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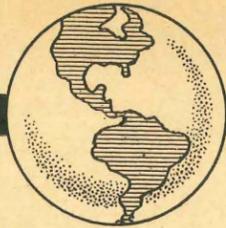
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Ramsey Pollard, Sr., Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, who was elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville Last Week.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

DEATH ANGEL KNOCKS

►The First Church, Sturgis, has adopted resolutions about the passing of George A. Wallace, for 20 years a deacon and for 10 years a trustee, and he also filled other offices, "in all of which he served with Christian humility."

►Mrs. Eliza Ovesen died at the age of 86 years on April 18, and the Homemakers Class of Ovesen Heights Baptist Church, Hodgenville, has adopted resolutions about her passing, expressing gratitude for her and paying tribute to her member. She was one who, "by faithful service has earned a place in the affections of those with whom she labored." She leaves a daughter, sons and grandchildren.

IMPROVEMENTS

►Crabtree Avenue Church, Owensboro, recently moved into a new Educational Building and enlarged auditorium with all new furniture and fully air-conditioned.

►The offices of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, have been air-conditioned by use of window units. Immanuel's indebtedness has been reduced from \$88,000 to \$18,500 in the last two years. H. B. Kuhnle is pastor there.

►First Church, Sebree, Ky., has completed a new educational building of brick veneer construction; two stories, forty-five by seventy feet, which has been equipped for a completely departmentalized Sunday school. New pews and carpet have been installed in the auditorium, according to Pastor Wilbur B. Webb.

ALTER EGO, or ANOTHER MEE

►Mr. and Mrs. Keith Mee, Lexington, are the proud parents of a son, Terry Allen Mee, born May 5. This is their third boy. Mr. Mee is minister of education at Immanuel Church, Lexington.

ORDINATION

►Don Moore and James Ricks were ordained to the Gospel ministry by the New Hope Baptist Church, Little River Association, on April 26. Brother Moore has been called to be pastor of Cross Roads Church, Little River Association, and Brother Ricks is the new pastor of Tiline Church, in Ohio River Association.

ANNIVERSARY

►The fifth anniversary of Pastor O. Afton Linger, formerly of Kentucky, was observed by the Milton Baptist Church, Milton, W. Va., on May 5, and that was also open house day for the church, for the members to visit the pastor and his wife in their parsonage.



TWO MASTERS' DEGREES IN THE FAMILY. Before he leaves for Nashville, Tennessee, where he will become editor of Junior Sunday School lesson courses in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, William N. McElrath of Murray, Kentucky, received a Master of Theology degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. And, his wife, the former Betty Hendricks of Raleigh, N. C., received a Master's degree from the Carver School of Missions and Social Work.—(Photographic Associates)

ESTEP VISITS COLUMBIA

►W. R. Estep, Jr., professor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will teach at the International Seminary in Cali, Colombia, during his sabbatical leave next year. Dr. Estep will spend the summer in language school in San Jose, Costa Rica, preparing for the year's work. In addition to his teaching duties in Cali, he intends to gather material on

the history of Christianity in Latin America. He is particularly interested in the evangelical Christians' struggle for religious freedom in the Latin countries. Dr. Estep is a Kentuckian.

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HAS A CRISIS COME?

By BOB BROWN, Pastor
Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky

The recent national elections and the conduct of the present Congress accent the pattern of 20th Century American thought as it relates to social welfare. The election of a liberal congress by such an overwhelming majority last fall is indicative of the desire of the voter to maintain and even increase government social and welfare benefits. A political analyst could see other factors such as the International scene, the race in space, influence of Catholicism, and the power of organized labor. The majority of the political commentators, however, stated that the welfare state was the major issue and will be increasingly so in 1960. This has serious implications to Baptists.

This new political philosophy has been embraced by both major parties. It is not necessarily bad, although it is a unique brand of socialism. Increased Government controls and regulations, and increased tax burdens has its justification, if not its compensation, in increased welfare benefits for the populace. In fact, the trend begun in the early 30's has now become a torrent that has no precedent in the United States. We have not asked for and consequently have not had a single welfare measure repealed.

Let us remember that Christianity can exist, even flourish, in a socialistic Government. To be sure, a democracy is ideal, but the work of the Church is not dependent upon her political environment. Even Soviet Communism has not written finis to the religious life of the people.

The purpose of this article is not to question the morality of this political system, it is rather to call attention to the attendant problems for the church created by this system.

The end result of this type of political philosophy is social welfare. It seeks to provide for the needs of the "have nots." Its purpose is to do such things for the people that they are not able to do or refuse to do for themselves. This type of concern for all society is as Christian as the Sermon on the Mount and has traditionally been the business of the organized church. Although the motives are obscure, who can question the ethic involved in welfare, relief programs, unemployment compensation, public housing, slum clearance, aid to education, social security, health programs, and hospital construction?

To be sure, the increasing tax burden, the enormous bureaucracy, the tragic instances of misuse of power, and the loss of individual initiative are serious by-products. These implications are of an economical and social nature and not directly related to church work.

Those of us in the church realize, even if we do not admit it readily, that we have abrogated much of our social mission to the Government. The care of widows, orphans, education, health, care of the poor and other functions, once exclusively the business of the church, have now become almost exclusively the business of the state. Our world wide concern for the millions overseas is practically divorced from any kind of physical relief for their suffering. The Government does this through foreign aid.

We know that the churches have practically given up caring for the poor. We do little or nothing for the unemployed, the hungry, the cold. They do not even come to us but go to a Government Agency first. Our work with minority groups is only of a spiritual nature. Our ministry to the handicapped, the delinquent, the unwed mother, the mentally ill, the blind and deaf, the alcoholic, the divorcee, the retarded, is limited and always second best to the Government programs or some other social groups. Our voice is rarely if ever heard on housing, racial problems, war and peace, capitol and labor, or public education.

If these things are out of the ministry of the church as we evidently believe, then we must remember it has not always been so. Even if this be true, there are still problems confronting us.

We have tried to stay as Baptists in the business of providing hospitals, colleges and homes for dependent children. Up until this time the work of the churches has been commendable, but it seems now that a crisis has come. Education, hospitals and children's homes are expensive! Even with increased giving and financial support we are losing ground. It is known that our schools are crowded to capacity, the children's homes reject children daily for lack of space, and all the hospitals are too small.

Can private colleges compete with the large tax supported state schools? The tendency in Government will reflect itself in more tax funds for state schools thus providing more and better facilities, plus a cheaper education for the prospective student. Will it become impossible for the largest segment of our society to attend a private college?

These same congressmen will provide more hospitals or the Hill-Burton Act will so supplement other sectarian hospitals that Baptists, who refuse government funds, will be severely wounded. There is already a serious problem here of public relations. Will rising costs soon make it prohibitive to become a patient in a Baptist Hospital?

