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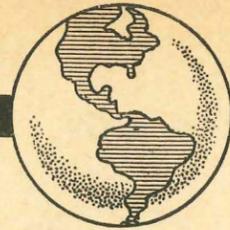
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A Nurse's Attendant plays with the month-old child of a patient at the Baptist Hospital in Mati, on the east coast of the Island of Minanao, in the Philippines. The first unit of the hospital building, located in a strong Catholic and Moslem community, was completed and dedicated in 1954; and additional facilities, bringing the total number of beds to 30, were dedicated last year. During 1958 the hospital ministered to 3,445 patients. For the first six months after Southern Baptists began this medical work in 1953, Missionary Victoria Parsons was the only Baptist in Mati. Now there is a growing Baptist church, which last year baptized 24 into its membership. And a Baptist church was organized in nearby Tarragona last year with a charter membership of 32.—Photo by Howard D. Olive, Foreign Mission Board.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

SOUTH AMERICAN SEMINARY

►The new campus of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Cali, Columbia, was dedicated in June in connection with the 1959 graduation exercises and the annual Columbian Pastors' Evangelistic Conference. Buildings on the 26-acre campus are a large administration building, in which are located the library, offices of professors, cafeteria, chapel, music practice rooms, and class rooms—and three dormitories with small apartments for married students and rooms for single students. Dormitories can accommodate 50 resident students and classroom facilities are adequate for 200.

ARMSTRONG TO HUNTSVILLE

►Boyd Armstrong has resigned as pastor of North Phenix Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala., to accept a call to the West Highland Church, Huntsville, Ala. Huntsville, the missile center of the world where Red Stone Arsenal was built six years ago, has increased in population from 18,000 in 1950 to more than 75,000 now. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary in Kentucky. Mrs. Armstrong is the former Jessie Sidebottom, Greensburg, Ky. One son, Larry, now 20, is a junior at Howard College, Birmingham, and pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Russell County, Ala. Also they have two daughters, Sherry, 11, and Betty, 6.

ALDRIDGE IN TEXAS

►D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville, has returned from Houston, Texas, where he spoke at eight churches of that city, presenting the work of the Clear Creek School. He also addressed more than 100 members of the Houston Baptist Pastors' Association. He was invited to Houston by W. E. Denham, Jr., pastor of River Oaks Baptist Church and a former pastor in Kentucky, and A. C. Maxwell, retired evangelist who has frequently visited in this state. President Aldridge also visited in the home of 116-year-old Sherman Williams, the last surviving veteran of the Civil War. Mr. Williams, who has been unconscious for several weeks, is a member of a Baptist church where Mr. Aldridge spoke.



Jacob S. Ayers has been called by Glasgow Baptist Church as minister of music and youth. Mr. Ayers is from Lexington, N. C. He was graduated from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, in 1957 with the bachelor of music degree. While at Stetson, he was president of the student body of the School of Music, working closely with the late Dr. Claude M. Almand, and musical director for the Florida State B.S.U., while holding the same leadership position on his own campus. He was tenor soloist with the Stetson Glee Clubs and Travel Group, and also an officer in those groups. At the same time he was director of music and youth activities at First Church, Titusville, Fla. Later he entered the School of Church Music, Southern Seminary, from which he received his master's degree in sacred music. While here he was assistant conductor of the Seminary Male Chorale. Ayers began his ministry with the Glasgow Baptist Church June 21.

G-TOWN TEACHER HONORED

►From Georgetown College comes word that the editor of VOICES, a national poetry publication, has announced the acceptance of two poems written by Dr. Woodridge Spears, a member of the English faculty of Georgetown. The poems are entitled, "Restoration" and "Fennell Hill." This is the ninth time since 1939 that the editors of Voices have honored Dr. Spears. His lengthy dra-

matic poem, Island Place, was favorably commented upon by Donald Davidson, well-known American poet. Dr. Spears is author of the work, "The Feudalist and Elizabeth Madox Roberts: A Biographical and Critical Study."

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THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

By ROBERT L. LINDSEY, Missionary to Israel

As a Southern Baptist missionary in Israel I have followed with great interest occasional articles in the state papers concerning the relation of the Jews to world evangelism and the hope of Christ's return. A considerable number of Baptist leaders have frankly stated their convictions on this matter and I, for one, am grateful for this open discussion.

Although sharp differences of opinion appear when the various articles are compared it is encouraging to see that we Baptists are not quite as fearful as we once were that a serious consideration of this subject may damage our God-given unity. We are apparently in the proper frame of mind for discussing many things more academically than we once were and that is good.

My personal interest stems from a call to Jewish evangelism in my last year as a student in Oklahoma University. I am grateful to God that the call came at a time when I was strongly influenced by pastors who held Darbyite views of eschatology. Since that time, however, I have been driven again and again to the Scriptures in search of the truth on this vital subject and my convictions have in many respects undergone significant change.

My early Darbyite views were first challenged by a student's year in Palestine (Hebrew University 1939-40) and again by the general climate of theological seminary (Southern Baptist, 1940-44, Princeton, 1944-45). Since 1945, except for a stint at graduate studies (Southern, 1952-54), I have lived in daily contact with Jews of all kinds in Palestine and Israel and here again my convictions have been tested and shaped.

I am still far from understanding all God's Word has to say on this subject but I have come to certain basic convictions. Here they are:

The key to all eschatological problems lies in all that Jesus was, is, and will be. God's future for this planet and the world is directly related to the attitude men living after Golgotha have taken and will take to Christ. There is no other discoverable meaning in history.

Nor is there salvation in any other name but His. The group of people we now call the Jews are not as a group to be spoken of as saved, for as a group they are not positively related to Christ Jesus. Nor should we speak of modern Jews as "God's chosen people."

Quite apart from the fact that most Jews today cringe at the very suggestion that they are "chosen," (They often say, "let God choose someone else for a while. We've suffered enough because our rabbis and the Gentiles called us chosen.") the New Testament is quite

clear on this point: Jews who believe in Christ are called "the remnant" and they are the only Jews "chosen" (Romans 11:5, 7). Gentile believers in Christ are also spoken of as "chosen." But unbelieving, rabbinic-ethnic Jewry is never so described after John the Baptist appears.

No person as an individual is in God's Kingdom unless he is positively oriented to Jesus Christ. Christ is God's ultimate word to man until he "has put all in subjection to his feet and then shall the son also himself be subjected to him. . ." The same thing can be said about every group of people whether religious or irreligious; no such group is automatically in a relation of salvation or chosenness. "God is able to raise up children to Abraham" from the stones of the desert of Judea.

Nonetheless the entity we call rabbinic-ethnic Israel, or the Jews, is one day as a whole to be spoken of as having come into Christ's kingdom (Romans 11:26). All the attempts of such eminent men as Bucer, Melancthon, Calvin and others to the contrary, the use of the word Israel in Romans 11:26 as a synonym for all saved people whether called Jews or non-Jews makes the argument of this passage nonsense. Such interpreters admit that Paul is talking through Romans nine to eleven, that is, until verses 25 and 26 of chapter eleven, about his unbelieving Jewish brothers, but they then insist that by a clever twist in semantics in vs. 25 and 26 Paul rejoices about a future Israel to be saved made up mainly of Gentiles!

