,000. At a future date they plan a new Sunday school building where the bus station property recently purchased is located. At present the bus station building is used for Sunday school quarters.

E. Harmon Moore, First Secretary, State Convention Of Baptists in Indiana



E. H. Moore

CARBONDALE, Ill.—(BP)—E. Harmon Moore, associate executive secretary of Illinois Baptist State Association here, has accepted the call of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana to become its first executive secretary. W. W. Rhody, chairman of the executive board

of the new Indiana convention, reported the unanimous election of Moore as executive secretary.

Moore's resignation from the Illinois Baptist State Association was effective Dec. 12. In presenting the resignation to the executive committee, Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the Illinois association, said, "I present this resignation with mixed emotions. The thought of Brother Moore's leaving Southern Baptist work in Illinois is distressing, but it is encouraging to know that he will be leading our newest state convention of Baptists in the Great Lakes states."

Indiana Southern Baptists organized their convention in October with 111 churches. There are now 121 churches affiliating in their work. The state offices for the new convention will be located at Plainfield, Indiana. Moore expected to assume his new responsibilities about Jan. 1.

Since March 1, 1952, he has served the Illinois Baptist State Association as secretary of missions. On February 1, 1957, he became associate executive secretary in charge of missions.

A native of Arnett, Okla., Moore is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. While a student he was president of the university's ministerial alliance and a member of the Baptist Student Union council and the Life Service Band.

He was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Broken Bow, Okla. Following his graduation from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, he came to Illinois as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City. He went from this church to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Zeigler, Ill., where he was serving when elected secretary of missions.

Mrs. Moore is the former Miss Betsy Ross of Clinton, Mo. They have one son, Tom Edd. Mrs. Moore, also a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, is a kindergarten teacher in Carbondale.

THE SCHOLAR AS PREACHER

By A. L. McEACHERN

A. L. McEachern is a Southern Seminary student with a strong journalistic interest. His article is timely since Dr. Dale Moody was one of the Evangelistic Conference speakers this year.—Editor.

A scholar and a dynamic preacher may seem an unusual combination. This, however, is a good way to describe Dr. Dale Moody, professor of Christian Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Moody was one of the highest ranking students to receive his doctorate from Southern Seminary. He did further study at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and in the Universities of Zurich and Basel in Switzerland.



Dale Moody

land. He spent the past year in study at the University of Heidelberg, in Germany.

Dr. Moody preached his first sermon at the age of 16 and in the following 27 years he has preached more than 6,700 times in 46 states and eight foreign countries. He averages preaching 250 sermons a year, far more than the average pastor. Some years the number exceeds 400. He does all this in addition to heavy classroom responsibilities. His preaching is charismatic, or spirit-filled.

A Christian since he was 12, Dr. Moody was called to be pastor of his home church in Texas at the age of 17. This first pastorate had a great influence on the young preacher's life. He recalls the encouragement given him by the deacons and members of the church. His preaching was influenced by the biblical exposition of G. Campbell Morgan, the great British pastor. Dr. Moody's preaching style has remained expository.

These early influences continue to have a grasp on Dr. Moody, both as a

preacher and a theologian. "I still understand the nature of the church to be a fellowship, like the little church in Texas." "There has been no revolt against the first beginnings."

I wondered what advice Dr. Moody would have for the young men entering the ministry. His answer was clear and to the point. "I would advise two things: first, give attention to expository preaching; and second, do much personal work. Do not depend on books of sermons, and do not depend on another member of the church staff to do your visiting. These are two things," he continued, "which the minister should not delegate to someone else. He should be an example to his congregation in these matters."

As to the training of the minister, Dr. Moody believes a good liberal arts degree and a Seminary education should be adequate.

Dr. Moody is qualified to advise expository preaching and personal work, because he exemplifies them in his own life—the life of a scholar who is also a forceful preacher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JANUARY 4, 1959

