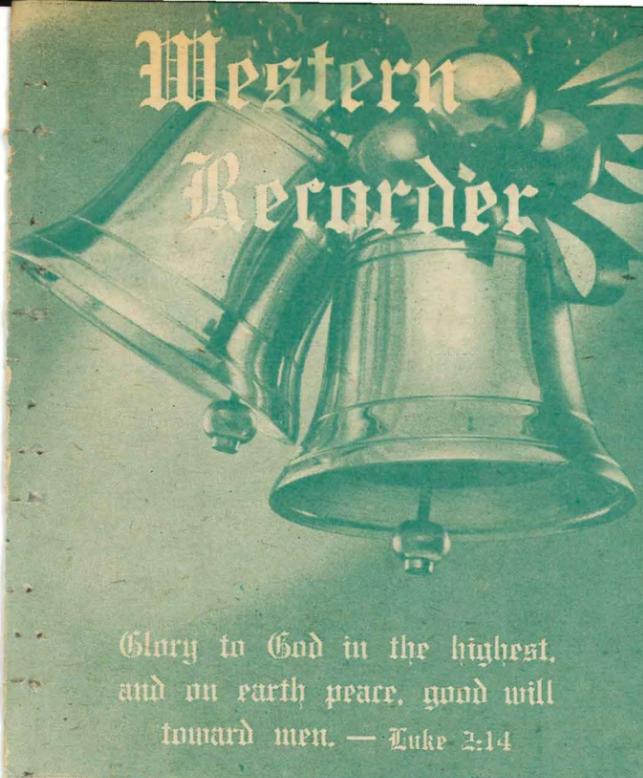


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and on earth peace, good will  
toward men. — Luke 2:14

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## Season's Greetings

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Dear Friends:

Of all the holidays we observe, none quite compares with Christmas and, in spite of much misuse, the observance still has much left which is worthwhile. The Christmas carols never grow old; indeed they become sweeter each year. The fountain of youth is found in sharing with children the thrill and anticipation of Christmas morn. The glory of adulthood is seen in the happy awaiting of parents and grandparents for children and grandchildren to be reunited around the family hearth. Above all, the deepest meaning of life is understood when our frenzied hearts are arrested from the hurried world for a visit to Bethlehem's manger.

Christmas is a time to express love and appreciation. It gives opportunity to recall not only the Christ Child who, in his birth on earth, gave us life eternal, but all those who, in the spirit of Christ, make life for us so meaningful and happy. For this reason those of us who work each week to produce the Western Recorder would like to say to those of you who receive and read the paper each week are the most important people in the world. Your gracious reception of the paper and expression of appreciation for its ministry have made this a truly enjoyable year and a very happy Christmas.

May the same Lord, who, by His coming to earth long ago, brought hope to a lost world and inspired those who accepted Him to high and holy living, be the hope and inspiration of all our lives this Christmas and through the coming years. Everyone who works in the Western Recorder offices and print shop joins me in this sincere and grateful greeting.

The Editor.



## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

### TWO PASTORIUMS

►The Utica Baptist Church, Utica, Kentucky, dedicated a new \$14,500 brick pastorium on November 27. J. Chester Badgett, pastor of the Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, was the guest speaker for the special dedication services. Curtis H. Warf is the Utica pastor.

►Hyden Paptist Church has purchased a new three bedroom frame house with brick front, a half basement, and electric heat for their pastorium. The church came together on November 6 for the dedication of this building. Pastor Ben Newell officiated. J. Edward Cunningham brought the dedicatory message and spoke at the evening worship service. A. B. Colvin was guest speaker for the morning worship. Open-house was held for members and visiting friends.

### AIDS "FATHER IN MINISTRY"

►J. H. Hollingshad, pastor of Eden Baptist Church and a third-year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky., recently preached in a revival for Pastor Everett Batley (the pastor who had baptized him in 1954) at Faith Baptist Church of West Union, Illinois. Ten decisions were registered, including nine for baptism. Pastor and Mrs. Hollingshad and their two daughters reside in Pulaski County.

### PREFERRED ITEM

►The Louisiana Baptist Convention's Executive Board did an unusual thing recently when it voted to make the Cooperative Program a preferred item in 1961 to catch up on previous commitments. The usual thing among Baptists has been "to rob Peter" (the Cooperative Program) "to pay Paul" (whatever cause is close enough to seek preferred treatment), by designations.

### GOLDEN WEDDING

►Pastor and Mrs. John L. Parker, Hartford, Kentucky, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Christmas Day, December 25. The Parkers

will have open house for their host of friends. Brother Parker is pastor of East Hartford Baptist Mission—a mission of Hartford's First Baptist Church. Under his ministry a new building has been erected, new pews purchased, and a full program has been established. Pastor Wesley Hanson, of the mother church, tells us that recently the brethren at the mission voted to give ten per cent of all undesignated offerings to the Cooperative Program.

### DEACONS ORDAINED

►The Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, ordained Vernon Chism, John Scanlon, Parker Sims and Carl White as deacons recently.

### MINISTERIAL I.Q.

►The Commission on the Ministry of the American Baptist Convention has said that to be ordained as a minister, a person should have at least four years of college and three years of study in a seminary. The same commission has set 1965 as the time it hopes to make application of this requirement. After that time no preacher should be ordained unless he can show that he has reached such a basic minimum of education.

### SPARROW TO OWENSBORO

►Eaton Memorial Church, Owensboro, has elected David W. Sparrow as minister of education. He comes from a like position with the First Baptist Church, Fountain City, Tenn. He is a native of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, a graduate of Georgetown College and has an M.R.E. from the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, 1957. He began his new work November 1.

### CONVENTIONS MERGED

►The Texas Baptist General Convention voted to enter into the merger with the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, said merger being scheduled to take place July, 1961. The former organization is composed of 1,500,000 members, and the latter is made up of 20,000 Latin-Americans living in the Lone Star State. This is said to be the first time two Baptist conventions of different nationalities have united in a "solid front of evangelistic effort."

### RETIRING

►Luther S. Knisley is retiring from his 18 years of service with the Sunday School Department of Virginia Baptists, on December 31.

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—Jude 3.

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# Laid In A Manger

By CARL A. CLARK

Pastoral Ministry and Rural Church Work  
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"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger" (Luke 2:7) Thus was the son of God ushered into the world to fulfill the purpose and will of God, "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them". (II Cor. 5:19)

### A Rural Setting

Strangely enough when God wanted to send His son (into the world) to be the saviour of the world he chose a manger for the place where his son would be born. This is not the way the world looked upon such an event. The world's expectation was something far different. For example, when the Magi came to find Jesus they went to Herod's palace. It was probable the common expectation that the Messiah would be born in somebody's palace. It seems to have been utterly unthinkable that he could have been born in a village, much less born in a stable and laid in a manger.

God has frequently appeared in unexpected places and in unexpected forms. Throughout the Old Testament God did this. He frequently appeared to people whom the world never thought would have this privilege.

After Jesus was resurrected, he appeared to his disciples in unexpected places and times.

At all times the real Christian should be expecting the presence and power of God. Just as the shepherds in the hills outside Bethlehem heard the angels sing, so the Christian today should have his heart in tune with God and ready to find God in the most commonplace circumstance. If the commonplace manger of Bethlehem was not too low for the Son of God to use as his crib, then no heart today is beyond the presence and power of God. We must not make the mistake of assuming that we are too humble for God. Indeed, the humble heart is the one which God seeks for his abiding place.

### Bridging the Gap

It was not far from Herod's palace in Jerusalem to the stable inn in Bethlehem. Not more than six miles, we will say. This is not much as men measure distance but it was a different world socially and these two points were worlds apart, spiritually.

The palaces of the world are not often the places of the revelation of God. More often, strange to our thinking, a humble home and a humble heart is where God makes himself felt.

Christ came, born in the stable, yet as the King of Kings. In order that he might bridge this gap between the palace and the stable by coming as the Son of God in human flesh, Christ could help to bring these two sections of life, which are poles apart, closer together.

The main gap God wanted to bridge, however, was that gap between the sinfulness of man and the sinlessness of God. It was for this reason that the Son of God, pure and holy, took upon himself human flesh that he might reconcile man unto God. Only by being born as a man could he bring man back into fellowship with God. Only by taking upon himself the likeness of man could he suffer for man and endure the punishment for man upon the cross. Through this means he could bring man into full fellowship with the father.

The gap between man and God caused by the sin of man can be bridged only by the love of God manifested through Jesus Christ upon the cross. Man is the friend of God, once he trusts in this bridge.

### And Incarnation

The birth of Jesus we term the incarnation. This is the point at which Christ came into the world and took human form that he might be completely identified with the human race. This identification between God and man was necessary on the part of God in order that man might be brought into identification with God.