Of course it is true that all persons who have accepted the Lord Jesus as Saviour are of the "Israel of God" (Galatians 3:29). But that is beside the point when one is dealing with chapters nine through eleven of Romans. The word Israel in 11:25, 26 refers to the same people we call the Jews today. Quite a large number of these people are accepting Christ as Saviour today. Some day "all Israel" shall be saved.

This does not mean that every person calling himself a Jew will be what we mean when we say a "true Christian." It simply means that the significant majority of Jews will one day be believers in Christ just as the significant majority of Jews in Paul's day were unbelievers and remain so till today.

Nor does the future general Jewish acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Christ mean that God is going to back up 2,000 years and do with an ethnic Israel exactly what he could not do with this body in the first century. Christian history is full of distortions but it is His Story. That interpretation of the Old Testament which demands the rebuild-

ing of the Temple misses this point. The coming of the Archetypal Lamb has literally made nonsense of this kind of hope. I am not simply talking of Christian theory or theology. It is a fact that 99 percent of the Jews in this modern world would oppose the rebuilding of a Temple in which animal sacrifices were renewed. Jesus Christ, in 1959, is Lord of history.

The reason the general Jewish conversion foreseen in Romans 11:25, 26 is a certainty is that a relationship exists between Jewry and God's plan of world salvation. Though no longer chosen, the Jews are a remnant body in spiritual decline who nevertheless remind themselves and the world of God's beginning of redemptive history in Abraham. Because Christianity connects Abraham with Christ and so preaches, the Jews—still unbelieving, still unrepentant, still unsaved, and still unchosen—are thus witnesses to God's Kingdom come in Christ! God continues to use instruments in opposition to Him to declare His glory.

The method God will use to bring these people to Himself is that of "jealousy" (Romans 10:19; 11:11, 13, 14). What the scriptures mean by "jealousy" is what we call frustration. Almost all people get to Christ through some kind of frustration. The peculiarly Jewish frustration is the increasing feeling among Jews that they can no longer call themselves "the chosen people" while at the same time there are millions of Christians breathing down their neck with the insistence that the Jews are connected with Christ and holy history and should be Christians! It is not pleasant to have someone looking over your shoulder when you want to be alone, and all this Christian interest annoys Jews no end. But the truth is that Jewry—like Jonah of old and most of us since—is running from God. All the Scriptures say is that "you can run on for a long time" but eventually the Lord will catch up to you if you have ever had a living relationship with Him. As God caught the poet Thompson, that "hound of heaven", so he will bring the old remnant body of Israel to Christ.

In the end the very meaning of the creation of the State of Israel lies in this running away from God. The motivation of the people of Israel is "to become a people like all the other peoples in the world", which means the rejection by Israelis of any special chosenness. Thus Jewish history has reached the same conclusion the Bible did many years ago, namely that Pharisaic-ethnic Jewry can no longer claim to represent the true children of Abraham for it has missed the Prince of Life.

When I hear an American Christian complain that the Israelis or the Jews are not religious I sometimes feel like saying, "Brother, what do you want of

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A Chariot of Israel

Among those born of women few have risen greater than George Riggs. Many of Kentucky's sons have been used mightily far and wide in God's glorious ministry but, in this generation at least, few stood nearer the head of the line than George Riggs.

Tragic beyond description is the loss of this great preacher in the very prime of his life. The account of his apparently accidental death which appears elsewhere in this issue leaves tens of thousands of Kentuckians dumbfounded, shocked, and saddened. With Elisha of old who witnessed the passing of Elijah all of us who loved him and labored beside him cry out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!"

George was known as "Plug" to most of his intimate associates. The nickname came from his early baseball days as a firstbaseman with big league potential. Only last Sunday night in a revival message I used an incident out of his baseball days which he sometimes told. The shortstop of his team was lost, and night after night George would pray for the salvation of his teammate. He also resolved many times to witness to his buddy but got cold feet. Finally one day after much soul agony he ran out of the dressing room straight toward the shortstop and coming right up to his face blurted, "Are you saved?" only to find his buddy had been waiting and wanting to be led to Christ by George. This was the day God called George to His major leagues where he has had a high batting average ever since.

At Victory Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville, the membership grew from 800 to 2,400 in the twelve years of the pastorate of George Riggs. Many seminary students who never saw nor heard him know much about him because his personal and church evangelism methods constituted a considerable part of the seminary course on evangelism. The weekly bulletins from Westwood Baptist in Dayton, Ohio, where he has been for about four months, contained extensive lists of new converts almost every Sunday. In fact, it was only recently that a service passed without additions and it was so unusual as to be the subject of the pastor's paragraph the next week.

George Riggs meant much to the *Western Recorder*. He served as a director of this publication for seven years and was chairman of the directors for several of these years up until he left the state. Along with Dr. E. F. Estes he is mostly responsible for the present lofty place of the *Western Recorder* in the life of Kentucky Baptists.

What can be said about such a tragic death for one of God's choicest servants? The eternal "Why?" was never more mysterious. Never were we more aware that finite minds cannot comprehend infinite wisdom.

As long as we live in a world characterized by demonic forces, these things will be with us.

It is not ours to question. The God who had such a great use for George on earth surely has a greater assignment for him in heaven. He lived leading his fellowman to the Heavenly Father, he died protecting the house of God from thieves. It would be difficult to conceive of how a man could be more like his master.

Surely the Great Shepherd whose undershepherd he was will provide still waters, green pastures, and the gentle protection of His rod and staff for Mrs. Riggs, George, Jr., and Marilyn. For this ascend thousands of prayers along with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that "Twas better to have loved and lost (for a while) than never to have loved at all."

Many would join this editor in one final request of George, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me."

Joy In Remembrance

The Hebrews commemorated great events in their religious history with feasts and jubilant celebration. Each year at Passover they relived the sparing of their first-born by the death angel in their dramatic deliverance at the hands of Jehovah from Egyptian bondage. The annual feast of Purim gave occasion to retell the thrilling story of beautiful and courageous Esther.

Another group of God's people appropriately took occasion recently to commemorate a great event in their spiritual life. Louisa Baptists experienced a great day of rejoicing on July 19 on the second anniversary of the beginning of their beautiful new building.

Two years ago when faced with extensive repairs and necessary improvements, the members of the First Baptist Church of Louisa had the foresight to abandon their outmoded quarters and launch into a building program on a new site. With unusual faith and fortitude they gathered beneath the shade of a tree to turn the first shovel of dirt. Today the same tree stands hard by an ultra-modern church building and even those whose prayers and sacrifices account for it have difficulty believing their eyes.

Sunday, July 19, was a happy day for Louisa Baptists. Bountiful baskets of food were spread for an overflow crowd including a number of visitors who joined in the jubilation. "To God be the glory, great things hath He done," was more than the theme of the day. It was the sincere testimony of every soul present.