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Lou., Walnut Street	1120	5	315
Missions (4)	291		40
Lou. Ninth and O	983		368
Lou., Carlisle Ave.	852	1	229
Palmyra Baptist Chapel	45		33
God's Little House	22		
Lou., Parkland	759	3	219
Bowling Green	758	2	150
Andrew Mission	94		
Lou., Crescent Hill	729	2	210
Missions (2)	135		
Owensboro, Third	728	1	271
Somerset, First	709	2	249
Mission	43		
Covington, Calvary	693		
Madisonville, First	673	3	203
Lexington, Calvary	647		202
Mission	40		
Covington, Latonia	630	1	205
Lou., Beechland	624	5	158
Mission (1)	74		24
Harrodsburg	620		177
Missions (2)	62		44
Frankfort, First	612	1	168
Lou., Beechmont	605		132
Missions (2)	299	4	98
Elizabethtown, Severns Val.	597		158
Missions (2)	64		
Campbellsville	586		207
Missions (4)	69		
Hopkinsville, Second	547		163
Glasgow	541		91
Missions (2)	117		
Middlesboro, First	502	3	129
Lexington, Grace	487	2	170
Elmwood	20		
Hi-Acres	73		
Ashland, First	485	1	133
Missions (3)	195	1	
Lou., Shively	467		123
Shively Heights	126		56
Lou., Southside	462		102
Lou., Hazelwood	442		112
Lexington, Rosemont	436		151
Corbin, Central	434		129
Mission	58		17
Lou., Bethany	412		96

Danville, Lexington Ave.	408	2	89
Mission (1)	52		
Ashland, Unity	405	5	123
London, First	402	1	100
Mission	54		33
Lou., Rockford Lane	400	3	147
Winchester, Central	399		93
Lou., Eighteenth St.	397		102
Mission (1)	63	1	59
Lou., Farmdale	395	2	140
Missions (1)	86		30
Evansville, Calvary	390		141
Bellevue	390		89
Covington, Southside	382		72
Lou., Third Ave.	379	1	90
Mission (1)	95		28
Owensboro, Hall St.	377		171
Lou., Valley Station	375		96
Lou., Beth Haven	369	1	150
Lou., Shawnee	354		122
Owensboro, Buena Vista	348		134
Corbin, First	348		77
Ludlow, First	330	3	91
Lou., Beechwood	328	6	89
Springfield, First	326		141
Lou., Bethlehem	325		93
Fl. Thomas, First	321	3	91
Mission	61		
Owensboro, Eaton Mem.	320		149
Hazard, First	319		86
Lou., Green Acres	311	3	132
Lou., Valley View	306	1	91
Hima, Horse Creek	305		
Mt. Washington	301		84
Walton, First	298		133
Paducah, First	293	2	133
Central City, First	291	1	167
Versailles	284		59
Lou., Immanuel	284	1	79
Campbellsville, South			
Campbellsville	275		
Ashland, Pollard	275		105
Mission (1)	65		
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	273		106
Covington, First	271		152
Mission (1)	51		
La Grange, De Haven			
Memorial	268		83
Middlesboro, East Cumberland Ave.	241		
Lou., Gethsemane	235		101
Lebanon Junction, First	234		108
Scottsville, First	230		43
Williamson, East			
Williamson	229	1	62
Mission	62		26
Shepherdsville, First	220		69
Mission (1)	7		
Lawrenceburg, Sand Spring	215		44
Greenville, First	211		106
Sonora	204		67
Falmouth	204		
Owensboro, Seven Hills	194		55
Lou., Baptist Temple	181		53
Bowling Green, Glendale	177	1	92
Owensboro, Wing Ave.	172		73
Marion	169		74
Hazel	118		
Frankfort, Thorn Hill			103

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What God Hates

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have been the occasion of a disturbance in their home, their church, their community. At best most of us are often guilty by our carelessness or thoughtlessness of irritating our fellow man on occasions but that is a vastly different thing from the thing here condemned.

The thing that God hates is that disposition which with malice and purpose deliberately stirs up discord and strife. There are such people in the world and when they leave it, their neighbors breathe a sigh of relief and in the secret of their hearts rejoice in their demise.

If God hates these seven things, we also should hate them and should seek with unrelenting vigilance to avoid them.—The Rebel Review.

Ordination Credentials Recalled by Elsmere

ELSMERE, Ky.—It is with deep regret that the Elsmere Baptist Church voted in an officially called business meeting of the Elsmere Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 10, to recall the ordination credentials of Robert Brumback, ordained by the Elsmere Baptist Church, January 7, 1953. This action was taken with the full knowledge of Mr. Brumback and was based upon domestic and moral troubles covering a period of three years. Mr. Brumback stated that his credentials had been destroyed for some time, so the church voted to declare the ordination null and void.

We are truly sorry that it was necessary for such action to be taken. We are not sitting in judgment upon Mr. Brumback, nor are we directing toward him any destructive criticism. We love him in Christ, and will continue to pray that he might receive the forgiveness of his sins and that he might have restored unto him the joys of God's salvation.