Unexpected and strange, however, in the concept of man, God identified himself not with kings but with the people. Not with the ruler but with the servant. But Christ "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion of man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:7-8)

Christ had to come in the living context of humble people in order to redeem and save. This is the purpose of the incarnation. This is why he identified himself with man's nature. This is the reason he took upon himself the consequences of the sin of the human race.

At this Christmas season of the year, can we not magnify the two purposes of Christmas by realizing what Christ did to save us from sin. May we forget the elaborate trimmings of a modern Christmas and go back to the humble hearts in a rural setting of the first century, and

there experience afresh the will of God for human beings. In doing so, Christ will become king of our lives.

## Two Cumberland College Students Ordained at Williamsburg's First

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—The First Baptist Church here ordained Ralph N. Hopkins to the Gospel Ministry at the request of the Pleasant View Baptist Church, Pleasant View, Ky., on September 14. Dr. Oscar Brooks, assistant professor of religion at Cumberland, was elected moderator, and Dr. Fred Roth, also on the Cumberland faculty, served as clerk.

Dr. E. C. Masden, professor of religion, led in the examination and gave the charge to the candidate. The charge to the church was given by the candidate's brother, Pastor Lee Hopkins, Mt. Vernon. Professor Roth led the ordination prayer. The ordaining council which had convened earlier also included Dr. J. M. Boswell, president of the college.

Also, on request of Calvary Church, Place, Ky., the First Church of Williamsburg ordained Robert D. Hatcher to the Gospel ministry August 10. Dr. Masden was moderator; Pastor John Keaton, New Charity Church of Monticello, was clerk. Dr. Brooks led in the questioning, Dr. Masden preached the ordination sermon, and Dr. Boswell offered the ordination prayer. Also serving on the council were: Haskell Bolding, pastor, Corbin's First Church; Carl Loy, Main Street, Williamsburg; and Roy Mitchell, pastor, Cumberland River, Williamsburg.

►Pastor T. H. Harding reports the greatest revival in the history of the South Campbellsville Baptist Church. According to the pastor the crowds filled the auditorium before the scheduled time of each service, and people were turned away for a lack of a place to sit or stand. Assembly rooms in the educational building, equipped with loud speakers, were pressed into service to accommodate the overflow crowds. A total of 96 persons were added to the church; 61 by profession of faith and 35 by letter. There were also scores of rededications and all attendance records for Sunday school and Training Union were broken. Visiting speaker for the revival was Evangelist Larry Taylor of San Antonio, Texas. According to Pastor Harding, Evangelist Taylor knows and understands the pastor's role in the church and has a sane, sensible, and spiritual approach to evangelism. Evangelist Taylor has been invited to come back to the South Campbellsville Baptist Church for a revival in 1962, and is recommended to other pastors by Pastor Harding.



The Year of No Christmas

Those of us in the Christian world, so much involved just now in the rush and merriment of the Christmas season, have difficulty realizing that there is no Christmas in much of the world. Russia and other Communist nations connect Christmas with the capitalistic nations, and, not believing in Christ or God who sent the Saviour, they make every effort to exterminate Christmas from the minds of all people. Pagan nations, likewise, have no reason to celebrate the birthday of Christ though some countries like Japan have taken the part of the American Christmas which is not Christian.

Will there ever be a time when America will have no Christmas? Several years ago a preacher in his Christmas sermon spoke of such a time. The year of no Christmas was in the last half of the twentieth century. Historians recorded it this way.

December came and went one year with no Christmas. All those who ordinarily remembered Christmas forgot it that year. Not even in the stores was there any sign of the season. The merchants who for many years had capitalized on the occasion with huge sales and profits showed no interest.

The truth was the businessmen wanted no more business that year. They had already enjoyed a record year. Almost everybody had a good job and income had been at an all-time high. People had bought the year round like it was Christmas. The rest of the business profits would go for taxes and the merchants were waiting for January 1 to push again for business. Even the liquor industry printed no attractive advertising supplement for the *Courier-Journal* and did not try to connect their product with the season.

That year Christmas was also forgotten by the children. This was supposed never to happen but for one time there were no letters to Santa and no stockings hung the night before Christmas. How in the world did the children forget Christmas?

It happened this way. This was the period in the twentieth century when the children had taken over. They ruled their parents rather than being controlled as had been the case most of history. They had all they wanted whenever they wanted it. Those old enough to drive had automobiles and allowances were unlimited. Parents kept nothing back from their children for fear of frustrating them, and discipline and punishment were discarded as having no place in the modern world.

When time for Christmas came, the children wanted nothing. They were disgusted with all they already had and the prospect of Christmas held no thrill for them.

In another unexpected place there was no Christmas spirit that year. This was the church. No carols

were sung, no Christmas playlets, no musical programs by the choirs, not even a Christmas sermon was heard.

Why would the church ever forget Christmas? It was simply a matter of *no room in the inn*. This was the year churches did everything suggested for an active, co-operating church. All the churches had all the special weeks recommended for the year, every study course suggested had been held, at least two two-week revivals had been conducted. As Christmas came near all the churches had just finished an eight-week stewardship emphasis and by this time nobody with enough energy left was found to plan anything for Christmas. Everybody gladly voted to skip Christmas in the church for one year.

This was the year of no Christmas but no one felt good about it when it had passed. The merchants reconsidered and concluded that the season was not so much for business and profits but for the spirit of love and giving. It was more than worth the rush and trouble for the merchants.

The children also missed Christmas though they thought they wouldn't. They remembered that apples and candy put by love in a stocking had meant more than all the expensive toys of indulgent parents.

More than anyone else, the church missed Christmas. Without love and adoration for the Christ Child at the Advent season, nothing else during the year made sense.

Everyone longed for and awaited with anticipation the next Christmas. They tried to forget the only year there was no Christmas.

Feeling the Pinch

Southern Baptists, known universally for phenomenal records, are slowing down at least in one area. Our giving has not shown the increase anticipated for 1960. This is true in Kentucky, in most of the other state conventions, and in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Warnings were issued earlier in the year in this column and several discounted them as calamity howling and panic button pushing. Now they have been borne out.

For the first time in several years, the Executive Board of the General Association has come face to face with the necessity of adjusting to the situation. Kentucky Baptists operated the past year at a deficit. We raised slightly more money than the year before but were committed for more spending than the year before, and thus the deficit.

For this reason the Executive Board could not raise the salary of any person in the Baptist Building. The only alternative would have been to take money otherwise allocated. The Baptist Building personnel has responded nobly and in addition to no pay in-

creases, the department heads have agreed to a one percent to five percent cut in their budgets next year.

The problem is not peculiar to Kentucky. Other states are failing to raise their budgets. The Louisiana Baptist Convention considered borrowing money to meet their commitments to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program, but decided to pay the arrears out of next year's income.

Things are not bright in Nashville. Our Southern Baptist Convention 1960 basic co-operative budget calls for \$16,386,000. When that is reached all other income is divided 75 percent to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 percent to the Home Mission Board.

In former years, operating under the same plan, the basic budget has been met as early as October. Last year the basic budget was reached in November. This year it was reached only December 7. This leaves only 24 days for the \$800,000 advanced funds expected by the Foreign Mission Board and the \$265,000 expected by the Home Mission Board. This is in addition to the regular allocations.

Who has the explanation for this? Is it temporary or have we reached a plateau in our giving? There are many possible explanations and whether it is temporary remains to be seen. Besides the explanation found in the unfaithful stewardship of so many Baptists, there are other possible reasons.

Some claim that special offerings are having a detrimental effect upon the Cooperative Program. This might be so. Ordinarily special offerings do not greatly affect regular giving but the extent to which we promote some of these offerings might seriously affect regular giving. The outcome of the Lottie Moon

Offering this year in comparison with Cooperative Program income might tell us something.

Certainly the national economic picture affects church income. Very few there are who are not feeling the effect of spiraling living cost and growing tax loads. Almost everybody has some money but almost nobody has enough to go around.

Local church financial loads have much to do with the story. Many churches have become overloaded financially with debt for new facilities and commitment for enlarged staffs. It's done in the name of strengthening the home base, but strengthening the home base at the expense of world needs is very questionable.

Last but not least is the possibility that the Cooperative Program in its entirety does not commend itself completely to the ordinary Baptist who is its life line. Every year more and more causes are pleading for more and more funds through the Cooperative Program. Everyone wants more while no one is willing to receive less. We might have reached the limit. Twenty agencies share in the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget. All of these are worthwhile but all are not considered by many Baptists to be missions in the sense they understand missions. Either we will have to tailor our program or do a better selling job—maybe both.

At the end of 1960 it's time for every individual Baptist, every local Baptist church, every state Baptist convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention to re-examine prayerfully ourselves and determine our obligations to God in stewardship.