The guiding spirit of the celebration was Pastor O'Ray Weeks just as he has been the trusted leader through the whole project. Coming several years ago from one of the large churches in Lexington to

Louisa, the leadership of the Lord seems as evident as when Philip was sent from Samaria to Gaza. The pastor and people have joined in their efforts as naturally and beautifully as the Levisa Fork and Tug Rivers join at Louisa to become the Big Sandy. Dr. F. F. Sheley, Louisa physician and son of Wyatt Sheley, well-known contributor to the *Western Recorder*, is the non-paid Louisa music director and the ideal personification of what a dedicated layman can mean to his church and pastor.

The ministry of the First Baptist Church, Louisa, has been extended to many remote sections of Lawrence County. Traveling every conceivable way in-

cluding by boat across bridgeless rivers, Pastor Weeks and his dedicated members have taken Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and other Baptist witness to hitherto neglected areas. At last count 222 had been enrolled in four Vacation Bible Schools this year.

Without any special drive, Louisa Baptists gave \$1,300 to their building fund on the day of remembrance and thanksgiving. They also added 35 subscriptions for the *Western Recorder* which means most Louisa Baptist homes now have the state paper. In the roll call of large churches, Louisa is not on the top, but in the list of great churches, Louisa is near the top.

BAPTIST FORUM



LADY CHATTERLY AND THE SUPREME COURT

Editor:

Recently the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that a state cannot ban a movie condoning adultery. The movie, "Lady Chatterley's Lover" was viewed by eight of the nine Justices and they unanimously ruled that it was a violation of the freedom of speech to limit the showing of the film.

Protestations notwithstanding, it must be strongly stated that there is a limit to freedom of speech. This incident seems to have gone beyond that border.

This country is governed by a higher court than the Supreme Court. Every true American innately knows that our nation is founded on a definite moral code.

The men who made this country great would never have ruled that the freedom of speech included vulgarity or the freedom of the press included pornography.

It is common knowledge that the motion picture industry is lowering its moral standards with each production. The television medium now feels free to take the name of God in vain.

Recently, on "Playhouse 90" the Lord's name was taken in vain two times during one production.

The Jack Paar Show often exceeds the limit of decency and apparently goes unrebuked by public sentiment.

It was but a few years ago that the motion picture industry produced its movies on a more reasonable basis. Now almost anything is acceptable.

Anyone who protests is considered the incarnation of prudery and "dangerous to the republic."

One can see Amos cowering before such epithets. . . .

. . . Or Jeremiah,

. . . Or Paul,

. . . Or Wesley.

The Supreme Court says "adultery may sometimes be proper."

God says "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

But why should this writer waste his time writing articles like this? After all, he craves social acceptance just as everyone else does. Nobody dares be other than gray these days.

Yet, this frustrate will send it in as one little blow against that vast immobile bag of indifference which, for the time being, men can call America.

Of course, when Russia takes over this blasé amoral, broadminded country, she will change our name.

Owensboro, Ky.

Jess C. Moody

IN DEFENSE OF GLENN ARCHER

Editor:

Your unequivocal and effective defense of Glenn L. Archer in the July 23 issue has just come to my attention. Scurrilous attacks like those of Rex S. McCoy frequently come his way, and I think you have done a service in publishing his letter to show the kind of bigoted thinking which Mr. Archer often encounters.

There is one item in Mr. McCoy's letter which is such an outright lie that I would like permission to nail it. He says that Mr. Archer has "been consistently repudiated by responsible and legitimate Protestant authorities." This is patently false. On the contrary Mr. Archer has been consistently endorsed and encouraged by these authorities. The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church has voted approval of POAU and

endorsement of its program. So also with the General Conference of the Methodist Church, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and many of the Annual Conferences of that communion. Mr. Archer has frequently been a speaker at sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, its national Brotherhood Convention, and at practically all of the state [Baptist] conventions at one time or another. His appearances before Presbyterian groups have been almost as impressive and frequent. Mr. Archer has never been repudiated by any responsible and legitimate Protestant body.

Washington, D.C.

C. Stanley Lowell,

Associate Director

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MYTH OF PAPAL INFALLIBILITY

Editor:

The Roman Catholic Pope has one weapon that more than any other keeps the necks of his people under the Roman yoke of complete subjugation. This is the Roman doctrine of "Papal Infallibility", or his claim that he is incapable of error and which his people are forced to accept. This belief which is a "must" in the indoctrination of every Catholic serves a double purpose. It sanctifies any abuses on the part of the Pope and his church instead of correcting them and at the same time "gags" any Catholic so that he dares not criticize the Pope or his church and its policies no matter how much he detests them. As an example . . . Some American Catholics deplore the persistent campaign of intolerance and persecution that is carried on by their church against minority religious groups in countries where Catholics are in the majority, but the doctrine of "Papal Infallibility," and the fact that they have no voice whatever in the policies of their church, renders them helpless to do anything about it. Some of them, through what they think is "loyalty" to their church, make a feeble effort to justify such intolerance or merely to deny its existence. It is all they can do.

Fort Bragg, Calif.

Jack Odom

Religious Unity Measure Gets Committee Approval

WASHINGTON — (BP) — Religious unity achieved by government sponsorship is aimed at by a Congressional resolution calling for an Interfaith Day the fourth Sunday of September each year. The resolution, introduced by Kenneth B. Keating (R., N. Y.), has been reported favorably without amendment from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate Joint Resolution 53 declares that "the fomenting of antagonism between Americans on a basis of sectarian creed is contrary to American traditions and to the spirit of the guarantee of freedom of worship embodied in the constitution of the United States."

Asserting that "it ought to be, and is hereby declared to be, the policy of Congress to encourage the mutual understanding of all people of good will," the resolution authorizes the President to call "on the people of the United States to observe such day" and to urge the participation of all Americans and all religious groups.

Commending the ecumenical movement, the resolution says that "the program of the interfaith movement offers a practicable means for encouraging such mutual understanding."

The resolution, when passed by both houses and approved by the President,

becomes public law affecting the whole nation.

Since its introduction in the Senate in February, the resolution has been under criticism by several religious leaders. Questions have been raised as to whether or not it is the role of government to serve as "peacemaker among religious bodies." It has also been asked whether or not, in the interest of national unity, the government should attempt to "harness" the churches in its efforts against Communism.

Leon Macon, editor of the Alabama Baptist, expressed the view that such a resolution would be a reprimand of the churches by Congress and that it might "blunt the rights of religious groups to proclaim their message as they see it, and especially, in this case, to defend the principle of separation of church and state."

They Marry Young

By A. C. MILLER

The Population Reference Bureau at Washington, D. C., reports: "Brides and grooms in America are the youngest on record." "Probably our average marriage age today is the lowest of any industrialized society," stated Robert C. Cook, President of the Bureau. "Only Canada has a marriage age that is comparable. The United States is now nearer

the Asian early-age marriage pattern than the European."

Last year 45% of the women marrying for the first time and slightly more than 13% of first-time grooms were less than 20 years of age. It is interesting to note, however, that the Population Bureau noted in its report a nationwide trend toward minimum age requirements. Only five years ago four states permitted girls to marry at the common-law age of 12, if they had the consent of parent or guardian. By 1958 the lowest legal minimum for girls to marry in any state was 14. States with this minimum age of 14 were Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah. Only two states—Idaho and Missouri—permitted boys of 15 to marry.