Done by order of the church, Wednesday evening, December 10, 1958—Charles White, Church Clerk; E. V. Howell, Moderator.

After being for more than 43 years an ordained minister, Guy P. Hall retired from the active pastorate on the first of January. For some years he has been pastor of the Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky. He is making his home at 706 West Seventh Street, Russellville. However, this does not mean that he is retiring from the ministry. Already he has engagements which will take practically all of his time for supply and revivals up through April 1.

Letters of Spiritual Counsel

By Wayne E. Oates



Wayne E. Oates

Question: In visiting the sick, I am often asked by the suffering person: "why must I suffer so?" They seem to be looking for some kind of guidance from God's Word. Can you help me think this through?

Answer: You will do well to search the scriptures on the problem of suffering. Get a concordance and study the subject thoroughly. Let me point you to some helpful passages.

In Hebrews 5:7-10 we are told that "in the days of his flesh, Jesus . . . although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered." Many of the sufferings we endure, different from those of Jesus, are sufferings we bring on ourselves through carelessness, a lack of discipline, and over-indulgence. But even those we do not endure for these reasons have much to reveal to us of God's purpose in human life. Not the least of these is to teach us that we are human and not God, limited and not all-powerful, always in need of God's sustenance.

In II Corinthians 1:3-7, I find the most satisfying meaning for human suffering. We are told that God is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our afflictions in order that we, by means of his comfort and strengthening of us, may become a comfort to those who are in any affliction. This is what I call the stewardship of suffering. We learn obedience through the things we suffer. At the same time we are thereby enabled to teach others the comfort of God in such times. This may be one of the real inspirations of a person who visits the sick.

In conclusion, had you thought of asking your pastor to get a group of the persons in the church together and give you some instructions in the art of ministering to the sick? This would make your visitation all the more helpful and meaningful.

Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Frankfort, has been confined to the Kentucky Baptist Hospital during recent days.

The Hanley Road Church, Clayton, Mo., had its dedication service for its new Educational Building on December 21. The pastor none other than Kentucky's own William F. McGibney.

FALLEN ASLEEP

MRS. J. C. COOK

Mrs. J. C. Cook, Portland, Tenn., passed away September 7, at 2:00 a.m. She was the mother of Joe C. Cook and family, 131 South Shawnee Terrace, Louisville 12, Ky. She had been an invalid for five years, and died at the age of 75 years. She was a member of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn.

She leaves a husband, J. C. Cook; four daughters—Mrs. Willie Price, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Jack Randolph, Scottsville, Ind.; Mrs. C. G. Roberts Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. Virginia Golden, Nashville, Tenn.; and two sons, Joe Cook, Louisville, Ky.; and Paul Cook, Elizabethton, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Her funeral service was conducted by Pastor C. C. Gregory, Old Hickory, Tenn.

Foundation Requests Referred For Study

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Resolutions from three state conventions of Baptists pertaining to the Southern Baptist Baptist Foundation have been referred to a committee for study.

The resolutions were forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to the Convention's Committee to Study Total Program. The "Survey Committee" is scheduled to report at Louisville in May.

Messengers attending the 1958 session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas asked the Southern Convention during the next three years to "consider dissolving" its Foundation and transferring Foundation assets to the SBC Relief and Annuity Board.

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and Alabama Baptist State Convention called for the SBC to restrain its Foundation from doing business in those two states.

The work of state Baptist foundations in Texas, Oklahoma, and Alabama was cited as background for the requests.

Strength Through Cooperation in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (BWA)—Approximately 150 professions of faith, plus other spiritual decisions, were made during the first simultaneous revival campaign held in the Bio-Bio district of Chile.

The campaign was held in two parts, with seven Baptist churches participating during the first series of meeting and seven churches and two missions participating during the second. National Baptist pastors and missionaries conducted the revivals.

"Perhaps one of the most important results of these simultaneous campaigns was the increased interest in using cooperative projects to strengthen and advance the work of every church in this district—from the largest to the smallest and most remote," says Missionary Joe T. Poe.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Y.W.A. Focus Week

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON

Let others know what YWA means to you during YWA Focus Week, February 8-14! Here are the opinions of two of our state officers. What's yours?

"Let's focus our eyes upon Christ as we make preparation for this important week of February 8-14. Only through his leadership can we make others truly realize our sincerity and dedication as YWA's to world missions. This is our chance to prove to our churches and friends that YWA time is time well spent! Let's strive hard during this week to make others conscious of our missionary efforts, for it can also prove to be a time of revival for us.