BAPTIST FORUM



ELECTION REFLECTIONS

Editor:

With the election of the first Roman Catholic as President some American Protestants will go into seclusion to await certain doom. Others will become watch dogs to see if Mr. Kennedy is more Catholic than anything else. Some of us will support him in an effort to help him do exactly what he has stated about his religion. Up to the election he stood his ground on a religious issue which did not go away. In good faith we must help him keep that same stand.

Mr. Kennedy has provided us the best opportunity since the Reformation. He won the endorsement of millions of American Catholics on his religious position. Without question we must interpret this position as a movement of his church into new religious frontiers which could very easily be called *A New American Catholicism*.

When has such a famous Catholic declared that his religion (supposedly the Catholic Institution) was not relevant? This, indeed, is a new frontier. The rank

and file Catholic has echoed Mr. Kennedy's statement, "*My religion is not relevant.*" Is not this truly a new American Catholicism?

It is our task to encourage American Catholics to follow John F. Kennedy's advice on religious matters. He is for separation of church and state. He opposes the use of federal aid in parochial schools. He is against sending an ambassador to the Vatican. He has promised to turn a deaf ear to his church if called upon to sign or veto a bill dealing with birth control. He has said that he does not listen to the Catholic Church on public policy. **THIS IS A NEW AMERICAN CATHOLICISM.**

Let us encourage all our Catholic friends to be the kind of Catholic John F. Kennedy says he is. Louisville, Ky. Morton Rose

AS SEEN BY A PASTOR'S WIFE

Editor:

I am ashamed of Southern Baptists for electing a Catholic for president of these

United States but, as I read the paper this morning I am more ashamed of Kentucky Baptists for their stand against Dr. Ramsey Pollard for "pontificating like a bishop." Did not Jesus do the same thing? Have we forgotten the teachings of Jesus, just as Southern Baptist women have forgotten that we have a Baptist church in Moscow, Russia, with open doors, but in Spain we have one with government sealed doors?

Dr. Ramsey Pollard knows that Kennedy is neither Republican nor Democrat—he is Roman Catholic, and all he did when he made his statement was to separate the men from the boys.

It seems in our day that we have too many Baptist preachers with D.D. degrees and too few that are grounded in the faith—and I am "not" a disciple of "Landmarkism." We can be too liberal, as we have been in this election.

I would rather be called a bigot than to compromise what I believe.

A Preacher's Wife

►In keeping with a custom of many years, there will be no issue of the *Western Recorder* published for the last week in the year—next week, December 29. This will allow the employees to snatch several days at Christmas and at New Years. Our next paper will bear the date of January 5, 1961.



Dr. John Killinger (left) presenting his recent publication, "Hemingway and the Dead Gods," to President Robert Lee Mills of Georgetown College. Dr. Killinger is professor of English at Georgetown.

## Designations Boom, Cooperative Slows

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Cooperative Program receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention are running less than one-half of one per cent more than for 1959, despite an increase of more than 9 per cent in the minimum agency budget needs.

Convention Treasurer Porter Routh here said that \$1,237,465 received from states during November brought the 11-month total to \$15,571,601. At the same time a year ago, the income was \$15,564,728.

The 1960 budget to meet the operating and capital needs of all 20 Convention agencies is \$16,386,900. In 1959, it was \$15,000,000. This means one year ago, the S.B.C. had already entered the advance stage of its Cooperative Program budget.

During this advance stage, which ends with the calendar year, all income goes solely to home and foreign missions. Foreign missions gets 75 per cent.

This year, through November, the S.B.C. receipts were still about \$800,000 short of the gateway to the advance stage. Earlier Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary of the Convention's Foreign Mission Board, expressed confi-

dence that the board would get the \$800,000 it needs from the advance stage.

If he is right, December would have to be a \$2,000,000 month in Cooperative Program receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention. The Cooperative Program contributions from churches would have to be at least \$6,000,000, since states keep about two-thirds (a Conventionwide average) of the funds.

Routh said a check for about \$310,000 in Cooperative Program receipts was en route to Nashville from Montgomery from Alabama Baptists. A. H. Reid, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention there, said he had hoped the check would reach Nashville before November books closed.

This, Routh said, brightens the picture.

In November, designated gifts amounted to \$158,168 bringing the year's total to date to \$11,367,290. This means designated gifts to S.B.C. agencies (this includes the annual Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Offerings) are up 10.9 per cent over 1959.

Several states which send large Cooperative Program amounts to the S.B.C. were trailing their 1959 donations at this period. This included Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Texas. The combined amounts to have brought these states equal to their 1959 mark stood at \$300,000.

## Ministers and the Social Service Deadline

By JOHN W. BRADBURY in  
The Watchman-Examiner

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Churches and their pastors ought to know that President Eisenhower signed into law an amendment to the Social Security Act extending until April 15, 1962, the time in which members of the clergy may elect voluntary coverage under the social security system. The prior cut-off date was September 15, 1957. Owing to the fact that many ministers did not understand the regulations either, they did not apply for coverage. It is now clear that if a minister elects coverage before April 15, 1961, he must pay his "self-employment tax" for both 1959 and 1960. If he elects it between April 16, 1961, and April 15, 1962, the new deadline, he must pay his tax for 1960 and 1961. Ministers who were 65 years of age before December 31, 1957 and who now elect social security coverage will become eligible for retirement and survivor's benefits after only two years of coverage, or in other words, immediately upon electing coverage and paying two years' taxes. This would be a bargain for many and was intended to be so by Congress because of inadequate provisions in previous years for "self-employed" persons during the years 1936, when Social Security was enacted, and 1951 when it was amended.

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## Pastor Ben E. Settles Dies at Campbellsville

The fruitful ministry of Rev. Ben E. Settles, pastor, preacher, evangelist, came to a close November 7, at Campbellsville, Kentucky, after forty-eight years given in the Lord's service as a minister of the Gospel. Settles was born in Marion County, Kentucky, on April 16, 1885 and was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Vick Wathen on December 26, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Settles were both reared in the Roman Catholic faith, but after marriage, in reading the Bible together, they were converted and led to the Baptist faith. Soon he felt God's call to



Ben E. Settles

preach and has blessed the lives of a countless number of people in the intervening years. He has been effective as an evangelist as well as faithful as a pastor.

Bro. Settles began preaching in 1912 and was ordained in 1916. He retired from the active ministry in 1958 by resigning from the Mt. Washington Baptist Church in Marion County which was his first and last church pastorate. Upon retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Settles moved their membership to the Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Kentucky. Under the new program of allowing retired ministers to be pastor for a year of one of the 30,000 mission stations, and prompted by a burning desire to be active in preaching the Word, Settles accepted the pastorate of the Acton Baptist Mission of the Campbellsville Baptist Church. He did an outstanding work here and was pastor of the Acton Mission at the time of his death.

His pastoral ministry was done in six counties, where he served sixteen Baptist churches and missions. His pastorates included: Russell County—First Church, Russell Springs; Poplar Grove; First, Jamestown; Casey County—First,

Liberty; Calvary and Middleburg; Green County—Pleasant Valley and Greasy Creek; Adair County—Harrod's Fork and Dunbar Hill; Marion County—Mt. Washington; Taylor County—Lone Valley; Pike's Ridge; Corinth; Mt. Carmel; and the Acton Mission of Campbellsville.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters and five sons: Mrs. Hazel Jesse, Ft. Pierce, Florida; Mrs. Mildred Young, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. Elizabeth Coulter, Louisville, Kentucky; Gaither Settles, Tampa Florida; Bromie Settles, Somerset, Kentucky; Col. Ben H. Settles, Washington, D. C.; David Settles, Lexington, Kentucky, and Paul Settles, Clarksville, Indiana. Also two sisters, Mrs. Myrtie Greer, Middletown, and Mrs. Virgie Short, Louisville, Kentucky.

## Economic Education Conference Benefits Pastors

By J. T. BURDINE, JR., Pastor  
Bardstown Baptist Church

How can we stop the Fall-Out of members of our Baptist Churches? One answer is for the pastor better to understand the problems his people face. These are many. Certainly one of them is in the field of economics which the pastor probably understands the least.

Through the Kentucky Clergy Economic Education Conferences now sponsored by the University of Kentucky the busy pastor can now gain an understanding of this field. He will not know it all nor need he. He can gain helpful insights.

This is my conviction after attending on scholarship the sessions of the second annual conference held at the hotel in Mammoth Cave National Park October 31 through November 3, 1960. Along with about thirty other pastors of all denominations, including several fellow Baptists, I heard economists, labor leaders, management executives and agricultural leaders explain our economy objectively and from their special viewpoints.