The liberal congressmen of today realize that the largest area of social welfare yet untouched by the Government is care for dependent and delinquent children. This subject has great sentimental appeal to the voters and will soon become a part of the program. Here again our own Child Care Program will be checked.

It seems that we must either put more funds, in fact we must put an enormous amount of money, in education, hospitals, and children's homes or we will soon be forced to definitive actions. Can we justify colleges that are restricted to the wealthy, or provide hospital care only for the well-to-do, or provide child care for a select group at the expense of hundreds of other needy children? Do we actually have the financial resources among our people to do this? Can we take more Co-operative Program funds for these ministries at the expense of more direct mission work?

A strong Baptist voice in public affairs can assure us that although state schools, state hospitals, and state children's homes may not be Christian they need not be Un-Christian. Well-trained Baptist teachers, a strong B.S.U., chaplain service, and Baptist social workers are to be commended in state institutions where they now serve.

No one regrets this situation more than the writer; no one is more indebted to our institutions, but this may be our best, even our only way of existence in the social framework of the second half of the 20th Century. A concentration of all our funds and leadership in Missions, Evangelism, local church work, and in the seminaries for vocational church related training may be the product of the Social Welfare State. We will evidently decide soon unless the Government decides for us.

Kentucky Church Bell Goes to Nigeria

By Robert Brewer

WILLISBURG, Ky.—Rockbridge Baptist Church of Washington County has participated in an unique mission project. While Brother Samuel Olu Makanjuola from Nigeria, W. Africa, was a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, 1957-58, his church in Nigeria was completing a new church edifice and was in need of a bell for the tower. Bro. Robert Brewer, pastor of Rockbridge Church, heard about this need and began a search for a bell among his church members. After several weeks of searching a bell was found. After crating the bell carefully to protect it from damage it began its long journey to the Araromi Baptist Church, Igede-Ekiti, Nigeria, West Africa, where Bro. Makanjuola is the pastor. This church with a membership of 400 is located in the village Igede-Ekiti, with a population of 5,000.



Early Convention Impressions

Baptists descended upon Louisville in unbelievable numbers for the Southern Baptist Convention last week. Hotels and motels in Louisville and many miles distant were overrun and thousands of Baptist and other homes were thrown open for this, the biggest event every year. Traffic was snarled, streets were jammed, long lines were the order at most eating places but the visitors took the slight inconveniences in good humor.

Press time comes before the convention ends but early impressions indicate this will be one of the most successful and smoothest of all the 102 sessions of Southern Baptists.

Louisville and Kentucky Baptists can have justifiable pride in the unusually adequate facilities and the gracious hospitality offered the conventioners. Freedom Hall was declared by many to be the best meeting place ever used for the Convention. The arrangements committees headed by Dr. W. R. Pettigrew have functioned in a remarkably able manner and deserve the compliments heard from many visitors.

As for the order of business, things have gone about as expected. The opening night was full of pomp and pageantry as 15,000 joined in the centennial observance of Southern Seminary. Hundreds of academically robed graduates, trustees, and denominational dignitaries made for an amazing spectacle as many of the messengers went to shirt sleeves in the hot and humid Coliseum.

The Convention went into high gear Wednesday morning with the annual report of the Executive Committee under the capable leadership of Executive Secretary Porter Routh. The beloved secretary gave a report on the Cooperative Program receipts to date this year which indicated Southern Baptists are on the way to another record year.

High expectations awaited the presidential address and Hon. Brooks Hays more than surpassed these expectations. A strong prophetic note ran through the address and set a high level for the succeeding sessions. A courageous fearlessness was shown by Hays in referring to the current Southern Seminary crisis and by using much of this time in pleading for an application of Christian principles to the race situation.

Hays suggested no convention consideration of the seminary controversy. Messengers followed this wise counsel with the exception of a perennial trouble maker whose name is not worthy of this publication. Kentucky Baptists should not be disturbed by newspaper releases concerning the attempts to air the seminary trouble. The messengers showed no inclination toward this in spite of their prayerful concern for this great institution.

Probably the highest inspirational hour of the convention came on Wednesday evening when Baptists estimated to number 25,000 overflowed the Coliseum. A great number of these were Louisville and Kentucky Baptists who came in cars, school buses, chartered buses, and other ways. Realizing the convention would likely never be as near again, thousands of Kentuckians took advantage of this opportunity. It was particularly gratifying to this editor to see this tremendous response and it speaks wonderfully for Baptists of Kentucky.

The election of Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tennessee as convention president was according to pre-convention speculation. He had an unexpected strong opponent in Roy McClain, Atlanta, Georgia. McClain was not expected to be nominated and has never been in the forefront of denominational politics. It was a tremendous tribute to this 42 year old former Baptist Hour speaker to receive such support by the messengers. More on the new president will be shared with Western Recorder readers in succeeding issues.

Just as this issue goes to press with four sessions of the Convention remaining, W. R. Pettigrew, Walnut Street, Louisville pastor and chairman of the Convention Arrangements Committee, was elected first vice-president of the Convention. Many had wanted Dr. Pettigrew nominated for president but he was reluctant for understandable and unselfish reasons.

An Unexpected Assist

Nothing could have happened which would have helped Southern Baptist Seminary regain needed confidence in the minds of Southern Baptists than for a North Carolina messenger to attempt to discredit the seminary by charging a professor with heretical teaching. Though relatively unknown to Kentucky Baptists, this messenger is well known to North Carolina Baptists who once became so provoked with his tactics that they voted not to hear him again on the Convention floor. Later they relented and voted not to hear him again during that particular session of the convention.

No one should interpret this man's efforts as connected in any way with the 12 former faculty members of the seminary. These twelve nor their cause are to be in any way identified with this man. Many of this man's friends have tried to help him but have failed. Typical of his attitude is an answer to a question from this editor as to his opinion on this year's candidates for the convention president to which he said, "They are all equally bad."

The seminary administration, faculty, and trustees could well be grateful for this incident which provided a vote of confidence by the messengers in the trustees' ability to handle seminary affairs.

Kentuckians Dominate Offices of Auxiliary Organizations

Kentuckians were elected to fill a lion's share of the offices in the auxiliary organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention. These auxiliary organizations are the Religious Education Association, the Church Music Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference.

Findley B. Edge, professor of Religious Education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was elected president of the Religious Education Association for the coming year. Dr. Edge has taught Religious Education courses at Southern Seminary for a number of years and is considered one of the foremost Baptist authorities in this field. His recent book, *Helping the Teacher*, has been widely accepted by Southern Baptist workers in the field of Religious Education. One of the three vice-presidents chosen for the Religious Education Association is also a Kentuckian. He is James Whaley, secretary, Training Union, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. The other two vice-presidents elected are S. C. Ray, a former Kentuckian and now minister of education of First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, and R. Othal Feather, professor of educational administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Miss Gracie Knowlton, professor of secretarial training, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, was re-elected secretary and treasurer for the organization.