"As a foreign mission volunteer, Young Woman's Auxiliary means much to me. Having no idea, at the present, where God wants me to serve, I'm sure that YWA will aid me in finding His place of service for me. I'm truly thankful for Young Woman's Auxiliary because it had much to do with my awareness of this world's needs and my responsibility not only for the future, but 'here and now!'"—Pat Gaines, V. P., State YWA Council, Milton, Ky.

"Missions has become real to me through YWA. Of all the activities in YWA, houseparties, camps, and retreats have been experiences in my life. Here inspiring missionary speakers and fellowship with other YWA's have drawn me into closer relationship to Christ, and have caused me to consider the world, its needs, and my place in this world."—Janet Davis, pianist, State YWA Council, Owensboro, Kentucky.

CORRECTIONS

Recent corrections that have come to our office add the following to the list of WMU's qualifying for recognition on the Mission Study Achievement Chart: Harlan, Elkton, and First, Bowling Green. We congratulate these three on this accomplishment.

HOME MISSIONS

Begin your plans now for the study of the home mission series of study books and a worthwhile observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. The books are: "Ways of Witnessing," Caylor (adults); "Won by One" Maguire, young people; "The Charley Matthews Story", Mason (Intermediates); "For

You", Ruchti (Juniors); Seven Little Karmuns Plus One", Jeffcoat (Primaries). The price of the books for adults and young people is 75c; children's books, 50c. There is a teacher's guide for each for 25c each. A package of free materials is available from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

TRAINING UNION

More "M" Night Reports

By JAMES WHALEY

Association	Attendance	Churches Represented
Blackford	200	9
Blood River	248	14
Caldwell	160	15
Enterprise	123	9
Franklin	106	12
Gasper River	222	13
Lincoln County	183	11
McCreary County	73	3
Owen County	122	14
Taylor County	789	15
Three Forks	88	11
Wayne County	73	8
Whites Run	89	6

This makes a total of 66 associations that have reported an "M" Night. The total attendance is 20,876.

9 KENTUCKY ASSOCIATIONS REQUESTED 1,000 OR MORE TRAINING UNION AWARDS

Mr. R. Maines Rawls, Director of Associational Work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced that 200 associations in the Convention requested 1,000 or more Training Union awards during the year, October 1, 1957 - September 30, 1958. The Atlanta Association in Georgia led the Convention by requesting 11,086 awards. Kentucky's Long Run Association is among the 13 associations in the Convention that requested 5,000 or more awards. Kentucky has nine associations that requested 1,000 or more awards. They are:

Long Run	5,789
West Union	1,736
West Kentuckiana	1,602
Pulaski	1,279
Elkhorn	1,225
Daviess-McLean	1,197
North Bend	1,122
Severns Valley	1,110
Warren	1,057

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mrs. Lyman Austin Is New Elementary Worker

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



Mrs. Lyman Austin

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Lyman Austin has accepted a position in the Sunday Department as superintendent of elementary work. She assumed her duties the first of November.

She comes to the Department from the Keck Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, where her husband served as minister of education. He is now enrolled in the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary.

The major duty of Mrs. Austin is to promote Sunday school work within the Cradle Roll, Nursey, Beginner, Primary, and Junior Departments. She is well qualified and the Sunday School Department is fortunate in having her in this position.

ONE-FOR-ONE CAMPAIGN

Is your Sunday School ready to launch the One-for-One Campaign? Approximately 43,000 teachers and officers are serving in Baptist Sunday schools in Kentucky. Would it be too much to expect each officer and teacher to enroll one new pupil in Sunday school from February 1 to the starting of the simul-

taneous Revivals? In order to win more people to Christ more people must be enrolled in Sunday school.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

One Local Church At Work

By J. CHESTER DURHAM

During the school year of 1957-58, the Baptist Student Union of Georgia Tech, located in Atlanta, Georgia, reached First Magnitude. This is an outstanding achievement, and one that very few schools the size of Georgia Tech have ever achieved. This outstanding achievement has prompted some research to determine the reason for the success of this B. S. U.

Three things stand out as being the moving factors of this program. They are the B. S. U. director, the on-campus B. S. U. program and the First Baptist Church. We want to emphasize particularly the part the First Baptist Church has had in reaching students.