The trained staff was brought together by Dr. Olin W. Davis of the Clergy Economic Education Foundation and Professor C. R. Hager of the University of Kentucky. Economists were Dr. William Hogan of Fordham University, Dr. Richard Kohls and Dr. John Hicks of Purdue University and Dr. William Haber of the University of Michigan, Kentucky businessmen representing management included Porter Bailey, of the Ashland Oil and Refining Company; Robert Chambless of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company; Harry Huether of the General Telephone Company; Elbert Adams of the Kentucky Utilities Company; A. P. Stallard of the Gulf Oil Corporation, and others. Agriculture was represented by Burl St. Clair,

president of the Kentucky Farm Bureau; and Professor Steve Allen of the University of Kentucky. Labor representatives were Robert Bryson, of the National Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; Scott Cole of the Kentucky AFL-CIO; and Charles Webber of the AFL-CIO of Washington, D.C.

Each of these men gave himself without reservation to this valuable program. In co-ordinating this work for Kentucky pastors, our state university is rendering a real service.

## Radio-TV Commission Approves New Building

FORT WORTH—(BP)—Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission has approved the purchase of three acres of land fronting Highway 550 here for the construction of a permanent headquarters building.

Purchase price for the building site is expected to be \$118,000.

Construction on the first 40,000 square-foot unit will begin in 1963, said Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio-TV Commission.

The new headquarters eventually will contain 100,000 square feet and will house a fully equipped underground television studio, two radio studios, and offices and work areas for 175 employees.

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Pastors and missionaries who participated in Schools of Missions in West Kentucky Association, October 30-November 4, 1960. Front Row: F. E. Howard, First Church, Bardwell; Phil McCarty, First, Arlington; Miss Jean Bach, missionary from Nigeria; Miss Nina Martin, Y.W.A. director for Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union; J. T. Drace, First, Hickman; J. Edward Cunningham, associate superintendent of missions, Lexington; Genus F. Crenshaw, missionary among the Indians, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Bill Mueller, associational missionary, Hazard; Davis King, county missionary, Sandy Hook; Ross Figart, county missionary, Vanceburg. Second row: Billy J. Rowland, area missionary, Fairfield, Ohio; John Redden, First, Clinton; Wallace Vaughn, Bethlehem; H. J. Conger, area missionary, Fort Wayne, Indiana; R. B. Owens, Poplar Grove; J. T. Neely, East Hickman; Ed Boden, faculty, Oneida Baptist Institute. Back Row: Lowell Wright, West Hickman; John Adams, Columbus; Ira Henderson, Crutchfield; Fred Hawkins, missionary from Brazil; Calvin Hudson, Sassafras Ridge; L. D. Clepper, French area Missionary, Cottonport, Louisiana; James Rose, Liberty; Leo Galey, Beulah; Fred Horton, Missionary from Japan.

## Forward Program Successful at Paducah's Olivet Baptist Church

The Olivet Baptist Church, West Union Association, has just completed its first use of the Forward Program of Church Finance. The campaign, according to Pastor Robert M. Dunn, could be labeled nothing but a success as the church adopted and fully pledged a budget of \$25,000. This budget is a 28 percent increase over last year's total receipts.

Olivet Church is one of the oldest Baptist churches in western Kentucky. It had its beginning in 1864 in a school building which was located on what is now known as the Olivet Church Road. Twenty years later the church moved to its present location, three miles west of Paducah, and built the auditorium which is still in use today. The church is still classified as an open country church, though its position is one of transition due to the suburban building and housing projects moving into the area.

The Forward Program was used in its entirety with all of the committees and their activities. The Loyalty Dinner, attended by 172 persons, was held at the Concord Elementary School. A children's party, held at the church, was attended by 50 children, eight years or younger. Denzel Dukes, pastor of the Twelfth Street Baptist Church, Paducah, was the inspirational speaker at the Loyalty Dinner. Dunn, who has been pastor of Olivet since March 1, 1960, comments that besides the 28 percent increase in the budget there are two other encouraging results from the use of the Forward Program. Cooperative Program gifts have been raised from 10 percent to 20 percent and a \$7,000 item has been included in the budget for building purposes. The first unit of a completely new church building is anticipated within the next 12 to 15 months. A planning and survey committee is already working on preliminary steps of such a building.

►Dr. and Mrs. John A. Tumblin, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil, are returning to the States for furlough and may be addressed, c/o E. H. Puryear, Port Royal, Va. Dr. Tumblin, the son of emeritus Southern Baptist missionaries, was born in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil; Mrs. Tumblin is the former Alice Puryear, native of Washington, D. C.

►Maxy G. White, and his wife, emeritus Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil, have returned to the States from Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, and may be addressed at 5240 N. E. Second Court, Apartment 3, Miami 37, Fla. He is a native of Edgefield County, South Carolina, and she is the former Kate Cox, of Bonaparte, Iowa.

## Cumberland College Offers New Courses

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—Fred Roth, assistant professor of religion, has started a new course of study here at Cumberland College and will begin another new course next semester.

This new course is a foundation course on instruction to religious education and it deals with four basic areas: (1) Philosophy of Religious Education; (2) Principles of Religious Education; (3) Religious Education in Church; and (4) Religious Education Beyond Church.

Because the class is small, it is being taught this semester as a laboratory course, in light of actual work in church. The class is a socialized class with much participation by class members.

Next semester the second course will be offered and it will be called A Program of Religious Education in the Church. It will deal more specifically with the four basic organizations of a Baptist Church: The Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood. While the course is denominationally oriented, it will be presented in such a manner that members of other denominations can profit also.

Both of these courses will be of great value to ministerial students who will in many cases have no educational director. It will also be of value to anyone entering the teaching field, full-time Christian work, or a layman interested in being of maximum service in his local church. For the girl who hopes some day to marry a preacher, or who is already a preacher's wife, this course is a must.

In the opinion of Professor Roth, these two new courses can mean much to the total impact of Cumberland College on churches.

## Plans Move Ahead For Two New Texas Baptist Schools

New Baptist schools in Houston and Dallas have moved ahead in the plans for building facilities and opening sessions. The proposed Houston Baptist College has been granted a charter by the Texas secretary of state, and messengers to the Texas Baptist General Convention has given the college the go-ahead sign.

Already nearly \$3,000,000 has been raised for an endowment and building purposes, and four new buildings are scheduled for construction and ready for use on a 200-acre campus by September 1, 1962. The first structures of the college will be a student center, physical education and health building, classrooms and an administration building,

and a maintenance building. Enrolment for the first year is an anticipated 300, but more than 1,200 are expected to attend the college by 1970.

A 100-acre site overlooking Mountain Creek Lake in southwest Dallas has been selected as the location for the new Dallas Baptist University. The site, offered as a gift from Dallas industrialist John Stemmons, has been accepted. The

## Salem in Shelby County Begins Education Building



Ground has been broken and construction started on the new Educational Building of the Salem Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky. The two-story building and basement will cost approximately \$36,000. It will be connected with the main building by covered passageway. The church was organized January 19, 1811, and so far the church has had four buildings. The first one was erected in 1812, the second in 1837, the third in 1857, the fourth in 1894. The Educational Building is expected to be completed in 1961. Shown in the picture of the ground breaking ceremony are (left to right): DuVal Burk, chairman of the Building Committee; A. B. Colvin, superintendent of missions and evangelism for Kentucky Baptists, the speaker; Wendell Romans, pastor; Rodney Carpenter, the youngest member; Mrs. C. J. Morris, Sr., oldest active member present. Two others are older than she is, but they were not present for the occasion. Mrs. C. S. Shelburne was away from home on that day, and Mrs. Bettie Adams was confined to her home with illness.

four year liberal arts college is scheduled to open in the fall of 1961 after a \$3,000,000 fund drive is conducted to raise necessary capital for the school.

## Living Dangerously

Two bus-truck accidents have occurred in the vicinity of Spring Meadows and the Kentucky Baptist Building at Middle-town in the last two weeks—just twelve days apart. In both cases a loaded truck plowed into the rear of a bus in the act of slowing down to allow passengers to alight.

In the first, Miss Jessie Wilson, house-mother at Spring Meadows, was injured, and for a time was thought to be on the critical list at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. She is somewhat improved at this writing, and plans are now in the offing to remove her soon to her brother's. It is not certain yet whether she will be able to work again.

The second accident occurred at the Blue Ridge Manor subdivision on December 6. Two *Western Recorder* ladies—Mrs. Beulah Walls Polk, bookkeeper, and Mrs. Ann Carter, subscription clerk, had just moved from the back seat on their bus to a position near the front, in preparation to getting off at the Kentucky Baptist Building. As soon as they were seated in the front the crash came, knocking Mrs. Carter up to the ceiling of the bus, and throwing Mrs. Polk against the aluminum post, breaking her collarbone, and momentarily stunning her. Both were shaken up, and were taken to the Kentucky Baptist Hospital for emergency examinations.

Mrs. Carter was allowed to return to work, but Mrs. Polk is still confined to the hospital. The X-Ray revealed what she already knew—that her collarbone was broken. At least three other women and the bus driver were also injured.