In countries around the world, except for the few countries that set no minimum, age requirements for marriage vary from 14 to 21 for men and from 12 to 21 for women. The United Nations has recommended a world-wide minimum of 14 for both sexes.

Roughly a quarter of all marriages last year in the U. S. were re-marriages. One of every 20 divorced women re-marrying was a teen-ager. Divorced men remarried, on the average, at 36; divorced women at 31. But marriage is evidently not only for the young. Re-marrying widowers average 57 and widows 47. One out of eight of the men had passed 70, while one out of 25 widows was past 70.

Dedication services for the new Masonville Baptist Church, Utica, Kentucky, were held Sunday, July 19. The Masonville Church was constituted August 25, 1957, and purchased the present building site in November of the same year. The contract for the building was let in September, 1958, and the new building was used for the first time for revival services beginning March 15, 1959. The present membership is 101, with 167 enrolled in Sunday school. The auditorium has a capacity of 240 with educational space for 150. Total cost for the building and lot was almost \$42,000. Ed. Cremer is the Masonville pastor. Dr. H. C. Chiles, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky, delivered the message of dedication.

Paducah's West End Baptist Continues to Grow

West End Baptist Church of Paducah, in the past several years has experienced almost continual expansion in its facilities and an accompanying growth in membership and interest. The climax to the efforts of the West End Baptists came in May of this year with the dedication of a beautiful new sanctuary.

The West End Baptist Church was organized July 17, 1923. It grew out of the Arcadia Baptist Mission which was organized in the Arcadia public school building in 1919 under the leadership of the Missions Committee of the First Baptist Church of Paducah. There were 27 charter members in 1923. The first service in the new building in 1959 attracted 673 people.

The church began its recent expansion with the construction of an educational building basement in 1949. In 1954 two additional floors were added to the educational building and in 1955 an adjoining house and lot were purchased and renovated for educational space. The new sanctuary was begun in 1957 and the first service in the new edifice was conducted February 1, 1959. The cost of the sanctuary was \$120,000.

The present pastor of the West End Church is W. B. Casey. He is a native of central Kentucky, a graduate of Centre College, and has studied extensively in the field of ancient languages at the University of Kentucky. He came to the Paducah church after an eight year pastorate at the Chevy Chase Baptist Church in Lexington.

In three and a half years the West End Church has almost doubled in membership growing from 460 to 800. The Sunday School and other church organizations have experienced a comparative growth. Two young women from the Church are now in college preparing for the foreign mission field and several of the younger girls have committed their lives to the mission service. Two West End Junior boys have surrendered to the ministry. West End Baptists are grateful for the blessings of the Lord through the past years but believe that the future is to be far more glorious.

Interfaith Resolution Bottled In Committee

WASHINGTON—(BP) — A proposal for a Government sponsored Interfaith Day is bottled up in a House committee, and reliable sources indicate that this may be the end of the matter. However, the cork could be pulled out of the bottle at any time unless public opinion prevents it.

Hardly noticed both by church people and by members of the Senate, the proposal, S. J. Res. 53, which would establish the fourth Sunday in September as Interfaith Day, was whisked through the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and through the Senate itself. It is now pending in the House Committee on the Judiciary of which Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.) is chairman.

This resolution, encouraging religious unity by government sponsorship, has been introduced regularly the past several years by Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R., N. Y.), but this is the first time it has gotten any attention.

In a letter to Congressman Celler interpreting possible implications of the resolution, W. Barry Garrett, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, stated that "at first glance this resolution appears to be a harmless move for the promotion of goodwill among the American people, but upon closer observation there are some basic underlying assumptions that could make it offensive to the church people of the nation."

Mr. Garrett raised the question as to whether or not Congress wanted to step out of the proper sphere of government into the area in which the churches should exclusively operate. He pointed out that such a matter as a national Interfaith Day "must be achieved by the churches themselves and as a result of their own initiative rather than through the pressure of governmental sponsorship." He asked, "Should the Government put such pressure on the churches for religious conformity?"

(Note: Those who have an opinion to express on the resolution establishing a legal Interfaith Day may address their communication to The Honorable Emanuel Celler, House Judiciary Committee, House of Representatives Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.)

Eva L. Royalty Dies In Hopkinsville

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky.—Miss Eva L. Royalty, 88, retired postal clerk and a hostess of Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville for more than twenty years, died in a local hospital July 27 after an illness of several months.

She and her sister, the late Miss Helen Royalty, who died in January of this year, both played a part in the early organization of the Pineville school. They worked without pay during the early years of the school.

A native of Hopkinsville, she was a member of the First Baptist Church. Funeral services were set for July 29 with D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek, officiating.

Harry L. Garrett Accepts Ferguson Pastorate



H. L. Garrett

Harry L. Garrett, associate secretary in the Sunday School Department of Kentucky Baptists since September 15, 1956, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Ferguson Baptist Church in Pulaski Association. Mr. Garrett's resignation from the Sunday School Department became effective

August 1. The chief area of responsibility for Mr. Garrett since working with Kentucky Baptists has been in the field of Vacation Bible School. He has led in Vacation Bible School clinics all over the state on the local, associational and state-wide levels. His work has been outstanding and has received attention from all over the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Garrett came to the Kentucky Sunday School work from Fairfield, Illinois, where he served for seven years. He filled a number of permanent places of leadership in the life of Illinois Baptists. Mr. Garrett also has had pastoral experience in the state of Texas.

The new Ferguson pastor is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, and has a Master of Religious Education degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Garrett is an approved Primary Sunday School worker. The Garretts have one daughter, Peggy Sue, who is a member of the staff of the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky.

D. P. Anglin, 89 Years Old, Passes Away

D. P. Anglin, a beloved member of the Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Tiline, Kentucky, passed away recently leaving a host of loved ones and friends who were grateful for his useful life.

Uncle Dave, as Brother Anglin was affectionately known, would have been 90 years old this November. He professed faith in Christ at an early age and has been a member of the Sugar Creek Baptist Church since 1936.

Resolutions passed by the church referred to the unusual services rendered by Brother Anglin. His passing will be a serious loss to both the community and the church.



Ken Howard, Brilliant, Blind Cumberland Graduate Receives Eyesight after Operation

By H. G. PRATT, Director of Public Relations
Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky

Ken Howard, a mountain boy from Gunlock, Kentucky, a small community near Prestonsburg, has found that a fighting heart can open the hearts of others to brotherly love.

Ken, two years ago was graduating from Magoffin Baptist Institute, Mountain Valley, Kentucky, as the Valedictorian of his class, and recipient of the Kiwanis Citizenship award for outstanding leadership, enough to make any high school senior proud, still the future was bleak.

You see, Ken had spent the first ten years of his school life in the Kentucky School for the Blind in Louisville and had accomplished his outstanding record with eyesight that rendered him incapable of either reading or writing.