Georgia Tech is a Senior State Tax Supported Institution with 5,600 Students enrolled in 1957-58. There were 1,080 Baptist prospects. Of this 1,080 total number of prospects, the following figures were made available:



J. Chester Durham

Members of a local church	691
Members of a Unit Organization in a local church	568
Number completing a study Course	191
Number contributing systematically	444

The record showed that there were students who were members of 108 of the churches located in the Atlanta area.

The First Baptist Church of Atlanta, of which Dr. Roy O. McClain is pastor, has the largest ministry to these students. This church has a Student Department in Sunday School with 12 classes and a Student Department in Training Union with 12 unions.

Provided by this Church is an annual B.S.U. budget of \$5,200 and 68% of the B.S.U. Director's salary. Over and above these two items the Church sponsors and pays for the following events each year:

Fall of the Year:

Open House for all Freshmen
Progressive Supper
Demonstration Student Night at Christmas Program conducted in regular Sunday evening service.

Winter:

Sweetheart Banquet

Spring:

Youth Week (Majority of the youth used are college students.)

Summer:

Open House for incoming Freshmen.

Then to expand their ministry a number of other services are provided, such as, a free Sunday afternoon fellowship supper for all students, transportation for students for Sunday morning and Sunday evening services, free subscription to the Baptist Student Magazine available to every student who joins their Church, and a free meal for all students who attend their Brotherhood meetings.

Another part of their ministry to the students includes one worship service each year in which the Church shares in the Installation Service of the Georgia Tech B.S.U.

Before the students arrive on the campus, they are sent a 7" recording welcoming them to the First Baptist Church and to the Baptist Student Union. A packet of material about the B.S.U. on the Georgia Tech campus is sent to each incoming freshman.

Even more significant than these services is the attitude of the Pastor, Minister of Education, Minister of Music and the Church as a whole. **THEY MAKE THE STUDENTS FEEL THAT THEY ARE WANTED!** There is no substitute for this.

FORWARD PROGRAM OF CHURCH FINANCE

From Versailles . . . Yes, It Really Works!

By THOMAS B. CHANEY



T. B. Chaney

Pastor J. W. Kruschwitz of Versailles, has the following to say about the use of the Forward Program in his church:

On June 11, 1958, the Versailles Baptist Church accepted the recommendation of the deacons to enter into the Forward Program of Church Finance.

Will it really work? How many churches have tried this? Is it necessary to do all that is suggested? Haven't we already made a lot of progress along the line of finance? These and many other questions were in the minds of the members. Most of them knew very little of what was involved. The unanimous vote of the church was an act of faith, for even though they had had the opportunity to hear Thomas B. Chaney tell about it, we all know that a program as tremendous as this cannot possibly be explained in a matter of minutes or even many hours.

The dates of the program were October 19-November 16. On July 2, Dan Midkiff, Jr., a prominent young business man, was elected as the general chairman. On August 6, the other eleven chairmen and the campaign office secretary were elected. Following a two day training session, these folk, along with their committees, proceeded with planning and promoting their part of the program.

The budgets of the previous years were studied along with the potentialities for our church. Upon the recommendation of the Budget Planning Committee, a \$70,000 budget was adopted by the church to replace the \$46,000 budget of 1958.

On Pledge Day, seventy-two per cent of the budget was pledged and on Victory Sunday, the total amount of the new budget was subscribed.

The Loyalty Dinner and Children's Party were, of course, highlights in the whole campaign. On a rainy November night, more than 400 people gathered in a school gymnasium to enjoy a delicious meal and share in some of the finest Christian fellowship to be experienced this side of heaven. At the same time, more than 100 children were at the church enjoying a well planned Children's Party.

Another of the highlights was the Pledge Service. This was something new and different for our church, but it was



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an experience which we will not soon forget, as both young and old made personal commitments to God.