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## The Election of Mr. Kennedy And The Role of The Religious Issue

By GLENN L. ARCHER

Executive Director of Protestants and Other Americans United

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The religious issue was important in Kennedy's victory partly because he won the hearts of millions of Protestant and Jewish voters when he declared at Houston that he believed in the absolute separation of church and state. That is a principle which our organization has always emphasized and which we will continue to fight for.

Although Kennedy's position is not that of the bishops of his church, we believe that the majority of the Catholic people of the United States agree with him, and we look forward to an administration in which the new president will faithfully adhere to the pledge of church-state separation which he gave so solemnly. We hope to provide strong support for Mr. Kennedy in his endeavors to support this principle.

I think that it was a good thing for America to debate the problem of the separation of church and state so frankly in this campaign. There was some unfortunate anti-Catholic bigotry, and also some equally unfortunate bigotry which

was passed off as anti-bigotry. Most of the discussion of Catholic policy and the Presidency was rational and temperate; much more temperate than in the Al Smith campaign. Our organization, which did not endorse any candidate or party, is not worried about immediate Federal laws under the new administration, but we feel that there is likely to be added pressure at the local level for public funds for parochial schools. We are going to continue to lead the fight against such tax appropriations because we do not want the European pattern of fragmented sectarian education developed in this country.

The Catholic hierarchy has not renounced any of its ambitions in that connection, and the recent Puerto Rican experience indicates that the bishops are more aggressive than ever. We also feel that the battle for freedom of birth control will be intensified, and there is need for progressive citizens to help defeat Catholic policy on that subject in the United Nations.

# KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

### A Christmas Letter

We are wishing for you this Day a happy Christmas and we would send you those gifts which are beyond price, outlast time, and bridge all space.

We wish you all laughter and pure joy, a merrie heart and a clear conscience, and Love which thinks no evil, is not easily provoked, and seeks not its own;

We trust that the Spirit of Christmastide may draw you into companionship with Him who giveth all.

The little Christ-hands are beckoning us to come within the circle of His faith and love, where are goodness, truth and beauty.

Christmas is the "Feast of the Christ Child"—

"Come, let us adore Him."

The above is an adaptation of a Christmas letter written by Bishop Remington. It is our message to you at this Christmas Season as we remember, with gratitude, what you have meant to us during the past year.

THE OFFICERS AND STAFF, KENTUCKY W.M.U.

## BROTHERHOOD

### "Here a Little, There a Little" Becomes "Here a Big, There a Big"

By FORREST R. SAWYER



Forrest R. Sawyer

The Brotherhood of the Hartford Baptist Church, where Wesley O. Hanson is pastor, had the wives of their men as honored guests on the occasion of a Thanksgiving dinner on November 22, which followed their observance of Layman's Day on October 6.

Pointing up Layman's Day, Pastor Hanson shared with his people the information which follows:

"Inasmuch as today is Layman's Day in our church, I found some statistics from the Brotherhood Department which says that in the Southern Baptist Convention 70% of the men are unenlisted in church

work, 85% do not tithe, 95% are not soul winners. The needs of the hour are men dedicated to Christ and His church. I am thankful for the men of our church. More and more of our men are being enlisted in the work of our church. This is being made possible because of the new approach by our nominating committee. This approach is to work new men in the places of leadership each year. I would like to see every committee and office in our church put on a rotating basis for this is a practical and business-like method of training the Christian . . . and especially more of them."

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On a recent Saturday evening, Robert Lyons, Breckenridge Associational Brotherhood president; Ira Wheatley, the Associational Royal Ambassador leader; and Harold Dowell, president of the Garfield Baptist Church, visited the men of the Hites Run Baptist Church, Robert Louk, pastor, for the purpose of presenting Brotherhood work. Following the presentation of the new Brotherhood organization by the above named three men, the Hites Run Brotherhood organization process was begun and Mr. Amon Driskell was selected as president and

Mr. Leo Coogle, the Royal Ambassador leader.

On the following Wednesday night the men of the Hites Run Brotherhood visited the Garfield Brotherhood, Raymond E. Cosby, pastor, and observed one of their meetings. This particular meeting was an emphasis on Royal Ambassador work and the Royal Ambassadors gave a demonstration on how to conduct a well planned and well organized Royal Ambassador chapter meeting. The Hites Run men were impressed with the program as given by the R.A.'s of the Garfield church to the extent that an invitation was extended to the boys to come on Sunday evening, two weeks later, and present their program to the entire Hites Run church membership.

On December 10, Jimmy Allen, the associate Brotherhood secretary for Kentucky Baptists, met with the men of Breckenridge Association in their quarterly associational Brotherhood meeting. Bro. Robert Lyons, the associational president and his corps of officers have as their goal "a Brotherhood and at least one R.A. chapter in every church in the county."

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The Marcy Creek church in Leslie County was the scene of the last meeting of the Three Forks Associational Brotherhood. At this meeting the plan for the programs for 1961 were completed. The meeting had as its theme, "SELLING THE BROTHERHOOD IDEA". Associational Brotherhood President, Clyde Franks, reports 13 churches represented.

Following the meeting at Marcy Creek some of the churches invited the associational Brotherhood officers to come to the churches for the purpose of starting an organized Brotherhood. Mr. Franks reports that he and Joe McReynolds, the associational Brotherhood vice-president, and Keithel Reynolds, the Royal Ambassador leader, visited two churches within four days after the close of the meeting.

The Stoney Fork church in Pine Mountain Association was one of those visited and has organized its Brotherhood.

Mr. Franks states "We intend to visit all of our local Brotherhoods and Royal Ambassador chapters in Three Forks Association within the next few months."

The *Associational Brotherhood Manual* (a new publication and available at the Baptist Book Stores) has been read and is being headed by the men in Three Forks Association. May their tribe increase!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### To All Our Friends:

From ALL OF US

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Your Sunday School Department would like to take this opportunity to express deep appreciation to all the Sunday School people in Kentucky for the wonderful cooperation and interest shown during the past year. We also wish for you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

As we assume our duties as Sunday school workers for 1961, we trust the Lord will lead and direct our efforts in order that we may be able to reach additional people for Him, and to become more efficient in serving through our Sunday schools.

May God's richest blessings abide with you and yours.

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT

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### CORRECTION:

It has been previously announced that the title of the book to be used for Intermediates during January Bible Study Week is "Hymn Stories and Appreciation." This is a mistake. The correct title is "Hymns We Sing." The price is \$1.00. There is no teacher's edition.

The book for Juniors is "Before Jesus Came." The price is thirty-five cents. The teacher's edition is sixty cents.

These are now available at your Baptist Book Store.

## STEWARDSHIP

### How They Did It at Shawnee Church

By ROBERT J. HASTINGS



R. J. Hastings

Grady L. Randolph, pastor of the Shawnee Baptist Church in Louisville shares this interesting testimony:

"For some time our church prided itself on not needing a financial campaign to raise its budget. But then our community began to change, and some of our best givers moved. It was apparent we would have to do something to keep from slipping backward.

"In the fall of 1955 we had our first organized budget campaign. Although Forward Program methods were not available then, we used some of the basic ideas. With our first pledging effort, more than 80 per cent of our people

signed cards and our budget offerings increased 25 per cent.

"As Forward Program methods became available, we put more and more of them to work in succeeding years. Each year has seen a gain, and in our 1960 fall promotion we over-pledged our goal. With the turnover of membership, we wonder where we would be had we not started annual budget promotion back in 1955. As it is, we have taken up the slack caused by those who moved away.

"Another good feature is that the giving of our young people today is a result of the training they received as Intermediates back in 1955. We at Shawnee are sold on Forward Program methods. For best results, we know these methods have to be used year after year. We are already planning another campaign in 1961."

What about *your* church? If you let 1960 slip by without a budget campaign, why not extend your 1960 budget to March 1, 1961? Then, have a budget emphasis in January and February, 1961. There is still time. Write the Stewardship Department at Middletown if we can help you.

## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

### International Retreat

By J. CHESTER DURHAM



J. Chester Durham

The sixth Kentucky-Tennessee International Student Retreat was held at the Riverside Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, November 24-26. More than 300 students and student leaders were present. International students from forty-seven nations and political areas

were present. The major religious groups represented included Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Shinto, Confucianism, Islam, Naturalism, and Christian.

The major Retreat personnel consisted of Mr. William A. Lawson, Jr., Baptist Student Union Director at Texas Southern University; Dr. George K. Schweitzer associate professor of chemistry, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee; Dr. Frank K. Stagg, Professor New Testament Interpretation and Greek, New Orleans Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana; Mr. Bob Boyd, Recreation - Leadership Consultant, Church Recreation Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. Charles Roselle, State Secretary of B.S.U. Work in Tennessee; and this writer, Mr. J. Chester Durham, State Secretary of B.S.U. Work in Kentucky.