The fighting young man from the "head of Licking" was confident that if given the opportunity he could make a good college student. However, the opportunity turned into an illusive target. He applied in vain for admission to several Kentucky colleges. Only the grim determination to be a diplomat, in

spite of his handicap, kept Ken from giving up his greatest aspiration, a college education. In desperation he communicated with Dr. J. M. Boswell, president of Cumberland College, and was readily accepted on July 22, 1957—a day of importance to both Ken and Cumberland.

Ken entered Cumberland in September of 1957 and in two years proved that blindness was not as much a handicap to him as laziness is to many physically sound and mentally capable college students. Ken's quick grasping and long retaining mind enabled him to compile a 2.4 standing in the field of history and political science, in spite of the fact that he could neither read nor take notes in class. He was vice-president of his freshman class, president of the International Relations Club, a member of the Baptist Student Union, and a member of the college gospel team that visited numerous churches throughout Southeastern Kentucky. The highlight of the program usually turned out to be Ken's piano playing and singing of Gospel songs.

As a sophomore, Ken was selected by the student body for Cumberland's highest honor, "Mr. Cumberland College 1959." In addition he was awarded, at graduation, the T. J. Roberts Award for outstanding leadership among the male students at Cumberland. This award is made on the basis of scholarship, leadership and service to the cause of Christian Education.

Ken's fighting spirit had helped him prove he could do college work, and was to give him the chance to see clearly for the first time in his life, with members of the First Baptist Church, where Ken is a member, providing the means to the end that he had awaited for 25 years.

Clyde H. Freed, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, took Ken to an eye specialist in Corbin where his condition was diagnosed as congenital cataracts. With the assurance that an operation would improve his sight, the arrangements were immediately made. The doctor donated his services for the operation and a special offering from the members of the church took care of the hospital expenses.

On July 17 a successful operation was made at the Southeastern Baptist Hospital, Corbin, Kentucky.

Today the blur of 25 years is beginning to fade and in September Ken will start his junior year of college with a brighter view and the assurance that he will be able to read without the use of braille.

Tragic Death of George H. Riggs in Ohio Shocks Baptists



Geo. H. Riggs

Wednesday, August 5, 1959—a day long to be remembered by the friends of George H. Riggs, Kentuckian extraordinary who has been preaching slightly more than twenty years, but who has left his mark so indelibly on the lives of all who knew him.

About 10:00 a.m. on August 5 a long distance telephone call from Editor R. Gene Puckett, of the Ohio Baptist Messenger, Columbus, Ohio, told of the sudden and tragic death of the pastor of the Westwood Baptist Church of Dayton, while on the prowl for burglars early that morning. Later other long distance calls came through to Louisville, and eventually the news trickled in on the teletypes to the Louisville newspapers and bits penetrated on radio newscasts.

Having left Louisville and his 12-year pastorate at the Victory Memorial Baptist Church only four months ago, one can hardly realize that he is no longer here in the Kentucky metropolis.

Since the Dayton church has been bothered during recent nights with prowlers, the Westwood pastor arose at 4:15 a.m., when he thought he heard a disturbance in the church next door to the parsonage. He took his shotgun along, and after that he was on his own. When he did not return in a reasonable time, his wife called his assistant, Rev. David Roddy, on the telephone and had him to investigate. On arrival at the church he found the body slumped over a stool by the drinking fountain in the hallway, his face blown off by the blast of the shotgun striking full force on his chin.

At this writing the final report of the authorities has not been made, but there seems to be a divergence of opinion as to how the accident occurred. The police

lieutenant has eliminated the murder and suicide possibilities, thinking that it was an accident when he stumbled over the stool by the drinking fountain in the dark, thus causing the gun to be discharged as he fell.

The deputy coroner, on the contrary, thinks otherwise at this time. He reasons that, considering the disorder of the typewriter, the radio-clock, and other equipment from their customary places, and the position of the body as it was found, that an intruder probably shot him when being caught in the act of taking the office equipment from the study.

The Westwood pastor was there alone, so there were no witnesses to help us, unless the theory of an alleged prowler is correct, in which case the said prowler is not available to tell us what did happen.

This news article is being written on Thursday. His body has already been removed to Calhoun, Kentucky, his birthplace, and is resting at the Hill Funeral Home, operated by the brother of Mrs. Riggs. The funeral is to be from that institution Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Riggs was graduated from West Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. In early life he was pastor for six years of Island Baptist Church, Island, Ky., and three years at the Morgantown Baptist Church in Butler County.

He built solidly at Victory Memorial. One year his church had the largest number of teacher training awards in Kentucky and the tenth largest in the Southern Baptist Convention. According to Sunday School Board records Victory Memorial was the largest in Kentucky again last year. More than 130 young people have entered full time religious work, the church budget quadrupled, and two missions were organized into churches.

New Orleans Professor Joins Southern Seminary Faculty

Dr. W. Morgan Patterson, author and seminary professor, has been appointed by President Duke K. McCall as associate professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

An assistant professor of church history at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he has taught since 1956, Patterson will begin teaching Church History at the Louisville Seminary in September, according to Dean Penrose St. Amant of the School of Theology.

"Dr. Patterson is an extraordinarily competent historian," said Dean St. Amant who was his graduate professor at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, "and is particularly

proficient in the field of Baptist history. He has written a number of articles for Baptist publications and is now engaged in writing a book tentatively entitled, *Crisis in Baptist History*."

Dr. Patterson, whose appointment was received with enthusiasm by the members of the faculty of the School of Theology, is a graduate of Stetson University and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology degrees.

The new professor who served as a bombardier in the Army Air Corp in World War II, is a member of the American Society of Church History. Patterson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Patterson of New Orleans, Louisiana, is married to the former Ernestine North of Longwood, Florida. Mrs. Patterson holds the degree of Master of Religious Education from the New Orleans Seminary. They have two children, Morgan, II, six, and Jay North, two months.

THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

(Continued from Page 3)

these folk? Do you want them to sink back into bondage to the Law? By being irreligious and even anti-religious they are voicing their cry of frustration to God Himself. Some day they will understand why they had to give up all formal religion. Rabbinic Judaism was the wrong road." The revolution must be complete. Only then can Christ be found.

God has only one saved and chosen body, that body which is made up of those who are Christ's. For the moment all of these followers have nominal Christian, pagan, or Jewish background (compare I Corinthians 10:32). But unless Christ's coming arrests the process there will some day be only those who follow Christ and those who do not. The number of non-Christian Jews will at that time be insignificant. With the general conversion of Jewry the suggestion of Romans 11:12, 15 is that salvation will come all the more quickly to the pagan world, for "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters which cover the sea."

Of Christ's coming we do not know the day or the hour. I believe this means, in part, that we do not know what connection the *parousia* will have to do with the conversion of the world, least of all its connection with the general Jewish conversion. But what we do know is that God is out to win. As for the preference for Jewish or Gentile evangelism some like to talk about we will do well to take to heart the philosophy of mission contained in Romans 9-11, which may be stated thus: *Try to win the Jew. If you fail, try to win the pagan. For if you win either you hasten the day when the other will be won.*

Harold Reynierson Becomes Music Minister at Calvary in Lexington



J. Harold Reynierson

Calvary Baptist Church at Lexington has extended a call to Mr. J. Harold Reynierson as minister of music. Mr. Reynierson has accepted and will begin his Calvary ministry on August 15.