Yes, we found that it really works. We also found that it was necessary to do all that was suggested. Most of all, we found that the greatest value of this program to our church was not in the field of Finance, but rather in the enlisting of many people who had never been active in the program of the church. The final results for our church with its 717 resident members are as follows:

People tithing	355
People Pledging	618
Needed Each Week to	
Meet the Budget	\$1,346
Amount Pledged Per Week	\$1,346

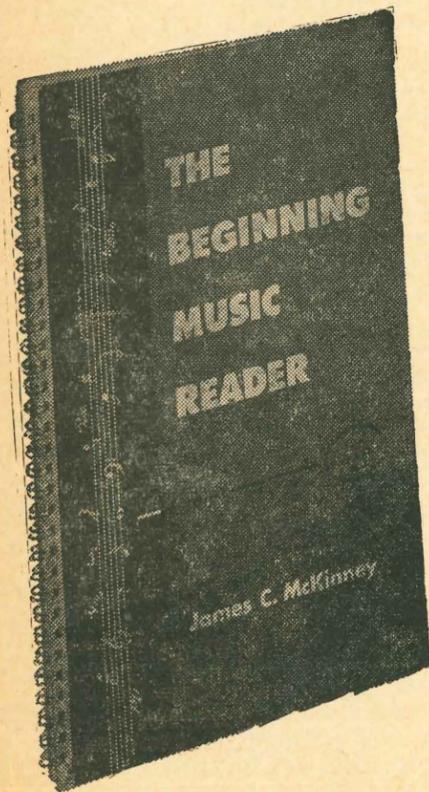
Only eternity itself will reveal how much the use of this Program in our church will mean to the Kingdom of Christ.

MUSIC

More Than 400,000 Kentucky Baptists Need To Study This Book

By EUGENE F. QUINN

The singing and instrumental music of the Simultaneous Revival Crusades in Kentucky this spring will be much



more whole-hearted, inspiring and powerful as a witness to the salvation of unsaved persons for those churches who have arranged to study this sample

music text entitled; *The Beginning Music Reader* before their revival. Pastors and music leaders who are providing 7½ hours of classwork for their church members, with a good qualified Baptist music teacher, will be rewarded by their effort.

This is an important means of preparing the people for the music in their revival. If it is too late to have one before March or April, it would be wise to plan a music class for the whole church during the summer or fall of this year, in preparation for the next revival, as well as for the welfare of the regular services.

The state music department is happy to help any church to arrange for such a class.

BROTHERHOOD

Ambassador Life and Ambassador Leader

By FORREST R. SAWYER



F. R. Sawyer

Beginning February 1, 1959, the AMBASSADOR LIFE magazine will become a magazine for Baptist boys. On the same date THE AMBASSADOR LIFE will come into the Brotherhood family of materials. This latter publication is a thirty-two page monthly designed to be of

particular and specific help to pastors and educational directors, Brotherhood presidents, Royal Ambassador counselors, chairmen of Royal Ambassador committees and associational Royal Ambassador leaders and associational Brotherhood presidents.

The first issue of THE AMBASSADOR LEADER will contain such articles and features as: (1) Mr. Counselor, Know Your Boys; (2) The Only Thing a Christian Can Do; (3) Complete the Triangle; (4) Counselor's Exchange; (5) From the Top Down; (6) We Suggest You Read; (7) Rifle Club Popular With R. A.'s; (8) Knightly Deeds Can be a Community Witness; (9) How About Those First and Fourth Meetings?; (10) Royal Ambassador Committee Members—Do you Understand Your Job?; (11) Ranking Meeting Hints; (12) Helps For Associational Royal Ambassador Leaders and Committees.

Eighteen of the thirty-two pages (probably the real heart of THE AMBASSADOR LEADER magazine) deal with specific suggestions on how to put on the weekly Royal Ambassador program, including recreation and handicraft ideas.

This magazine is a MUST for those who are working with or are charged with a responsibility of sponsoring the work with the Royal Ambassador boys in our churches.

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Arthur Rutledge, Texas, Going to Home Mission Board in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 5, 1959—Arthur Rutledge, secretary of stewardship and direct missions in Texas, has been elected director of the Division of Missions by the Home Mission Board. Under the Home Board's new organization, the missions division has 1,282 missionaries, a budget of over \$2,600,000, with six departments: Language Group Ministries, City Missions, Associational Missions, Pioneer Missions, Work with National Baptists, Survey and Special Studies.

Rutledge will begin his new responsibilities March 1, or as soon as arrangements can be made, after almost 20 years of service in Texas, his native state. He has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Royce City; Central Baptist Church, San Antonio; and First Baptist Church, Marshall. He received a B.A. degree from Baylor University, Th.M. from Southern Seminary, and a Th.D. from Southwestern Seminary. East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, conferred a D.D. degree on him in 1956.—L. O. Griffith.