On Thursday evening a symposium presented the following subjects: "Science and the World Situation," "Sociology and the World Situation," and "Religion and the World Situation."

On Friday evening Dr. Stagg spoke on "God's Search For Man," Dr. Schweitzer spoke on "Thinking in Opposites," and "The Christian Faith and the Meeting of Men" was Mr. Lawson's subject.

The Retreat was closed by messages by Dr. Stagg and Dr. Schweitzer on the subjects of "Agape" and "The Person, Jesus Christ."

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**TRAINING UNION**

**New "M" Night Record Set in Kentucky**

By **STANLEY HOWELL**

Kentucky has set a new record in the number of associations observing "M" Night. Associational directors in 77 of the 79 associations that have Training Unions have reported their "M" Night attendance or future plans for the meeting.

The promotional slogan was "More Than Before." The 23 associations marked with an asterisk (\*) had "More Than Before." They broke all previous attendance records.

Last year 70 associations reported a total attendance of 23,148.

Associations	Attendance	Churches Represented	Pastors Present
Allen	138	8	8
Anderson	268	15	9
Bell County	392	19	14
Bethel	210	10	9
Blackford	213	18	14
Blood River	161	9	7
Boone's Creek	104	8	8
*Booneville	168	12	12
Bracken	211	14	8
Breckenridge	270	21	16
Caldwell Co.	493	16	11
Campbell Co.	329	11	11
*Casey Co.	740	11	10
*Christian Co.	784	28	21
Crittenden	201	14	5
*Davies-McLean	1,257	25	25
East Lynn	37	3	3
East Union	63	3	3
Edmonson	47	1	1
Elkhorn	4	1	1
Enterprise	December 13		
Franklin	December 5		
Freedom	December 12		
Fulton	192	10	7
Gasper River	207	10	8
Goshen	152	12	7
*Graves Co.	88	6	9
Green Valley	617	24	15
Greenup	748	22	15
Henry Co.	287	21	16
Irvine	174	9	8
*Laurel River	240	17	11
Liberty	104	10	7
*Lincoln Co.	369	17	16
Little Bethel	423	22	22
Little River	305	13	8
Logan Co.	510	16	13
*Long Run	3,920	116	98
*Lynn	195	12	7
McCreary Co.	60	6	3
Mercer	175	8	9
Monroe	67	3	9
*Mt. Zion	272	12	6
Muhlenberg	466	25	17
Nelson	260	15	10
North Bend	814	28	19
*Ohio Co.	443	16	11
Ohio River	195	17	13
Ohio Valley	275	15	11
Owen County	215	18	10
Pike	314	11	8
Pine Mountain	January 19		
Pulaski Co.	299	19	11
*Red River	134	7	4
*Rockcastle	166	8	5
Russell Co.			
*Russell Creek	427	15	10
*Salem	390	17	16
Severns Valley	501	22	12
*Shelby Co.	679	22	15
Simpson	281	10	4
*South Concord	56	4	4
South District	379	20	14
*South Union	61	6	3
Sulphur Fork	223	12	10

*Tate's Creek	700	24	20
Taylor Co.	December 5		
*Ten Mile	119	9	8
*Three Forks	153	11	8
Union	January		
Upper Cumberland	583	9	15
Warren	December 12		
*Wayne Co.	206	10	8
West Kentucky	202	11	6
*West Union	1,023	37	30
Whites Run	80	7	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,826</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>775</b>

**CHURCH MUSIC**

**Music Texts for January Bible Study**

By **EUGENE F. QUINN**

Did you know that the recommended text for Intermediates to study for January Bible Study Week is a music text entitled, *Hymns We Sing*. This is a new study course which has just come out. It is now available in the Baptist Book Stores.

You may wish to have your Juniors study another new Music Study Course entitled, *Makers of Music*, which is also in the Baptist Book Stores.

**NOVEMBER MUSIC AWARDS**

The following associations and churches within these associations earned music awards during November:

Association	Awards Earned
<b>Elkhorn</b>	
Calvary, Lexington	38
Cane Run	3
Clover Bottom	2
First, Mt. Sterling	2
Georgetown	2
Immanuel	4
<b>Little Bethel</b>	
First, Madisonville	14
<b>Long Run</b>	
English Chapel	1
Kenwood	2
<b>Mercer</b>	
Deep Creek	1
Harrodsburg	17
Shakertown	3
Shawnee	3
<b>Mt. Zion</b>	
Central, Corbin	7
<b>Simpson</b>	
Providence	10
<b>South District</b>	
Lexington Ave., Danville	1
<b>Total for November</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Total Since October 1</b>	<b>274</b>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION**

ATTENDANCE, DECEMBER 11, 1960			
	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut Street	1321	6	267
Missions (3)	338	8	151
Louisville, Ninth and O	1120		395
Hopkinsville, Second	990		217
Owensboro, Third	957	2	287
Madisonville, First	867		223

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Murray, First	848	1	103
Mission	32		
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	807		260
Missions (2)	81		
Bowling Green, First	796	1	170
Mission	136	2	
Harrodsburg	745	1	196
Missions (2)	43		47
Lexington, Immanuel	727		246
Mission	20		
Louisville, Beechmont	701	2	138
Somerset, First	687		278
Mission	84	2	43
Glasgow	671	1	134
Mission	48		
Paducah, Immanuel	652	3	176
Louisville, Parkland	650		163
Louisville, Beechland	645		153
Mission	158		59
Covington, Calvary	638		
Ashland, First	569		
Mission	93		
Owensboro, Hall Street	558		188
Lexington, Grace	555		162
Mission	20		
Louisville, Victory Memorial	551	1	138
Missions (2)	251	1	80
Shelbyville, First	547	1	101
Lexington, Rosemont	538		174
Louisville, Beth Haven	532		207
Newport, First	518		122
Missions (2)	72		
Henderson, Immanuel	501		
Missions (2)	120		
Paducah, First	498	1	171
Georgetown	490		178
Mission	25		25
Louisville, Green Acres	476	3	171
Louisville, Valley Station	465	1	88
Louisville, Hazelwood	460		116
Corbin, Central	460	3	152
Mission	82		29
Louisville, Bethlehem	453		151
Louisville, Shively	452		136
London, First	442		120
Central City, First	439		199
Lexington, Porter Memorial	436	2	127
Louisville, Rockford Lane	435		131
Louisville, Eighteenth Street	426	2	93
Mission	45		50
Jeffersonton, First	423		119
Louisville, South Side	421	3	91
Louisville, Highland	413	2	141
Mission	30		8
Corbin, First	413	1	129
Louisville, Beechwood	405		145
Hodgenville, First	405		112
Mt. Washington, First	403		96
Hima, Horse Creek	401		
Erlanger	399	1	99
Greenville, First	395		124
Lebanon, First	394		115
Morganfield, First	390		89
Louisville, Valley View	391		114
Nicholasville	380	1	108
Hazard, First	380	1	82
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue	377		140
Russellville, First	376		104
Mission	72		
Paducah, East	346		130
Lawrenceburg, First	345		67
Mission	36		
Bowling Green, Eastwood	339		100
Louisville, Shawnee	335		120
Louisville, Ralph Avenue	326	14	95
Louisville, Immanuel	324	3	90
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	317		100
Walton, First	301		119
Dawson Springs, First	300		60
Versailles	299		81
Earlington, First	297		110
Frankfort, Crestwood	295		84
Benton, First	290	2	99
Louisville, East Audubon	278		83
Mission	27		15
Louisville, Virginia Ave.	269		
Stanford	268		115
Mission	22		
Owensboro, Seven Hills	259		84
Louisville, Gethsemane	258		115
Williamson,			
East Williamson	251		61
Bowling Green, Glendale	249		122
Mission	33		28
Hazel	245		
Shepherdsville, Little Flock	241		66
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

By **H. C. Chiles**

**GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE**

For **December 25**

Luke 2:8-20

The story of the birth of Jesus Christ is of continual interest and constant blessing to those of us who know and love Him. His birth has meant more to the world than that of any other person. Some seven hundred years before the Saviour was born, the prophet Micah had foretold that He would be born in Bethlehem in Judea. Just prior to the birth of the Lord Jesus, Joseph and Mary were in Nazareth, some sixty miles north of Bethlehem. In order that they might be at the proper place at the right time, God caused Caesar Augustus to issue a decree that all the world over which he had control should be enrolled, everyone in his own city, with a view to taxation and perhaps military service. In response to this decree Joseph and Mary made an improvised corner could be found in their way to Bethlehem. When not even the inn to shelter and protect the expectant mother, Joseph and Mary were permitted to stay in the stable. There she gave birth to the Lord Jesus Christ "because there was no room for them in the inn." What foreboding in those words! Lack of hospitality was the experience of our Lord throughout His earthly ministry. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). This world has never had room for Christ. Do you have room for Him in your thoughts, your reading, your conversation or your life?