Mr. Reynierson is a native of Danville, Kentucky, and a graduate of Centre College, Oklahoma Baptist University, and the School of Church Music of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as minister of music of the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Presently he is minister of music of the Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

The new music minister succeeds Mrs. John C. Fife who has served as choral director at Calvary for ten years. Under the direction of Mrs. Fife the Calvary Church has developed one of the outstanding music programs under Kentucky Baptists.

Lexington's First Baptist Church Ordains Two Deacons

R. L. Howard and George Smith were ordained as deacons of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, on July 12. The ordination followed an examining council held on June 28 in which C. D. Stevens served as interrogator and Rex Purvis as clerk.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Executive Secretary W. C. Boone. David Friedley is the First Baptist pastor.



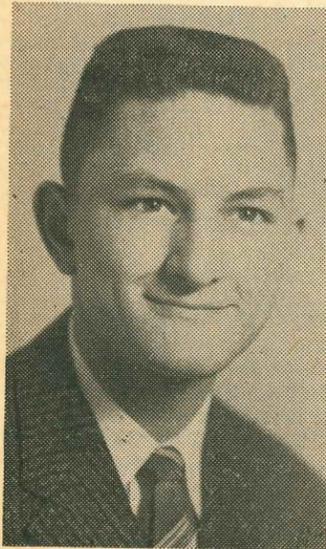
Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, will bring the summer commencement address at Georgetown College, in the John L. Hill Chapel, Friday evening, August 14, at 8:00 o'clock, according to President Robert L. Mills. This is Georgetown's thirty-sixth summer graduating class.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Mountain Youth Team For 1959 Selected By Student Department

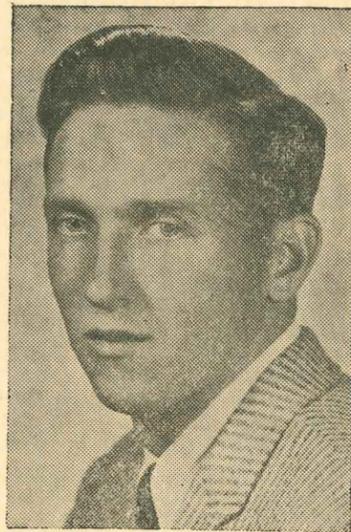
The 1959 mountain youth team has been selected by the Student Department of the General Association of Bap-

Serving this summer are Allen Harrod of Cumberland College, evangelist; Judith Wilson of Georgetown College,



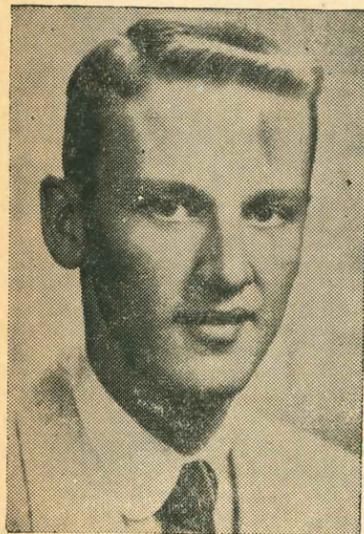
Allen Harrod

tists in Kentucky. This is a co-operative endeavor between the Student Department and the Department of Missions and Evangelism.



Blaine Tucker

pianist; Wade Bolton of Murray State College, song leader; and Blaine Tucker of Berea College, advance and follow-up worker.



Wade Bolton

They will work under the direction of J. Edward Cunningham, director of mountain missions.



Judith Wilson

The 1959 youth team is the third such team that has given full time for the cause of evangelism in the mountain area.

The team will hold one-week youth revivals in the following places: Licking River Church, Magoffin County; Wheelwright Church, Wheelwright; Campton Church, Campton; First Baptist Church, Inez; Lincoln County Association; First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon; River View Church, Jeff; First Baptist Church, Martin; Smithsboro Church, Smithsboro; and Elkhorn City Church, Elkhorn.

CHURCH MUSIC

Daviess-McLean Association Scores Second Significant Music Conference

By EUGENE F. QUINN

"We had a very profitable meeting . . .", writes Associational Music Director Paul Bobbitt, of Daviess-McLean's second annual association Music Conference, which met on July 13 in Owensboro.



Paul Bobbitt

The meeting, held at Great Hall, Kentucky Wesleyan College, was attended by thirty-one leaders from twelve Baptist churches in the association. Six church music directors, five organists or pianists, four other choir directors, and four pastors were present for the fellowship meal.

The program that followed the supper consisted of four discussion groups who considered critical problems and their solutions related to music in their churches. The four groups then reconvened, so that each group could share in a five-minute summary of their discussions with the rest of the conference. The Girls' Sextet from Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, concluded the conference with special music.

Daviess-McLean Association has set the pace for the rest of Kentucky with these two annual Church Music Conferences, which are producing fruit in the music of their churches.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Preparation Week, September 20-27

Three outstanding Sunday school administration books are being recommended for use in the churches during Sunday School Preparation Week, Sep-

tember 20-27, 1959. They are: *Building a Standard Sunday School*, Arthur Flake; *A Church Using Its Sunday School*, J. N. Barnette; and *The Pull of the People*, J. N. Barnette. It is suggested that pastors, superintendents, and ministers of education select one of these three books for use with the Sunday school workers during the five nights of Preparation Week.

The desired quantity of the selected book should be ordered from a Baptist Book Store several weeks before Preparation Week. This will allow time for the shipment of the books, and also for distribution of the books to Sunday school workers at least one week in advance of the actual study. Since it is impossible to determine the number of churches that will select any one of the three recommended books, it will be wise for those churches which order late to list a second preference. This will avoid delay in shipment of the books to the churches, since it would be necessary for the book store to contact the church about a second choice if the churches ordering early should have exhausted the supply of the requested book.

The study course book will provide basic material for the week of study by Sunday school workers. "Sunday School Planning Booklet, 1959-60" contains some helpful guidance material that should be used in getting ready for and in conducting Preparation Week. Suggestions for building a program of work for the Sunday school are outlined in the booklet.

Preparation Week is an ideal time for launching the Sunday school program for the new year. It is also an excellent time for all workers to study together a general Sunday school administration book, which gives sound direction for enlarging and improving the Sunday school.

Awards for the study of a book during Preparation Week will be granted in the Sunday School Training Course provided the award request reaches the state Sunday school secretary's office prior to September 30, 1959. All awards for the study of the books will be applicable after October 1, 1959, in category 17, Sunday School Principles and Methods, of the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION

How a Disbanded Church Refused to Die

By A. M. VOLLMER, Exec. Secy.

Due to circumstances the members of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, in Muhlenburg Association, decided to discontinue the work there and disband the church. The church property was sold and the proceeds of the sale, amounting to \$501.10, was delivered to the KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION. The income from the investment of this fund

will continue to witness for those who decided to invest it in this way.