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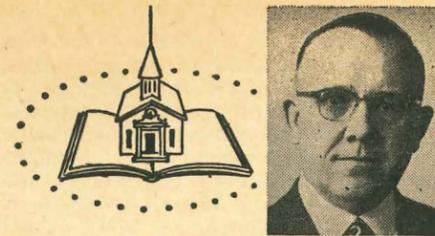
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By H. C. Chiles

GREATNESS IN THE KINGDOM For January 18, 1959

Mark 10:35-45

Christ and His disciples are going up to Jerusalem shortly before the crucifixion. As they went along together, He told them for the third time of His approaching death and resurrection. While He was teaching them that He was going to suffer and to die for them and for all those who should believe on Him, they were thinking of their own selfish interests.

I. The Request. Mark 10:35-37.

On this journey Christ was confronted with a case of self-seeking from the inner circle of the disciples who were dearest to Him and from whom He had expected the most. James and John were ambitious to obtain prominent places in Christ's kingdom. They were striving for self-exaltation. Ambition is not in itself wrong, but when it becomes so extreme that it projects self forward at the expense of others, it is selfish and sinful. James and John displayed shrewdness in planning first to get a pledge from their Lord, and then to make their request. When they made their appeal it was just as earnest and definite as words could make it. They asked Him to pledge Himself in advance to give them whatever they might desire. They were attempting to get a sort of blank check from Christ for future benefits, in order that they might fill it in as they desired. But the Lord does not issue such checks.

Their request was a very extraordinary one, both as to the manner and the matter of it, that they would ask and expect Him to promise them this before they declared the particular favor they had to ask of Him. When Christ asked what it was they desired, they bluntly said, "Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory." They wanted their thrones to rank next to Christ's throne. They did not regard the interests of Christ, but they were extremely interested in self-advancement. "In honor preferring one another" was ruthlessly ignored by them. Their desire for the privilege of reigning with Christ was praiseworthy, but their request for preferred positions was selfish and made in utter ignorance of God's plan. It is God's plan to give His children rewards, not according to their selfish desires, but according to their faithful service. Instead of considering the will

of God and His glory, all that was involved in their request was the matter of places of preeminence for themselves. You may say, "What boldness and arrogance!" Yes, but rest assured that self-seeking always leads to bold and impudent self-assertion.

How sad Christ must have been, on account of their selfishness! Instead of thinking about the hard things that were about to happen to Christ, and getting ready to be His brave followers, they were thinking only of an easy thing for themselves. How could they have been thinking so much of themselves while Christ was explaining about His death? And mind you, they were Christian men. They loved Christ, and they had left all to follow Him. But, their request revealed the fact that they had not won the victory over the sin of selfishness.

II. The Reply. Mark 10:38.

In His reply to their ill-advised request, Christ was very considerate of their weakness. He did not expatiate upon their folly and fault. He did not censure them. All He said was that they did not know the significance of the thing they asked. With grief in His heart and pathos in His voice, Christ replied, "Ye know not what ye ask." There is a sermon in those words. As far as the end was concerned, they knew for what they were asking. What they did not know was the means by which the desired end must be attained. They did not understand the cost of the places of honor they had requested; the suffering that preceded the glory.

Frequently, we pray glibly for certain things without realizing what we must face if God answers our prayers. We pray to God for patience, for holiness, to be made more like our blessed Lord; and when God begins to answer our prayers by leading us into the furnace of affliction, we begin to complain.

To teach them was involved in their request, Christ inquired, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

III. The Response. Mark 10:39-40.

Quickly they responded, "We can," even forgetting to add "by Thy help." Their ignorance and self-confidence stood out very prominently in their reply. They revealed their ignorance of

themselves when they declared their ability to drink "the cup" of His inward sufferings, and "to be baptized with the baptism" of the outward sufferings imposed upon Him by others. However, it is well to remember that James became the first martyr of the apostolic group, and John was the last one of them to lay down his life for Christ.

IV. The Resentment. Mark 10:41.

We do not wonder that the other ten disciples were disturbed when they learned that James and John had been trying to steal a march on them by asking for the chief places in the kingdom. Their indignation was natural because they thought an unfair advantage had been taken of them. They were incensed at the assumption that these two were superior to the other ten. In reality, all were alike and each was desirous of the chief place for himself. As a rule, it is our own faults that we condemn most when we see them mirrored in others. If the two had had the right spirit, they would not have made their request. On the other hand, had the ten have had the right spirit they would only have thought the two had acted foolishly and been sorry for them, but they would have done little more than ignore the whole affair. Instead, being angry, they showed their resentment by their looks, by their words and their actions.