At that time there were lowly shepherds in the Judean hill country, watching over their flocks by night. While these humble shepherds were guarding their sheep and protecting them from robbers and wild beasts, they were visited by an angel of the Lord. As the glory of the Lord shone round about this heavenly messenger, the shepherds were frightened. No wonder these men were filled with fear. Most anyone would have been under the circumstances. Seeking to calm the shepherds, who had been the first to hear the news that Christ was born, the angel said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The angel not only told the city in which Jesus Christ was born, but he gave to them a sign by which they might recognize Him—"Ye shall find the babe

wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Thus the angel revealed intimate knowledge and announced the most wonderful news that was ever given to man. Instantly the heavenly hosts sounded forth a paean of praise to God because of the birth of a Saviour. The angelic hosts sang the praises of God because of His wondrous gift of the Prince Who had come to bring peace to the hearts and minds of the people of this sin-cursed world.

Stirred profoundly at hearing that lovely carol and its wondrous message, immediately after the departure of the visitor from heaven "the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." When they arrived at their destination they did not find any magnificent building with royal surroundings, but they found a lowly Babe surrounded with the common things that were usually kept in barns. Upon seeing the newly-born Saviour lying in a manger, the shepherds manifested humble awe and reverential joy. When they returned from their trip to Bethlehem the shepherds were "glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen." They rejoiced because they had seen the Son of God Who was to bring so many and such wonderful blessings to the people of this world. Let all Christians behold the love which God displayed at Bethlehem when Christ was born and join with the angels in singing:

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing."

Having availed themselves of the glorious opportunity of gazing upon the Saviour in person, the shepherds promptly set themselves to the great and challenging task of proclaiming to others who were less fortunate than they the good news about what they had seen and heard. In this respect they set for us a splendid example. Since all need to hear the good news which is contained in the glorious gospel of Christ, it is obligatory that every Christian tell others what Christ has done for him and for others. If people are to be saved, they must hear about the One Who can save them.

Christ has given the command: "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Since we have come to know Christ as our personal Saviour, there has been within us an impulse as deep as life itself promoting us to make Him known to others. Let us be faithful in witnessing for Him.

**John A. Ishee Joins Severns Valley Staff**

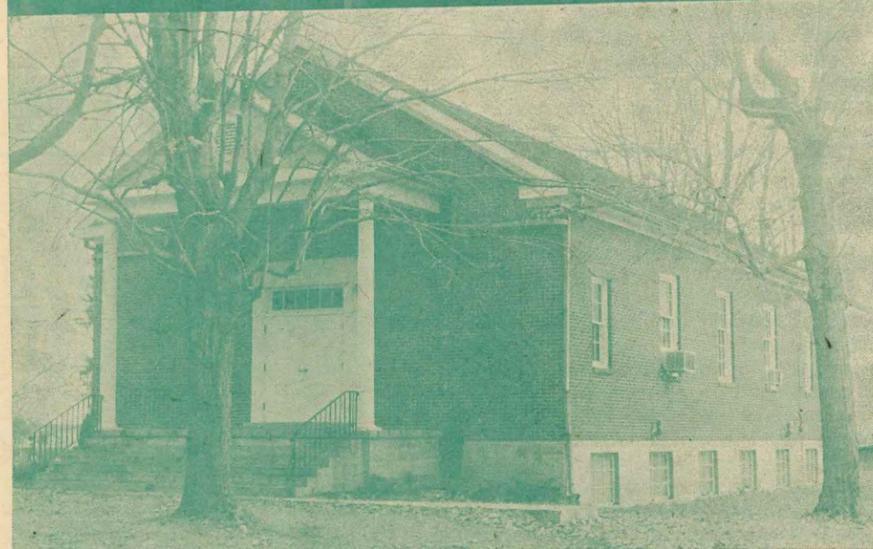


**John A. Ishee**

John A. Ishee has resigned as minister of education at Baptist Tabernacle in Louisville, effective January 7, 1961, to accept a similar work with the Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He has been at Tabernacle for the last two years.

The new Severns Valley educational director was awarded a B.S. degree in education by Austin Peay State College, Clarksville, Tennessee, and the same institution selected him to appear in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* in 1959. He is a candidate for the degree of Master of Religious Education at Southern Baptist Seminary this month.

Mrs. Ishee is the former Miss Myra Miles, Clarksville, Tennessee. She also was graduated from Austin Peay State College and appeared in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* in 1958. The Ishees have one son, John Mark, age 16 months.



Above: Members of the Building Committee of the New Bethel Baptist Church, Kuttawa, burned the notes and mortgage on the church in a recent service. Building Committee members pictured are: Thomas White, Raymond Patton, William White, C. B. Jackson, and Frederick Dorroh.

Below: New Bethel Baptist Church was organized in 1812. Its first building, about a mile south of the present site, was destroyed by fire in 1831. The second house of worship lasted from 1832 to 1952 when the building pictured above was constructed. J. W. Crowley is the present pastor and Leon Winchester, former pastor, participated in the note burning ceremonies for the \$17,500 building.

### Honor Students at Georgetown College Put in "Who's Who"

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Nov. 25—Twenty-one Georgetown College seniors have been elected to the 1960 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, it was announced today by Mr. J. Foley Snyder, registrar of the college.

The students have been selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, citizenship and service to the school.

Students named are Mary Nicol Asher,

Pineville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Asher; Doris Anne Barlow, Cave City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Barlow, Jr.; Virginia Bausum Hilbrick, Annapolis, Maryland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Bausum, Sr.; Adella C. Dozier, Lexington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dozier; Donald G. Duvall, Lexington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Duvall; Judith Ann Eubank, Louisville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Eubank; Linda Carol Hawkins, Monterey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hawkins; Barbara Sue Hippe, Frankfort, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wesley

Hippe; Becky Lynn John, Harrodsburg, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. John; Laurel Sue Kauffman, Louisville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Kauffman; Mary Slaton Liss of Madisonville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Slaton; Rosalie McKee, Ashland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McKee; John S. Maddox, Los Angeles, California, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. P. Maddox; Nancy Mason, Hopkinsville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason; Allen C. Moore, IV, Madisonville, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Moore, Jr.; Walter G. Reed, Russellville, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Reed; Judith Merle Saunders, Louisville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Saunders; Arthur Gordon Tingle, Bedford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tingle; Virginia Kay Vogel, Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kari E. Vogel; Delores Jean Wehunt, Louisville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther E. Wehunt; and Judith T. Wilson, Mayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Wilson.

►The members of Beechland Baptist Church, Pleasure Ridge Park, honored their pastor and his wife, Pastor and Mrs. O. W. Stites, with a reception on Sunday afternoon, December 18. Brother Stites has resigned the Beechland pastorate to become a mission field secretary in Florida, with headquarters in Jacksonville.

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### Baptist World Alliance's 1961 New Year's Greeting

To the World-Wide Baptist Fellowship:

As our calendar turns to a new year and a new decade, Baptists of the world thank God for His guidance and His blessings during the year just past. It was a year in which Baptist leadership from 70 countries gathered at Rio de Janeiro for the Tenth Baptist World Congress . . . a year in which our people advanced in evangelism, Bible study and personal dedication.

Looking ahead, we resolve that 1961 will find all our members in 110 countries busily at work in His kingdom.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis is on stewardship—each of us doing his best for the Master. It is imperative in this era when new nations are being born and millions of people are seeking the truth that makes men free that Christians truly radiate the love of God. Then, swords can be beaten into plowshares and peace can come to the world.

Let us pray, 23-million Baptists speaking a thousand languages, that God will use us for the advancement of His purposes among men.

Cordially,

JOHN FILSON SOREN, *President*  
JOSEF NORDENHAUG, *General Secretary*  
ROBERT S. DENNY, *Associate Secretary*  
ERIK RUDEN, *Associate Secretary*

### W. Lloyd Birch Accepts The Call from Chevy Chase Church, Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky.—W. Lloyd Birch has accepted the call from the Chevy Chase Baptist Church in Lexington. Coming from the Wildwood Baptist Church, Ashland, he began his ministry at the church December 4.

Mr. Birch is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Louisville Male High School. After graduating from Georgetown College he entered Southern Bap-



W. Lloyd Birch

tist Theological Seminary where he graduated in 1954.

He is married to the former Miss Jean Smith of Louisville. They have two children, Rebecca Ann 9 and William Curtis 5.

As a student Mr. Birch served as a mission pastor of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and as pastor of Shakertown Baptist Church, Harrodsburg. After completing his theological training he has served as pastor of the Wildwood Baptist Church, Ashland.

During his ministry at Ashland the church purchased property for expansion of the church building and also purchased a new parsonage. In the 45 months there were 144 additions to the church.