Kentuckians figured even more prominently in the election of officers for the Church Music Conference of Southern Baptist Convention. The church musicians also elect three presidents representing various phases of denominational church music. Kentuckians were elected to all three of these vice-presidential posts. They are Eugene F. Quinn, secretary of church music, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, representing denominational workers; Paul Bobbitt, minister of music, Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky, representing church music leaders; and Hugh McElrath, assistant professor of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, representing musicians at Baptist Institutions.

Other offices for the Church Music Conference are Dwight Phillips, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas, president and Miss Nadine Brookshire, associate in the department of church music, Baptist General Convention of Texas, secretary.

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference chose as president for the com-

ing year W. O. Vaught, Jr., former Kentuckian and now pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. Vaught is a native of Versailles, Kentucky, and has many relatives and friends among Kentucky Baptists. A former Kentucky Baptist pastor, Wayne Dehoney, will serve with Vaught as vice-president of the Pastors' Conference. Dehoney, now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pineville, and Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah. Secretary for the pastors is Robert Barker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chickasaw, Ala.

Carver School Remains Separate Institution

Despite a minority report to the Southern Baptist Convention and strenuous arguments for discontinuation of Carver School of Missions and Social Work as a separate institution, the school received endorsement by messengers to the Convention and will continue as a separate institution. A recommendation favoring the continuation of the school was presented to the Convention messengers by the Survey Committee which has had under study the school along with other Southern Baptist Agencies for the past two years.

Opposition came in the form of a minority report and a motion to inaugurate proceedings for the merging of the school with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This motion was made by Herbert Howard of Texas. Carr P. Collins, a Texas layman, who was a member of the Survey Committee, had given notice that a minority report would be presented to the Convention. Speaking for the continuation of the Carver School were H. H. Hobbs of Oklahoma, Douglas Hudgins of Mississippi, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union of Southern Baptist Convention.

After somewhat lengthy discussion on both sides the messengers voted by a considerable margin for the continuation of Carver School. Nathan Brooks, Jr., is president of Carver.

Stewardship Commission Wins By Slim Vote

By a very slim majority the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention approved a recommendation from the Survey Committee for the establishment of a Stewardship Commission to be in charge of promotion of stewardship

among Southern Baptists. Up to now this has been a function of the Executive Committee but will now become a separate commission of the Convention.

The move to establish the new commission was opposed by Professor Findley B. Edge of Southern Baptist Seminary who offered an amendment to the recommendation which would have assigned the stewardship promotion responsibility to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Edge received considerable support for his views and after discussion a vote was taken which was so close that the Convention president called for a vote by ballot.

The ballot on the Edge Amendment vote was 1,281 for and 1,345 against, a very slight difference of only 64 votes. This was considered as one of the closest votes on any Convention issue in recent years.

Survey Proposals Generally Accepted

The report of the Southern Baptist Convention Survey Committee was generally accepted by messengers who freely discussed several of the proposals included in the report.

The expected debate on the recommendations relating to the Home Mission Board did not develop. This was due to the fact that the recommendations relating to the Home Mission Board were slightly modified from the announced recommendations before the Convention. Most controversial of these was the announced proposal that the Home Mission Board would be expected to turn over all of its work in established states to these states within five years. The sting was taken out of this proposal by adding a provision for the continuation of the Home Mission Board in such instances where hardships were involved by transfer of the work to the states.

Secretary Courts Redford of the Home Mission Board readily agreed to the revised recommendation and moved for the adoption of the recommendation.

The Stewardship Commission and the continuation of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work were both approved after considerable discussion on the Convention floor. These were two of the survey recommendations which were expected to draw opposition.

The other survey recommendation which received pre-convention discussion was one relating to the charging of tuition by Southern Baptist Seminaries. Traditionally the seminaries have not charged tuition to their students. This recommendation was overwhelmingly rejected by the messengers.

Seven Brothers Graduate from Southern in 42 Years



Ira David Bratcher, right, member of the Centennial graduating class at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his uncle, Ira J. Porter, Louisville banker, and member of the seminary's board of trustees.

Since 1917 the Bratcher family of Kentucky and Brazil has supplied seven of the graduates of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ira David Bratcher, son of Dr. C. S. Bratcher of Morganfield, veteran Kentucky pastor, the seventh member of the family to graduate from Southern, is a member of this year's 270-member Centennial class.

Graduation exercises will be held in Alumni Memorial Chapel on the seminary campus at 8 p.m. Monday and at Freedom Hall, Louisville, at 7 p.m., May 19.

He is a nephew of the late Dr. L. M. Bratcher, who served almost 40 years as a Southern Baptist missionary in Brazil, where he is buried.

Ira Bratcher's mother, Miss Beulah Porter before her marriage, is the sister of Ira J. Porter of Louisville, a trustee of Southern Seminary. She died in 1955.

Porter's other sister, Miss Artie Porter before she married Dr. L. M. Bratcher, with whom she served in Brazil, is living at the present time with Dr. Ed Bratcher, Southern graduate who is pastor of First Baptist Church, Tarrytown, Texas.

Graduate L. M. Bratcher, Jr., is pastor of First Baptist Church, Oneida, Tennessee. Dr. Robert G. Bratcher, his brother, lives in Louisville, and is Research Associate, Translation Department, American Bible Society.

Ira David Bratcher has a brother, Harold F. Bratcher of Lexington, Kentucky, also a Southern graduate, who plans to go in July to Brazil under

sponsorship of the Baptist Faith Mission of Detroit.

This year's graduate has accepted the pastorate of the Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, Brandenburg, Kentucky. He and his wife, Camille, are graduates of William Jewell College in Missouri.

Quinn Becomes Full Time Music Secretary



E. F. Quinn

After serving for 2½ years as part-time secretary of church music for Kentucky Baptists, Eugene F. Quinn has been elected as full time secretary of church music and began in this capacity on May 15. Mr. Quinn has also been enrolled in the Southern Baptist Seminary School of Church Music and has completed his residence requirements for the Doctor of Sacred Music Degree. Much progress has been made in the field of church music among Kentucky Baptists under the direction of Mr. Quinn. His work has had to do with the local church, district association programs, as well as state wide activities.

Mr. Quinn, a native of Herrin, Illinois, graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, with a Bachelor of Music Education, and received the Bachelor and Master of Sacred Music degrees from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1946 and 1947.

After serving as music and education director in churches in Weatherford and Dallas, Texas, while in the seminary there, he became Secretary of Music for the Illinois Baptist State Association, where he served for over nine years. He left that position to become Secretary of Music for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, in conjunction with his study at the seminary in Louisville.

Quinn has been a faculty member of both Ridgcrest and Glorietta Baptist Music Conferences each of the past eleven years. Besides oratorio and cantata solo work, he has directed a Baptist college student chorus for nine years.

Quinn married the former Miss Phronsie Bizzell, when she was the educational director of the First Baptist Church of Conway, South Carolina, in 1952. The family, living in Lyndon, includes Janice Ann, Philip E., and Paul Edwin.