Letters of the remaining members were granted to unite with other nearby Baptist Churches

On July 31 a check for \$516.94 was received for the endowment of the Clear Creek Baptist School. The endowment for this school with the Foundation now totals approximately \$20,000.00.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Y.W.A. Summer Conference At Cedarmore, Aug. 21-23

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON

Dr. W. C. Taylor, missionary to Brazil, will bring the Sunday morning message at Cedarmore during the weekend con-



Dr. W. C. Taylor

ference for members of Kentucky Young Woman's Auxiliary. A native Kentuckian, Dr. Taylor has served many years in Brazil as teacher, preacher, and author. He directed the worship services at Cedarmore during W.M.U. Week last year. We are happy for this opportunity to hear Dr. Taylor.

Send reservations for Y.W.A. Weekend at Cedarmore, along with \$1.00 to: W.M.U. Office, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.—Miss Nina Martin, WMS-YWA Director.

W.M.U. CONFERENCE CEDARMORE, AUG. 24-28

Mrs. Earl Parker, beloved Kentucky missionary recently returned from serv-



Mrs. Earl Parker

ice in Korea, will speak at the Missions Hour at Cedarmore on Tuesday and

Wednesday during W.M.U. Week. Korea is much in the foreground in Baptist missions just now and you will want to hear her first-hand inspiring report.

Mrs. Parker, with her good husband and four children, served for many years in China before going to Korea. Many will also be interested in news from the children as outstanding former Margaret Fund students.

GOOD NEWS

A telegram from Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, brings the happy news that the Annie Armstrong Offering now has reached \$2,018,356.56. He says, "Let us thank the Lord that the goal has been exceeded." This is the first time in several years that Woman's Missionary Union has reached the goal for this offering.

Good reports are reaching us about the offering in Kentucky. Muhlenberg Association reports an increase of 55% over the offering for last year. If your offering has not been sent in, it is not too late to send it. Mail at once to Mrs. W. H. Jaegle, Kentucky Baptist Bldg., Middletown, marked plainly, "Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions". Help, now, to meet the many needs yet unmet, in your own country.

BROTHERHOOD

Kentucky Baptist Men - A Brotherhood

By FORREST R. SAWYER



F. R. Sawyer

Of paramount consideration in the hearts and lives of Kentucky Baptist men at this particular point should be the inauguration of their State Brotherhood Convention, Campbellsville, Kentucky, October 1-2. Dr. J. Chester Badgett, pastor of the Campbellsville Baptist Church; Roy

Wilson, M.D., Taylor County Associational Brotherhood president; and Co-host Presidents, Marshall Miller and John Wagster, are making detailed preparation to care for the needs of the convention.

The people of Campbellsville will provide bed and breakfast for the men who desire sleeping accommodations for Thursday, October 1.

Please, just as soon as "you" possibly can, write: Reservations, Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Kentucky; and let the people know how many will be coming with you and wanting overnight accommodations. This consideration will be most helpful, in fact, in light of "oil boom" activities in

Taylor and surrounding counties, it will be practically imperative that this be done.

The program for the convention will be published and distributed at a later date.

Mr. Jim W. Allen, Jr., is scheduled to preside at the opening session of the convention at 7:00 p.m., October 1. "Spud" Halcomb, Danville, State Ambassador-in-Chief, will preside during the Friday morning session which will have as its central theme "ROYAL AMBASSADORS". Friday's two remaining sessions will be presided over by Dr. R. S. Burhans, Moderator of the General Association, and Dr. Harold Tallant, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, and Chairman of the State Executive Board.

Mr. James M. Sapp of the Brotherhood Commission Office in Memphis will be one of the featured speakers, as will Dr. W. C. Boone; Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, Pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville; Dr. Sid Maddox, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville; and Dr. Norman Ellis, Pastor of the Cadiz Baptist Church.

This convention will be historic in many ways. We invite the readers of this column to join us in praying that God will get from this meeting of Kentucky Baptist men that which He can use to advance His cause and His Kingdom to the ends of the earth.

TRAINING UNION

Accommodations Available

By JAMES H. WHALEY



James H. Whaley

There is plenty of room for you the second Training Union Week at Cedarmore—August 17-31. Motel rooms are available for adults and family groups. There are also accommodations available in the dormitories and cottages for men, women, boys, or girls.

Rev. Ira McMillan, Jr., will be the speaker each evening at the assembly. Mrs. Helen Galloway of the Training Union Department, Illinois, will lead a special conference for Adults using as a basis of the discussion the book, *Christ-*

ian Leadership by Preston. The second period conference for adults each morning will be a study of promotional ideas that can be used month by month. Conferences will be held each morning for every age group Beginner through Adult.

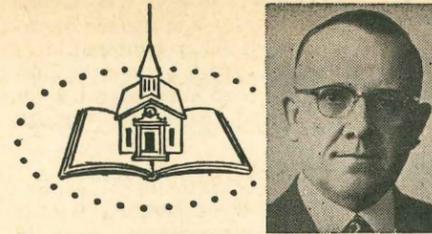
►Dr. T. J. Parsons, prominent denominational leader of the Indiana Baptist Convention for many years, died in Miami, Florida, June 24. He began in 1916 as superintendent of the southwest district of Indiana, with headquarters in Washington, Ind., and spent 32 years in their service. He became editor of *The Baptist Observer* in 1921, and filled that position until 1948. As if that were not enough for one man, he spent more than ten years of that time, beginning May 1, 1931, as executive secretary of the Indiana Baptist Convention. Since retirement he has taught a large Bible class in Florida.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-40

When and where the book of Lamentations was written cannot be stated with certainty. We only know that it was written after the destruction of Jerusalem and of the temple, and following the terrible desolation which was inflicted upon Judea because of the sins of the priests and the people. There are those who think that the author, Jeremiah, penned it in a cave or den near Jerusalem, where he sat in bitterness of soul grieving and weeping.

Be that as it may, the purpose of the book was to express grief at the humiliation and shame to which the nation had been subjected because of the sins of the people, to bring them to repentance for their sins, and to give them some comforting and encouraging hope that God would be merciful to them and restore them again to their former glorious privileges.

The writer deplored the miseries of Jerusalem, which had been full of people, but at that time was depopulated and whose citizens were subservient to others. Not only Jerusalem had been destroyed, but the whole country had been ravaged and her inhabitants had been carried away captive by the Chaldeans. Her gates were torn down, her solemn feasts had been eliminated, her priests were mourning and her adversaries were prosperous. All of these undesirable conditions were due to the many transgressions and grievous sins of the people. Perhaps idolatry and covenant-breaking were their greatest sins.

It must be emphasized that these afflictions were not due to the Chaldeans only, but they were the result of the wrath and judgment of God. Their punishment came from Him, and the Chaldeans were only the instruments in His hand to bring about the repentance of the people and their restoration to their former status and privileges. When the Jews called upon others to help and to relieve them, none of them were able to render the assistance which they needed and requested.

Inasmuch as the cities were without inhabitants, the land was uncultivated and the country was in such a pitiful condition, it is not surprising that by way of contrast the writer pointed to their former glory. He lamented their afflictions which had been expressed by a rod, by darkness, by wormwood, by

gall and by numerous other things. He pointed to the fact that God had given them into the hands of their scornful and cruel enemies. Affliction, sorrow and misery were their lot in life, but these things were the result of their sins. He emphasized the need of repentance and assured them that when it was forthcoming better conditions would follow.