V. The Requirement. Mark 10:42-45.

Christ was grieved that among His disciples, whom He expected to love each other, there should be jealousy and quarreling. Has it ever dawned on you, that nearly all church troubles come about by one or more members having a desire to be honored and to rule and to be pleased instead of desiring to serve and to help.

It is interesting to note how Christ dealt with the situation. Determined to nip their bickering in the bud, He reminded them that ambition for power over men belongs to the world. In His kingdom ambition is to be for service only, and not dominion. According to His measurements, a disciple is great if he renders great service. Greatness consists in the extent and quality of our service. If any man desires to be great in the day when rewards are meted out, let him see to it that in this life he takes a lowly place of loving service on behalf of his fellow believers, letting the love of Christ be his impelling motive.

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C. LaMar McGinty Dies in Atlanta While on a Visit

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His last work was that of president of Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., where he labored from 1938 to 1947.

He was born in Norwood, Warren County, Georgia, February 9, 1885, son of Lucy Ann Elliott and Cornelius Stephens McGinty. He earned his A. B. and B. S. degrees from Mercer University, and the Th. B., Th. M., and Th. D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Stetson University conferred an honorary D. D. upon him.

He married Miss Annie Ruby Herndon, Crawford, Ga., in 1909, and she survives him, as does a daughter, Mrs. Carey T. (Marion LaMar McGinty) Vinzant, whose husband succeeded her father as president of Tift.

While a student in Kentucky at the Seminary, he was pastor during 1911-13

of Millville and Glens Creek Churches. He then went to be pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church, Rome, Ga., and First Church, Cartersville, Ga. In 1919 he became dean of the Theological Department of Mercer University, and parallel with that work he was pastor at Hampton Church in Georgia. He resigned both of those places to come to Louisville in 1926 to be professor of Bible at the W. M. U. Training School (now Carver School), at which time he was pastor for three years at his old church, Millville; for four years at Fisherville, Ky.; and for some years at Buechel Church, on the southeastern edge of Louisville.

He was a man of deep learning, lofty culture, scholarly preacher, rare refinement, and in all, a Southern gentleman who proclaimed the unsearchable riches in Christ Jesus. He made friends for Jesus and for himself wherever he went.

GREATNESS IN THE KINGDOM

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If all church members could only see that "all service ranks the same with God," the positions they occupy would not make so much difference to them. Real joy in service springs from a willingness to spend or to be spent for Christ in the service of others. In Christ's kingdom the highest place is provided for the person who renders the best service, who endures the most suffering, and who makes the greatest sacrifices.

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FORT WORTH, Tex.—A call to courage and a challenge for complete commitment to the gospel marked the inaugural services of Dr. Robert Ernest Naylor as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary November 25.

Delegates from every area of Southern Baptist life were present as Naylor, son of a pioneer Baptist preacher, became the fifth man to head the 50-year-old seminary.

Congressman Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, told the inaugural audience that Baptists must not run away from controversy. "We must meet it with courage," he said.

Hays, who was defeated earlier this month in his race for re-election to Congress by a write-in segregationist candidate, said he has been sustained by the love of his Baptist brethren.

"I speak in no attitude of fear about the future," he asserted. "I have learned from the Scriptures how to meet defeat."

Hays called Southwestern's new president "a happy proclaimer of Baptist principles," and said "Naylor is in a position to interpret the tenets of Baptist

principles not only to the South but also to the West.

In his inaugural address, Naylor said the gospel "is the heart of our fellowship" and "Southwestern has no right to live without it."

"The meaning of our ministries and the unity in our diversities," he declared, "is the gospel."

"On this ground every Christian stands," Naylor added.

"The gospel received, accepted, living, demanding, loving, calls us to our task. We are bound together in this compulsion."

There is, he said, a fellowship of appropriation in acceptance of the gospel, a fellowship of identification with the gospel enterprise, and a fellowship of transformation in the proclamation of the gospel.

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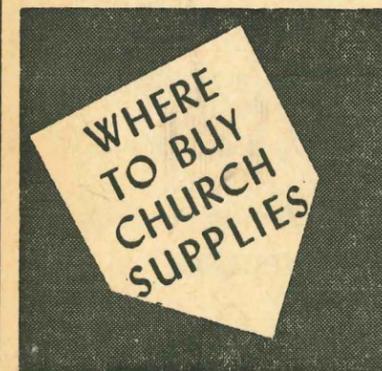
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