Course On Alcoholism Scheduled at Southern

A course dealing with alcoholism has been added to the study schedule for summer school at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, this year.

It will be offered during the second term, June 30-July 24, and will be taught by Dr. Thomas A. Bland, associate professor of Christian Sociology and Ethics at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The first term is scheduled from June 2 to June 26, according to Administrative Dean Hugh R. Peterson, with whom arrangements for attending summer school may be made.

Visiting professors during the first term and the courses they will teach are Dr. Robert A. Baker, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Reformation and Modern Church History; Dr. Penrose St. Amant, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, History of Roman Catholicism, and Dr. Nelson Eugene Mandrell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Walhalla, S. C., Clinical Pastoral Training.

Visiting professors during the second term and their courses in addition to Dr. Bland, will include Dr. James Leo Garrett, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, History of Baptist Theology; Dr. Rollin Armour, who recently completed a year of graduate study in Switzerland, History of the Baptists, and Dr. Mandrell.

Twenty Southern professors will teach courses during the summer session.

Ashley P. Cox.

Carolina Picks Branch To Lead Convention

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—North Carolina Baptists followed the recommendation of their nominating committee and elected Douglas M. Branch of Rocky Mount, N. C., as next general secretary of the Baptist State Convention.

Branch will succeed Dr. Millard A. Huggins, who retires June 30. Huggins has served since 1932. Branch was elected at a special session of the convention here, receiving a clear majority over two other North Carolina ministers nominated from the convention floor.

The convention gave a parting tribute to Dr. Huggins. It voted to supplement his retirement income through the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board with \$150 a month, nearly doubling this source of income. It also voted to permit Dr. and Mrs. Huggins to live in the convention-owned general secretary's home until their deaths.

The general secretary-elect is pastor of First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. He is well-known in state as well as Southern Baptist Convention circles. Branch is presently chairman of the S.B.C. "Survey Committee," which reported at Louisville May 21.

Convention President A. Leroy Parker of Greensboro and M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Lenoir, N. C., were nominated from the floor in opposition to Branch. The committee's nominee was elected on the first ballot.

Branch is a native of North Carolina and is a graduate of the convention's Wake Forest College. He is vice-chairman of the college's trustees and received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Wake Forest in 1956.

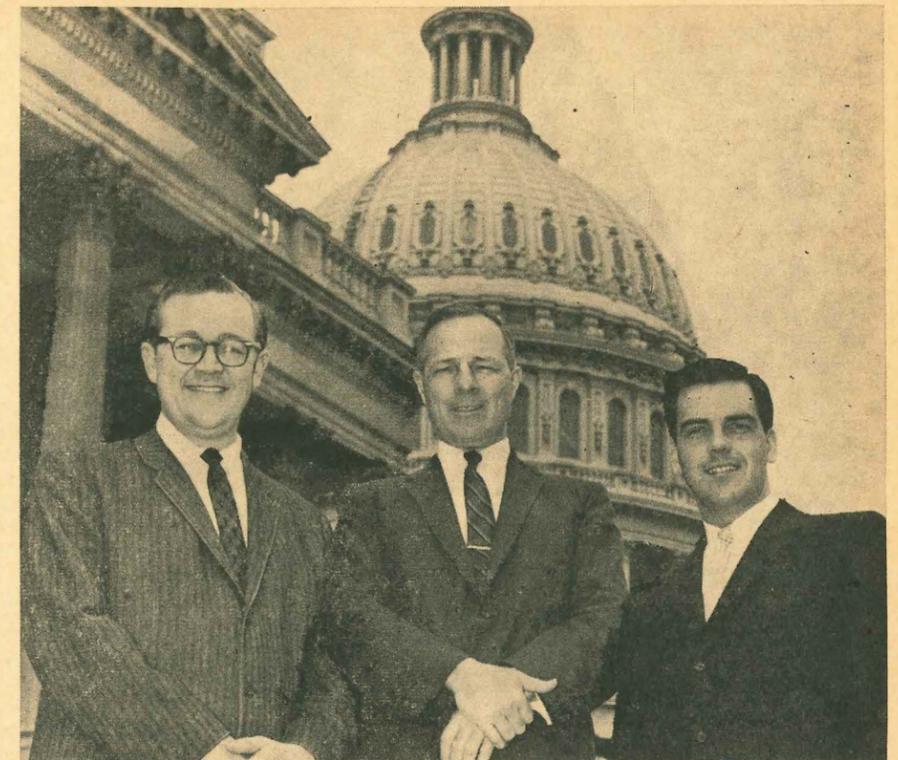
For nearly three years, Branch served as president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The presidency is not a full-time salaried position, while as general secretary he will be full-time chief administrator of convention affairs.

For the past five years, Branch has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He has served as pastor of several North Carolina Baptist churches and as president of the state Pastors' Conference. He became pastor at Rocky Mount in 1953.

►Connie L. Hargrove, of Travares, Florida, formerly pastor of the Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, has been in revivals recently at Alton Station, Goshen, in Mercer County, Ky.; Science Hill, Shawnee Run, and Durban Memorial, near Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. Hargrove attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville before returning to their home in Florida.

Kentucky Pastors In Washington Crusade



Dr. Jess C. Moody, pastor of First Church, Owensboro, in company with Congressman Eugene Siler, Williamsburg, and Singer Ed. Clark, with the Capitol dome as a backdrop.

Several Kentucky Baptist pastors participated in the Simultaneous Crusade conducted recently in the nation's capitol. Reports indicate a very fine reception for these Kentucky pastors in Washington and very fine responses were given to their ministry. Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, Sr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Frankfort, was the evangelist in Washington's First Baptist Church, Edward H. Pruden, pastor. Reports indicate that the experience was stimulating both for First Baptist Church of Washington and for Dr. Moffatt.

Williamsburg's First Baptist pastor, Clyde H. Freed, was the evangelist for revivals in two of the Washington churches. He spent one week at the Petworth Baptist Church and another week at the Luther Rice Baptist Church in the capitol. Among other opportunities afforded the Williamsburg pastor was the opportunity to lead a devotional service in the Pentagon.

Dr. Jess Moody, pastor, and Ed Clark, music minister, of the First Baptist Church of Owensboro formed the evangelistic team for the Metropolitan Baptist Church on Capitol Hill. Among the results of this revival are listed the conversion of one White House guard, a presidential chauffeur, and the addition to the church of two Senate page boys.

The other Kentucky Baptist pastors participated in the Simultaneous Crusades throughout the Southern Baptist Convention and Kentucky Baptist Churches had a great number of visitors as evangelists and other helpers in revivals from many of the other Southern Baptist states as well as some from the American Baptist Convention.