God's great love had been manifested to them in His unfailing compassions. Through all of their sufferings God had been merciful, patient and gracious in His dealings with them. Repeatedly He had manifested His love toward them by His faithfulness. While the people had been unfaithful to God, He had remained faithful to them. How comforting and encouraging to know that He is ever faithful!

In mercy God steps in to alleviate suffering and to relieve distress. In the case of the Jews, it was not difficult to believe that God was merciful when their country and their beloved city were at their peak, but it was a far greater thing to believe in a merciful Father when Jerusalem was trodden down by strangers, the altar desecrated and her citizens carried into captivity.

Mercy is love in action. Mercy is love drying a tear-stained cheek, or binding up a wound, or welcoming home a wanderer. Man is sustained by the mercy of God. Promptness and variety characterize God's mercies. They are as varied as our days. "They are new every morning." God's mercies are always adequate. They never cease, although we do so many things which might provoke their cessation. Their form may change, but they never cease. God's mercies are as unfailing as the morning dawn, bright as the morning sunshine, sparkling as the morning dew and invigorating as the morning air. They will always be ahead of our daily needs. The mercies of God in which we rejoice come to us with each dawn, or before we have done any work.

It is regrettable that professing Christians sometimes respond to God's mercies in the wrong manner. They do so by complainingly ignoring them, ungratefully accepting them or sinfully abusing them. Instead of responding to them in any of the ways that are wrong, we should receive them as mercies and cultivate the spirit of genuine gratitude

for them. "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).

Unfortunately some who call themselves followers of Christ are so occupied with murmuring and complaining that they do not have any time for thanksgiving. Instead of counting their blessings, they spend their time enumerating their adversities. When our eyes are fixed on the Father of mercies, as they should be, we shall certainly see multiplied manifestations of His goodness and grace every day.

The Lord is the portion of His people, that is, the object of their entire confidence, their greatest joy and their supreme love. As their portion He is adequate for every need, whether in time or in eternity. His love is unchangeable, His purposes are unalterable and His promises are unfailing.

It is reassuring and comforting to know that when the purposes of divine chastisement are accomplished God always exercises compassion according to the multiplicity of His mercies. Love always influences or determines God's actions and judgments. Whatever He does is just and right and is done for some helpful purpose.

It is our duty to search our ways and try them by the Scriptures, the standard of faith and practice. When we compare our ways with the ways of God, as set forth in His Word, we shall discover that many of our ways are unholy but all of His ways are holy. For this reason we should repent of our sins and receive from Him forgiveness and cleansing.

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►Sand Spring Church, Lawrenceburg, is to have a homecoming August 15, at 7:30 p.m., at which time Charles F. Jones and Roy A. Hamilton will speak; and then on August 16 the services commence at 10:45 a.m., with H. H. McGinty and J. E. Darter to be speakers. Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m., and services will resume at 2:15 with messages from M. D. Morton and John W. Kruschwitz. All of these are all of their living former pastors. Dr. S. S. Hill, their interim pastor, will also be present.

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Floyd Titsworth is the new missionary working with the Mousie Baptist Church in Knott County. Mousie is the product of mission work from the Hindman Baptist Church, where Dr. J. B. Ball is pastor. Brother Titsworth is the first full-time pastor the Mousie Church has had on the field. It is considered a new work for our State Mission Board. Mr. Titsworth is a graduate of Van Buren High School of Van Buren, Arkansas, and of the University of Arkansas. He is also a recent graduate of Southern

Seminary. While in the Seminary he was pastor of the Hopewell Baptist Church of Philpot, Kentucky. Mrs. Titsworth is the former Miss Mary Ida Campbell of Clear Water, Oklahoma. She attended Baylor University and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and of Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

College Professors To Get \$600 More

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C.—(BP)—Teachers at Gardner-Webb College here will receive a raise of \$600 for the coming school year, according to action by the trustees.

The across-the-board raise is given to all administrative personnel and all teachers with the master's degree or higher.

A special incentive program is planned to encourage further study by teachers who do not have the master's degree.

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The Southern Baptist crusade to establish 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964 may well be the greatest blessing of the century for the denomination.

All this I know better now because my First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, has just unanimously voted \$200,000 for its mission—\$100,000 as a gift to the building fund and \$100,000 as a loan which the mission will repay as it is able after it becomes a church. We are



Left to Right: Roy O. McClain, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta; Glen G. Waldrop, pastor Briarcliff Road Chapel; and John J. Hurt, Jr., chairman, missions committee, and author of this article.

borrowing the \$200,000, in addition to previous contributions, at the same time we are borrowing \$800,000 for our own million-dollar-plus building expansion.

Let me add quickly that this total debt of \$1,000,000 isn't too big when you realize that we have 6,000 members and an annual budget of \$564,000. Churches our size have no business trifling with lesser things.

We in Atlanta's First Church have a parental pride in our Briarcliff Road Chapel which equals the pride in our own church. Neither is perfect, we know, but you'll run into trouble if you speak unkindly of either.

Now, if we have established our right to boast, let's open the "do-it-yourself kit" as we see it from experience.

Skip the details about planting the mission in an area where the need exists. That is elementary, and no new residential area, especially in a growing city like Atlanta, is over-churched. The Atlanta Association anticipated the need in this section years ago and purchased a \$20,000 lot. It was for us to be alert and ready as the scores of new homes went up each month.

The second major requirement is two exceptionally fine pastors—one for the sponsoring church and one for the mission. We had the first in Roy O. McClain at First church who promised from the beginning we would give leadership and money. Credit him with success in an unanimous recommendation from the missions committee, the finance committee, and the deacons that we provide \$200,000 instead of the \$75,000 we were talking about just six months ago.

God led us to the other fine pastor in Glen G. Waldrop who saw the need, the opportunity, and responded to our call. Proof of his leadership is that our mission had 173 members only nine months after the first service, budget receipts of \$500 weekly, and was going forward in all ways. His wife shares equally in the credit, helping in all the accustomed ways of a pastor's wife and doubling as his secretary at home until they get in the new building.

A dozen or more leaders in our church are now leading in the mission. A church our size should have them to spare without too great a sacrifice. Those people couldn't be drafted into returning to the mother church, because of the real joy of service they have at the Briarcliff Chapel.

Others, of course, have joined hands, but the delight is in seeing the progress that has been registered from the start. Our mission will probably become a church about the time it enters the new building a year from now. The members of the mission feel that five or ten years from now they can have their own mission, because our gift of leaders and money eliminated growing pains which would have restricted them at the start.

I wouldn't trade my membership on the missions committee for any other position in the church. I doubt that any of the other committeemen would swap. We can't, as a committee, claim much of the credit, to be sure, but every minute of service has been a delight, and we already boast of "our mission."

Some of us in First Baptist are more thrilled with the money going into our mission than with the six-times-larger amount going into our own desperately needed building. I doubt that any church like ours has any business building for itself without at the same time BUILDING FOR OTHERS.

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Andrew Mission	218	1	
Lou., Parkland	823		178
Harrodsburg	805	16	139
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Missions (2)	126		
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