While at Wildwood Church he taught in the Seminary Extension Center. He is also on the Board of Directors of the *Western Recorder*.

The Wildwood Baptist Church has been exceptionally active in service to the community. They held weekly services in their county home, the jail, Federal Correctional Institution, and the State Tuberculosis Hospital.

While without a pastor, J. Edward Cunningham, Associate Superintendent of Missions for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, has been serving as the interim pastor.

### George W. Cummins Named Director of Chaplaincy

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — George W. Cummins of Atlanta, was named director of the Southern Baptist Chaplains Division by the denomination's Home Mission Board at its annual session in Atlanta. He succeeds Alfred Carpenter of Atlanta who retires January 1.

Cummins, associate director of the commission since 1955, has helped to plan and lead the work and has visited chaplains at U.S. and foreign installations.

Cummins will become the second director of the Chaplains Commission which was established in 1941 under Carpenter's leadership. In addition to 400 active duty military chaplains and 795 military chaplains in other categories, active duty Southern Baptist civilian chaplains number 240.

Cummins, a Kentuckian, is a graduate of Georgetown College in Kentucky and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Georgetown conferred a doctor of divinity degree upon him this year.

He has held pastorates in Kentucky and served as an associational missionary in California and superintendent of western missions for the Home Mission Board.

Cummins married Bessie Mae Cummings; they have two children.

### Martin A. Hall Is Called to Frankfort's Memorial Church

The Memorial Baptist Church of Frankfort has recently called Marion A. Hall as its minister of music. Mr. Hall is a faculty member of Georgetown College and has served as teacher of voice and also director of the Georgetown Chapel Choir.

Mr. Hall is married. He and his wife are the parents of one child, Helen Marian Hall. Formerly Mr. Hall served as soloist at the First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and later as minister of music at Broadmoor Baptist Church in the same city. He received a master of music degree from Louisiana State University, and worked as graduate assistant in choral music while there. At Memorial Church he is associated by Pastor Jesse Stricker.

►Jordan Holland, pastor of the First Church, Ghent, reports a successful fall revival. Guest evangelist for the Ghent revival was James C. Sherwood, Vine Grove. Sherwood is a former pastor of the Corinth Baptist Church at McQuady, and is presently serving on active duty as chaplain with the United States Army. Song leader for the services was James Heizer, pastor at Warsaw. Results reported from the services were 11 for baptism, 3 for membership by letter, and a large number of rededications.

►Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Torstrick, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile, have a new son, Brent Andrew, their third child, born November 16. Their address is Casilla 960, Valparaiso, Chile. Both are natives of Louisville, Ky.; she is the former Shirley Lee.

# Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

By MISS IONE GRAY, Director of Press Relations

## 28 New Missionaries Lift Total to 1,487

Twenty-eight missionaries, the largest group in recent years, were appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its December meeting, bringing the appointments for 1960 to 137 and the missionary staff to 1,487.

New missionaries, native states, and fields of service are: Robert C. Covington and Gerry Smith Covington, both of Alabama, appointed for Malaya; T. Eugene Dubberly, Florida, and Carolyn Finch Dubberly, Georgia, for Uruguay; Earl D. Farthing and Lovie Catherine Cashwell Farthing, both of North Carolina, for Japan; Harry A. Goble and Doris Anne Cash Goble, both of North Carolina, for Guam.

Also, Clarence O. Griffin, South Carolina, and Ruth Putnam Griffin, North Carolina, appointed for Indonesia; Jimmie J. Hartfield and Susie Armstrong Hartfield, both of Mississippi, for Mexico; F. B. Huey, Jr., and Nonna Turner Huey, both of Texas, for South Brazil; W. Chandler Lanier, Georgia, and Sallie Cook Lanier, Tennessee, for Israel; Charles L. Miller, Florida, and Roberta Ely Miller, Wisconsin, for the Philippines.

Also, Archie L. Nations, Louisiana, and Elaine Sheffield Nations, North Carolina, appointed for Japan; Marcus C. Reed and Ruth Caldwell Reed, both of Tennessee, for Israel; Roderick W. Smith and Ruth Anne Gettys Smith, both of South Carolina, for Uruguay; R. W. Terry and Dale Fields Terry, both of Texas, for Ghana; and Guy S. Williamson and Julia Heaton Williamson, both of Georgia, for Mexico.

The two couples assigned to Israel are the first new missionaries for that country since 1957.

The appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Goble for Guam follows the Board's action last month approving the placement of a couple on the island for English-speaking work. They will be associated with a church organized early this year by a Southern Baptist fellowship group.

## Requisites for Sustained Advance

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported that the Board's goal for missionary appointments in 1961 is 160. "The attainment of this large objective, as well as our long-range objective of having 2,000 missionaries under appointment by the close of 1964, will call for much prayer, work, and a definite sense of God's leadership," he said.

He then outlined certain requisites for discharging the responsibilities involved in sustained missions advance across the world:

1. *Prayer support.* "The missionary enterprise must go forward upon the prayers of God's people," he said. "If it is supported in such way it will not be expendable effort soon to be forgotten in fluctuating circumstances, but will be considered a priority responsibility as indicated by our Master in his world-encircling commission."

2. *An increasing number of mission volunteers.*

3. *Growing financial support.* "The appointment of a large number of missionaries means long-range increased financial responsibility," Dr. Cauthen said. "It is for this reason that the growth of support through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is essential. All our giving and what we do with those gifts must be measured by the Great Commission."

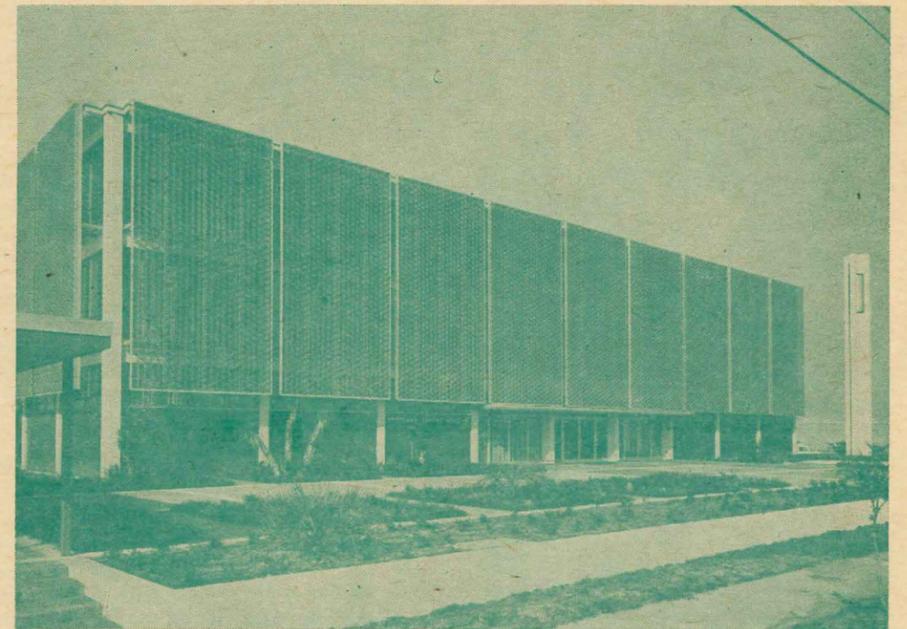
4. *An accelerated impact on mission fields where we are laboring.*

5. *A steady entry into new fields.*

6. *A strengthened organization for carrying the increasing administrative load.*

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►The many friends of Dr. E. N. Wilkinson will regret to hear of his hospitalization in Gulfport, Mississippi, resulting from two heart attacks. The second attack interrupted a satisfactory recovery from the original seizure. His exact condition is not known at the present time. He is remembered as an outstanding denominational leader in Kentucky, as well as the pastor of Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, Lexington Avenue Baptist in Danville, and Parkland Baptist in Louisville.

►Ardyth R. Prather, 29, Somerset, died in a Lexington Hospital on December 3 following heart surgery. He was a member of Duke Memorial Baptist Church, Somerset, where his father, E. R. Prather, is pastor. His mother was the late Mrs. Lucille Kelley Prather. For six years he has been a bookkeeper for Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association. He attended Eastern State College at Richmond, Ky., after he graduated from Ferguson High School. He was born October 17, 1931, in Madison County, and he lived for a time in Garrard County. He is survived by his father, already mentioned; by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Sexton Prather, and two children, Ardyth Ray, Jr., and Debra Kay. Also he leaves one brother, Dwight Prather, Somerset.



The new Louisiana Baptist Building, dedicated during the 1960 session of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. The three-story structure in Alexandria will house the convention staff offices. To the viewer's left is the corner of the one-story local Baptist Book Store. To the right is a 30-foot chime tower with fountain. The upper two floors of the new building are protected by an aluminum solar screen, designed to permit adequate sunlight without direct glare. The building cost about \$1,350,000.

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