Storm Kills Four In Family of Missionary

Four members of the family of Rev. Paul Box, Southern Baptist missionary appointee to Indonesia, were killed by a tornado which struck Stonewall, Okla., shortly after dark Saturday, May 9. The victims were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Box; a brother, Tommy, 18; and a sister, Darlene, 12. The family home was destroyed and Mrs. Box and the two children died immediately. Mr. Box died Monday morning in an Ada, Okla., hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Box, appointed missionaries in March this year, are still in the States making preparation for service in Indonesia. They live in Madill, Okla., where Mr. Box is pastor of Little City Baptist Church.

Ramsey Pollard Is New President, Southern Baptist Convention

The Southern Baptist Convention at Freedom Hall, Louisville, is in full swing at this writing, therefore it is not possible to give the full proceedings of the sessions. The time of going to press is upon us, even though the convention will have been over a week when the people will be reading these lines.

Several Nominations

Seven men were nominated for president. Homer G. Lindsay, Florida, nominated Ramsey Pollard, of Tennessee; Chester Mason, Oklahoma, nominated W. R. White, Texas; Rollin S. Burhans, Kentucky, nominated E. Hermond Westmoreland, Texas; Charles E. Vickery, South Carolina, nominated James P. Wesberry, Georgia; Stanley Hahn, Florida, nominated Roy O. McClain, Georgia; Glenn Norman, Oklahoma, nominated Carl E. Bates, Texas; and R. L. O'Brian, South Carolina, nominated Wallace Bassett, Texas. Two of these nominees, Wallace Bassett and W. R. White, asked that their names be withdrawn, but only the one nominating Dr. White agreed to do so, leaving six names to be voted on.

On the first ballot neither of the six names secured a majority, so it was necessary to have a run-off vote on the two highest—Ramsey Pollard, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., and Roy O. McClain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. When the second vote was taken Ramsey Pollard was declared by the committee as having been elected by a vote of approximately 4,000 to 3,000.

Near Record Registration

The registration of the opening hour was announced by Joe W. Burton, secretary, as being 8,502 for the 102nd session. This is the second highest registration prior to the first day's opening that the convention has ever had.

A messenger from North Carolina got the floor at the opening of the first night's program and said that the by-laws state one-third of the time should be left for discussion on the floor. On the other hand, he said, the way the program is set up for the first night's program there will be no opportunity for discussion.

He offered an amendment "that the reports of the seminaries be presented without discussion from the floor and with no action to be taken on them at this time by the Convention, and by having added to Thursday morning's program the provision that 15 minutes be set aside, with the particulars to be arranged by the Committee on Order of Business, in which there shall be discussion from the floor concerning the reports of the seminaries and action by the Convention concerning these reports." The amendment was adopted

and Franklin Owen, chairman of the Program Committee, said that his committee would agree to the substance of this motion and put it on the program at a later time.

Seminaries Report

The first night's program was mostly a part of the commencement program of the 100th graduation of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This opened with a procession of the trustees, administration, the presidential party, representatives from Southern Baptist agencies and affiliated bodies, representatives of seminaries, universities and colleges, faculties of Southern Seminary, and the candidates for graduate degrees.

President Hays called for reports of each of the presidents of the seminaries. President Berquist reported that he anticipated a student body at Midwestern Seminary at Kansas City of 300 by the time school opens in the fall.

President Stealey offered a definition of a president: "A president is a ball of fire by day and a bag of wind by night." He reported getting into the new Southeastern Seminary chapel, which, he said, is really the completion of the old Wake Forest Chapel.

Harold K. Graves said that Golden Gate Seminary will soon move from Berkeley, California, to its new campus.

H. Leo Eddleman made his first report for the New Orleans Seminary, saying, though they have just completed a new campus, their most urgent need is for student housing. He said that the school and its personnel and friends gathered at the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of a former president—W. W. Hamilton—recently. Also, Roland Q. Leavell was present and was introduced.

R. E. Naylor said that 83% of Southwestern students are married.

Duke K. McCall rejoiced in the privilege of having the 100th commencement of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention. He said that in a way the seminary had its origin in Louisville, inasmuch as the committee appointed for the purpose of opening a school of the prophets had its original meeting in Louisville in 1857—two years before it was actually started in Greenville, S. C., with the four stalwarts.

Dr. McCall announced a number of additions to the faculty and other personnel changes.

The undergraduate degrees had been conferred at a previous commencement at Alumni Chapel before the coming of the convention, but at this initial session the post-graduate degrees were conferred.

The scripture at the opening session was read by Elroy Lamb, of Kentucky.

Committee Report

Warren M. Marshall, Jr., Georgia, brought a portion of the report of the Committee on Boards, and on recommendation of the committee he represented, the following were elected to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention: Terms expiring 1962—Hugh Van Eaton, Alabama; Harold W. Seever, Alabama; Ed Packwood, Arizona; L. K. Edwards, Jr., Florida; James P. Wesberry, Georgia; Clare C. Clark, Louisiana; Mercer C. Irvin, Louisiana; Owen Cooper, Mississippi; Charles E. Curry, Missouri; James Abernathy, New Mexico; Mrs. Gordon Madry, North Carolina; Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma; Haskell McClain Oklahoma; Lester Bates, South Carolina; Wayne Dehoney, Tennessee; Ralph J. Grant, Texas; B. J. Martin, Texas. Terms expiring 1961—A. LeRoy Parker, North Carolina. Terms expiring 1960—Hobart H. Grooms, Alabama; W. D. Morris, North Carolina; Perry F. Webb, Sr., Texas; W. R. Pettigrew, Kentucky; Rang W. Morgan, Kansas.

Six ex-presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention are still living, and all of them were present at Louisville except Robert G. Lee, Memphis. They were introduced in the Thursday morning session: C. C. Warren, beginning in 1956; J. W. Storer, beginning in 1954; J. D. Grey, 1952; Robert G. Lee, 1949 (absent); Louie D. Newton, 1947; and W. W. Hamilton, 1941, now ninety years of age.

Canadian Baptists Put Off

Article II of the Convention Constitution reads: "It is the purpose of the Convention to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad, and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the kingdom of God." A motion was made that this be amended to insert after the word "territories" the words: "and churches in Canada who co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention."

This motion for amending the constitution was discussed by George C. Irvine, of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, in British Columbia. This matter was vigorously opposed by C. J. Allen, Tennessee, and Norman W. Cox, also of Tennessee, made the point that the Southern Baptist Convention is made up of individual messengers and not by churches, as is also true of the state conventions and the district associations. To pass this motion making this amendment to the constitution would create a

hybrid, making it "a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories and churches in Canada who co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention," etc. The maker of the motion said that Dr. Cox was correct and that his point was well taken, so he withdrew his motion, thereby clearing the matter from the docket at the present time.

Discussion On Seminary's Report

The time having come for the consideration of the report of the seminaries, J. D. Grey, Louisiana, moved that the reports of the theological seminaries on Monday night be accepted, approving the reports. A North Carolina messenger objected and read portions of the Abstract of Principals of Southern Seminary. While apparently defending the thirteen professors involved in the recent controversy, he suddenly said that he did not speak for or against the thirteen professors, to which the convention roared with laughter. He raised questions about an unnamed British professor who wrote a book, making quotations therefrom and also attacked an article in Review and Expositor, written by the same professor, and made quotations therefrom about myths, etc. The speaker, reading a long manuscript, apparently had a great deal more to read. The president told him that his six minutes were up, and asked him if he had a motion to make. Up to this time he had made no motion or amendment. He said, "I want to move that I be allowed to finish reading this," meaning his manuscript, "and that at the end of my reading, those who oppose it be given twice the amount of time I take." The motion was lost.

Feezor, Texas, thought that it should be left to the board of trustees.

Ferguson, of North Carolina, offered a substitute motion to the Grey motion, moving "that the whole matter of the discussion by the messenger be referred to the Executive Committee, to the Committee of Ex-Presidents, and to the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary." The Ferguson substitute was defeated.

Duke K. McCall asked for a personal privilege of reading from the same article of the professor in The Review and Expositor, which uttered a contrary view to the portion read by the North Carolina messenger, and added, "The professor is saying precisely the opposite of what he is accused of saying."

The chair put the motion of J. D. Grey that the report of the theological seminaries be adopted. It was passed with a resounding number of ayes, with only a few scattered nos.

W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference during the pre-convention session in the east wing of Freedom Hall, on May 19.

He succeeded Charles C. Bowles, pastor of the Hunter Street Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, Tenn., and formerly pastor in Pineville and Paducah, Kentucky, was elected vice president, and Robert Barker, pastor of the First Church, Chickasaw, Alabama, was elected secretary.

At the conference of the Religious Education Association, on May 19, Findley B. Edge, professor of religious education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected president, he succeeds Keener Pharr, of the staff at First, Charlotte, N. C. Three vice-presidents are elected for this body, one from each of three groups of workers. For the church workers, S. C. Ray, minister of education at the First Church, Greensboro, N. C., and formerly of Kentucky, was one; from the ranks of the field workers, our own James Whaley, secretary of the Training Union Department in Kentucky, was the second; and from the teachers, R. Othal Feather, professor of educational administration at Southwestern, was the third. Miss Gracie Knowlton, professor of secretarial training, also at Southwestern, was named secretary and treasurer, was re-elected.

B.S.U. Organized For Mid-shipmen At Annapolis

The College Avenue Baptist Church of Annapolis, Maryland, located three blocks from the U.S. Military Academy, has organized a Baptist Student Union to provide for the spiritual needs of the Baptist mid-shipmen at the Academy. This information comes from Martha G. Stone, Minister of Education and Baptist Student Union Director for the College Avenue Baptist Church.

Miss Stone points out that there are 3,600 young men at the academy training for service as future officers of the U.S. Navy. These young men have the choice of worshipping at any of the local churches or at the academy chapel. The College Avenue Church has made special preparation to care for the needs of the Baptist mid-shipmen and presently has about 125 of the young men enlisted in church services.

Miss Stone is anxious for *Western Recorder* readers to know of this Southern Baptist work in Annapolis and would like to urge all young Kentuckians who are Baptists and may attend the Naval Academy to take advantage of the worship opportunities afforded by the College Avenue Baptist Church. Charles A. Jolly, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pineville, Kentucky is the pastor of the College Avenue Baptist Church in Annapolis.

Drs. Herbert Anderson and James L. Sullivan Are Georgetown Speakers

GEORGETOWN, Ky., May 20—Dr. Herbert Anderson, California surgeon, and Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., are the speakers for the 130th commencement exercise of Georgetown College, May 28 and 29.

Dr. Sullivan, a former Kentucky pastor and secretary of the Sunday School Board since 1953, will bring the Baccalaureate message on Thursday evening. His agency has charge of the publishing and education program for the Southern Baptist Convention. He is author of the book, *Your Life and Your Church*, which has sold more than 354,000 copies. He is frequent contributor to magazines, religious journals and lesson quarterlies.

The Friday morning speaker, Dr. Herbert Anderson, is a native of Paducah, Kentucky, and attended McCracken County High School. He is a 1922 graduate of Georgetown College.

Dr. Anderson has been honored twice by his Alma Mater for his distinguished service as a surgeon. In 1954 he was awarded the Alumni Citation and in 1958 the school recognized him with a Distinguished Service Plaque.

Dr. Anderson is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, fellow of the International College of Surgeons, diplomat of the American Board of Abdominal Surgeons, a life member of the American Medical Society of Vienna.

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Youth Week

By JAMES WHALEY



James Whaley

Many churches in Kentucky have observed Youth Week already this year. However, the week can be observed any time. Many churches have these activities during the summer when the college students are home. Tracts giving details concerning how to promote and prepare for the week are available from the State Training Union Department. Free posters to use in publicizing the week may also be secured from the Training Union Department.

Below are some comments from Youth Weeks that have been reported to the state office:

First Church, Central City—Youth week was just the thing we needed to give our entire church a new urge to serve Christ.
—Morris Richey

Liberty Church, Madisonville—Youth Week was a spiritual uplift to our church.
—William Rodgers

Liberty Point Church, Cadiz—Youth Week is certainly an inspiration to all our church members. We had splendid co-operation from all the youth participating. Youth Week is one of the best programs for any church.
—C. H. Thomas, Sr.

Earl Street Baptist, Henderson—For the youth of our churches there is nothing that can compare.
—Floyd J. Gaines

Belmont, Ashland—Youth Week brought out hidden and undiscovered talent and cast a new look on the lives of our Young People. As Adults, we feel the Lord's future work will be in good hands.
—Clayton J. Smith

First Church, Whitesburg—The adults of our church are more hopeful of our future at the close of Youth Week. The young people look forward to it each year. It is an accepted part of our training, and has contributed many spiritual benefits.
—Clayton J. Smith

Grace Church, Lexington—A real blessing was received by everyone. Our Young People took complete charge of the Wednesday night and Sunday services and did a wonderful job. Each year we have Youth Week and it seems to be getting better. We have a fine group of dedicated young people.
—William H. Mitchell

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Emphases for June

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT

Vacation Bible Schools, Training, Standards, Extension Departments:
Focus on Extension department work.
Hold Extension Department Day, June 7.

Check Sunday School enrolment gains for year and plan for increase during June, July, and August.
Hold Vacation Bible School.

Check on Standards; apply for recognition.
Observe Commencement Day to recognize workers in training.

Have the church appoint committee to nominate officers for next year.
Observe "Operation Home Study."
Plan to send workers to Cedarmore Sunday School Conference, August 6, 7, and 8.

Send workers to Glorieta.
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Beechmont—Long Run	347
Grace—Elkhorn	345
Walton—North Bend	339
Severns Valley—Severns Valley.....	314

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L. L. Carpenter Announces Retirement as Editor North Carolina Paper

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—Dr. L. L. Carpenter, who for almost 17 years has been editor of the weekly Biblical Recorder here, said he plans to retire from office December 31.

The Biblical Recorder, with 62,000 subscribers, is the publication of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dr. Carpenter told the paper's board of directors that he had considered retirement for some time and had decided to retire when 68. His 68th birthday will be next November 29.

He added that he was making the announcement early so that a nominating committee could be appointed to

find a successor. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., of Raleigh, chairman of the board, was expected to appoint this committee.

Dr. Carpenter joined the Biblical Recorder as editor in September, 1942. The paper had about 10,000 subscribers then, only a sixth of its present circulation.

The Biblical Recorder recently announced that it had a new printing contract which would improve the format and typography of the periodical.

A native of the Raleigh area, Dr. Carpenter graduated from Wake Forest College when it was located in nearby Wake Forest, N. C. He has master's and doctor's degrees in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and a Ph.D. from Yale University.

He was ordained to the ministry in 1912 and taught at several colleges before becoming editor. He was an instructor at Southern Seminary, 1916-18;

at University of South Carolina, 1921-26; at Furman University, 1926-27; at Limestone College, 1927-36, and at Baylor University, 1936-42.

He was pastor of churches in North and South Carolina and in Texas.

Dr. Carpenter also has served on several committees in Baptist denominational life and is author or co-author of at least six books. His varied experience includes also having served as a chaplain during World War I and holding memberships in educational, historical, and civic associations.

He is past president of the Southern Baptist Press Association and former vice-president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. During compilation of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, Dr. Carpenter was chairman of the committee gathering monographs related to North Carolina Baptists.

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ATTENDANCE, MAY 17, 1959**

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Louisville, Walnut Street	1495	4	341
Missions (5)	359	3	141
Lou., Carlisle Ave.	1136		304
Palmyra	36		21
Corydon	27		11
Bowling Green	988	2	
Andrew Mission	176		
Lou., Crescent Hill	987	1	247
Missions (2)	141		
Madisonville, First	958		234
Owensboro, First	944		192
Owensboro, Third	939	2	265
Hopkinsville, Second	919		224
Lou., Parkland	859	1	229
Lexington, Calvary	858	1	239
Mission	30		
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	829		238
Missions (2)	77		
Covington, Calvary	824		
Harrodsburg	823	3	204
Missions (2)	61		66
Mayfield, First	819		240
Mission	108		
Lexington, Grace	794	3	168
Mission	22		
Newport, First	787	2	176
Chapel	110		22
S. Newport	44		7
Peter G. Noll Homes	6		
Lou., St. Matthews	750	3	205
Bowman Field	92		34
Covington, Latonia	736	2	179
Lou., Beechmont	735	2	257
Missions (2)	369	1	112
Glasgow	729		93
Missions (2)	180		178
Georgetown	616		40
Missions	40		171
Paducah, Immanuel	578		129
Erlanger	573	6	160
Lou., Buechel Park	547	1	160
Lexington, Rosemont	546	2	137
Ashland, First	540		125
Missions (3)	223	1	184
Lou., Highland	538		182
Paducah, First	532	2	182
Corbin, Central	531		
Park Hill Mission	79		63
Covington, Southside	527		
Henderson, Immanuel	525		
Missions (2)	109		
Ashland, Unity	519		133
Danville, First	514		138
Missions (2)	151		42
Bellevue	514		101
Winchester, Central	510		133
Lou., Southside	491		81
Evansville, Calvary	481		174
London, First	478		100
Lou., Bethany	469	1	116
Danville, Lexington Ave.	468		78
Mission (1)	65	2	80
Florence	468	1	91
Owensboro, Buena Vista	464		147
Lou., Eighteenth St.	463	6	105
Mission (1)	52		32
Lou., Bethlehem	462		136
Lou., Beth Haven	457	2	157
Owensboro, Hall St.	447		196
Central City, First	445	1	170
Lawrenceburg (1)	444		35
Lou., Deer Park	440		73
Davis Memorial	104	4	31
Middlesboro, First	430		50
Lou., Valley Station	427	1	97
Corbin, First	426		
Covington, First	426	4	177
Ludlow, First	426	1	89
Hazard, First	423		86

**R. L. Crady Goes from
Bardstown Junction to
Townview, Dayton, Ohio**

Robert L. Crady completed his work as pastor of the Bardstown Junction Baptist Church, Bardstown Junction, Kentucky, on May 10, and has now gone to be pastor of the Townview Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, a newly organized congregation, now starting a building program. He has been at the Kentucky church since September 2, 1956.

Born thirty-nine years ago in Louisville, he was graduated from the Louis-

Lou., Green Acres	420	1	176
Lou., Bardstown	415		70
Mt. Washington	415		
Lebanon, First	414		126
Ft. Thomas, First	414	2	93
Mission	107		
Hodgenville, First	411		
Lou., Shawnee	410		144
Lou., Valley View	410		116
Danville, Gethsemane	409	1	203
Springfield, First	405		
Jeffersonton	402		114
Lou., Immanuel	398	1	109
Frankfort, Crestwood	397	36	175
Hima, Horse Creek	391		
Walton, First	388		133
Russellville, First	387		139
Mission	34		
Greenville, First	386		136
Paducah, East	383		154
Morganfield, First	382	1	100
Lou., Beechwood	360		133
Frankfort, Thornhill	353		113
Versailles	339		75
Old Yellow Creek	325		115
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave.	325		105
Hawesville	322		
Ashland, Pollard	321	2	127
Mission (1)	48		
Lexington, Central	312	7	107
Falmouth	306	1	
Mission	17		
Lou., Gethsemane	303	1	109
Williamson, E. Williamson	295		63
Mission (1)	102		48
Monticello, First	294		112
Missions (2)	43		
Dawson Springs	290		65
Middlesboro,			
E. Cumberland Ave.	282		92
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	282		139
Marion	278		
Earlington, First	278		119
Carrollton, First	273		62
Cold Spring, First	271		108
Lebanon Junction, First	269		84
Owensboro, Seven Hills	268		61
Sonora	252		86
Bowling Green, Glendale	247	3	122
Paintsville, First	235		100
Missions (2)	86		
Hazel	232		
Owensboro, Wing Ave.	231	4	92
Folsomdale, Liberty	216		
Cloverport	205		
Providence, First	201		

ville Male High School, and was awarded the Th.B. degree by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is just about ready to complete his undergraduate work requirements at the University of Louisville.

Versatile in athletics in this area, he played in football, baseball, basketball and track in high school, and became a semi-professional and professional baseball player. But this career was interrupted by his enlistment in the U. S. Paratroops for 44 months.

Being called of God into the ministry, he has led the Bardstown Junction church in completing Sunday school rooms, and since he has been there Sunday school attendance, Training Union attendance, and financial and baptismal records have been broken.

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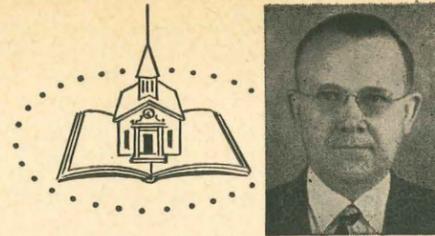


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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

ELIJAH, GOD'S WARRIOR

I Kings 19:9-18

Elijah's glorious ministry reached its climax in his marvelous victory over the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. In the exhilaration of his remarkable victory, Elijah did the unusual thing of running through the drenching storm in front of the chariot of Ahab from Mount Carmel to Jezreel, a distance of approximately eighteen miles. Upon their arrival at the palace, the prophet waited at the gate while Ahab went in and "told Jezebel all that Elijah had done." Incensed against Elijah, Jezebel sent a messenger to him announcing her determination to slay him. Seized with fear, Elijah fled for his life. Later, in the depths of disappointment, discouragement and despondency, he prayed to die. However, his request did not express the real sentiment of his heart. It was not the real Elijah speaking, for he had forsaken his post of duty and gone outside the pale of God's leadership.

I. God's Prophet Was Displaced.

I Kings 19:9-10.

Public demonstration of God's power was not enough for Elijah. Needing an additional message from God, as he thought, the prophet took his case in his own hands and went into the solitude of Mount Horeb. There he took refuge in a cave. While he was engaged in musing about his problems and in lamenting his sad condition, the word of the Lord came to him with the searching and challenging question, "What doest thou here, Elijah?"

It must never be forgotten that God always knows where His servants are, what they are doing and what they are failing to do. Because Elijah was absent from his post of duty at one of the most critical periods in the history of his nation, God's question, "What doest thou here, Elijah?", was a stinging rebuke to the prophet.

In a self-justifying mood and in a strenuous effort to vindicate his improper conduct, Elijah gave a threefold reason for fleeing from his duty and taking refuge in the cave. He claimed that he had been very jealous and zealous for God, but also inferred that God had not supported him in his efforts as he had expected that He would do. Elijah concluded that the hopeless condition of God's people, as he saw it, made

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it unwise and useless for him to attempt to do anything else for them. Holding himself in very high esteem, and not having a very high regard for God's people, Elijah went so far as to declare that he was the only one whom God had left and that the people were trying to kill him. When any man, who has a good eye on himself and a bad eye on others, talks about his zeal for the Lord and the faithlessness of others, it is always due to the fact that he is out of intimate fellowship with the Lord. Any man takes himself too seriously when he concludes that the progress and success of God's work depends on him alone.

II. God's Presence Was Demonstrated.

I Kings 19:11-14.

God spoke to Elijah, saying, "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord." Elijah obeyed and while he stood there God caused a mighty demonstration of wind, earthquake and fire to take place before the prophet. While God's power was revealed in these striking phenomena, His presence was not felt by Elijah until "a still small voice" spoke to him. That voice soothed the taut nerves of the prophet and prepared him to listen to what the Lord might say to him. When he knew beyond a doubt that the Lord was present, as an expression of his personal unworthiness and reverence for God, Elijah wrapped his face in a mantle. While at a distance from the Lord Elijah talked about himself, but in His presence he hid himself. Instead of complaining about what the Lord had done, or had failed to do, Elijah cheerfully acquiesced in His providences. He was happy to be in the presence of the Lord again. After all, that is the best place for any child of God to be when he is "down in the dumps" or is suffering from "a case of the blues."

III. God's Plan Was Declared.

I Kings 19:15-18.

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missioned him to perform a three-fold ministry: anoint Hazael as king over Syria, anoint Jehu as king over Israel and anoint Elisha as his own successor. The prophet must have been comforted and encouraged greatly by the fact that God had selected another to carry on the mission which he had prosecuted so zealously. God never removes His workers without having others to carry on His work for Him.

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CAUTHEN DISCUSSES PLANS FOR ADVANCE

"God has wrought remarkably in advance in world missions," said Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, in his report to the Foreign Mission Board at its May meeting. Then he summarized plans both for geographical advance and for the strengthening of work within countries where Southern Baptist missionaries are already serving.

He and Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will visit Africa this summer to make careful studies of some of the areas of that continent where Southern Baptists have not yet labored.

"We are particularly concerned about vast areas in French West Africa, as well as large sections under Portuguese government," Dr. Cauthen said. "We are also aware of the very large section in Northern Nigeria where only a limited work has been undertaken by our missionaries. The time should come when we will have mission work over a much wider area of Africa than we now serve.

"And we should have far more extensive mission work in the Middle East. Our attention has been called to the importance of strengthening work among Moslem people. A Christian doctor from Iran told us recently that with the growth of education in his country people are now reading the Koran for themselves and are being impressed with its inadequacy for man's spiritual need.

"We must not overlook that Pakistan, with 85,000,000 people, represents one of the largest countries we serve. At present our work is limited to East Pakistan, but the time will come when we must project work in West Pakistan as well.

"We are also aware that advance is not merely on a geographical basis. In many countries, particularly those of Latin America, we have already established beachheads; but these beachheads merely represent points of entry. The opportunity in Latin America becomes increasingly encouraging as religious liberty becomes more recognized and the message of Christ is more widely understood."

REPORTS OF BAPTISMS LEAK FROM RED CHINA

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, has just returned from a

trip which took him to six countries of the Far East. His report to the Board at its May meeting was concerned with information about current conditions in Red China which he received while in Hong Kong. Excerpts from Dr. Crawley's report follow:

"Up until about 10 years ago China had been the main Southern Baptist mission field with approximately one third of the entire missionary staff. That country had the largest church membership, the strongest institutions, and the most mature church and convention development of any field. Now there are no Southern Baptist missionaries in China, and only very limited information on which to base an estimate of the situation.

"Christianity in China has suffered seriously during the past 10 years. The full story cannot be known because we have no direct lines of contact with Christians there. Information comes to us only indirectly and piecemeal. There have been many fluctuations in the policy of the Chinese Communist government toward Christianity, and many local variations in the application of that policy. Therefore, the picture is a very spotty one.

"The policy of Communist China toward Christianity has been mainly along the line of controlling the churches and using them for the support of Communist political and economic policies. This poses a very real dilemma for Christians. Communist pressures are often exercised in a subtle way, which affords little opportunity for a clear-cut stand on obvious moral and spiritual issues. Certainly no one on the outside is in a position to judge the decisions made by our Chinese brethren under such conditions.

"I do not dare hazard a prediction concerning the political future of mainland China. Certainly for the present and the immediate future, under Communist control, individual Christians and churches will face serious pressures and persecutions. At the same time, we have grounds for rejoicing concerning our Christian brethren in Christ. Though our missionaries cannot be there, the churches are still there, and the gospel is being preached. While in Hong Kong I received definite information concerning one Baptist church which baptized about 50 people this spring. Such reports give us grounds for continuing hope—hope that rests in the assurance that our Lord is still at work in China."

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