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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
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The Lottie Moon Offering in Kentucky in 1960 amounted to \$271,247. The 1961 goal calls for a 14% increase over 1960. Thousands of Kentucky Baptist women will be engaged next week in Foreign Mission study and prayer.



Churches Add 51 Libraries

Fifty-one Southern Baptist churches added libraries in October and seven revitalized their present library facilities, according to the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Library Service. Texas led with 9; Florida followed with 7; Mississippi with 6; and Georgia and Kentucky had 4 each.

Kentucky's Four New Libraries

Kentucky's four new libraries reported during October were: Calvary Church of Betsy Lane, Ky., James Hightower is pastor and Mrs. Dean Conn the librarian; Highlands Church of Lexington, J. P. Denney, pastor, and Miss Daisy Chambers, librarian; First Church, Mousie, Floyd Titsworth, pastor, and Miss Lara Springer, librarian; and Midway Church of Princeton, Mrs. Dorothy Holloway, librarian. The Kings Church, Taylorsville, where Walter E. Bryant is pastor and Miss Henrietta Beinle the librarian, was revitalized during the month.

Binders for Periodicals

More binders from Broadman Press have been provided for Southern Baptist periodicals. A light green binder for filing twelve issues of "The Church Recreation Magazine" permanently, and a blue binder for keeping nine issues of "The Baptist Student" magazine have been announced. Magazines are held in place by individual wires and the names of the magazines are stamped in gold foil on the covers. They are available through the Baptist Book Stores.

Nobel Cottrell at Mt. Tabor

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Buffalo, in Lynn Association, experienced a great revival led by Pastor Nobel Cottrell, of Upton, resulting in three weeks of services, with 21 additions. Of these, 11 came by baptism and 10 by letters. Five others were converted, but will join churches in their home communities. Wilbert Taylor is pastor.

Hart Countian Killed In Accident

John W. Parker, age 54, was killed in a traffic accident on October 19. He was a faithful member of the Three Forks Bacon Creek Baptist Church, Lynn Association. He had served as treasurer of the church for 28 years and was also a member of the building committee when the new church was built in 1952. Throughout the years he held different offices in the church as well as being a choir member. Mr. Parker is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie M. Polley Parker, and son, John Allen

Parker, Bardstown, and a daughter, Mrs. James Richardson, Cave City. Also surviving are five grandchildren, four brothers and a sister.

From Kentucky to Kankakee

William T. Evitts has resigned as pastor of First Church, Smithland, Ky., to accept the pastorate of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois. Evitts has been with the Smithland church since June, 1959. He is a graduate of Murray State College, and was pastor of the Oak Grove Church, Graves County, before going to Smithland. He will conclude his present duties December 3, and assume his new pastorate December 10. Evitts is married to the former Ruth Ray, Tri City, Ky. The new home of the Evittses will be in the parsonage at 242 Clinton Street, Bradley, Illinois.

Bowen to Tar Heel State

William F. Bowen, Jr., resigned the pastorate of Lake Louisville Baptist Church some weeks ago and has gone to be pastor of the Clearview Baptist Church, Lexington, N.C., where he, his wife, Ruby, and their daughter, Vicki Lynn Bowen, 3, are residing at 203 Hargrave Street. Bowen began his work with a prayer meeting group in the Lake Louisville in May, 1952, while a student in the Southern Seminary. Under his leadership the Pewee Valley Baptist Mission was organized and later constituted into the Lake Louisville Baptist Church. A two-story concrete block building is the first unit in their long range planning on their 4.7 acres of land.

B. G. Pastor to Louisville

William H. Rogers, for almost eight years pastor of the Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, has accepted the call of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, and began his work there September 1, 1961. From the Eastwood Baptist Church, Mr. Rogers comes to Melbourne Heights with a rich experience in the pastorate. The Eastwood Church started in November 1953 with 16 members, and has grown to a net membership of 525, having received during that time 768 members. The Sunday School had an average attendance for 1960 of 349. The church has property valued at \$230,000. He has the honor and distinction of being the only pastor Eastwood has ever had. Brother Rogers will find in Long Run

Association a warm welcome and a broad avenue of service. In the Melbourne Heights Church he will find one of the most challenging fields of opportunity in this whole great metropolitan area.

Marion Hall to Trinity, Lexington

The Trinity Baptist Church of Lexington has called Marion Hall as its minister of music. Hall is a native of Mississippi and is professor of music at Georgetown College, where he teaches voice and directs the chapel choir. He succeeds James King at Trinity.

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God Needs Big Men

By Jack Sanford

A most distressing movement is disturbing the modern ministry. This movement has nothing to do with theological debates, nor denominational programs, nor ecumenicism, though these troublesome questions are on the horizon. The really distressing, alarming trend is the swelling tide of dissatisfaction and frightful insecurity which is disturbing far too many modern preachers. It is a difficult task today to find more than a handful of preachers who are content in their place of kingdom service.

Every meeting of the brethren, from the local pastors' conference to the vast assemblage of the Southern Baptist Convention, brings the feverish request from some brother for assistance in relocating in another pastorate or in some denominational post. This request is usually accompanied with the pious statement, "The Lord is leading me to leave here. Will you help?" But the truth of the matter is that often the Lord has little to do with our desire to leave a place of service. The reason for this restlessness is that the circumstances under which many preachers have to work are intolerable and show no signs of immediate improvement. These conditions have probably always existed in one degree or another, but we moderns have not learned how to cope with them in any satisfactory manner.

Starry-Eyed Preachers

Perhaps this is true because of our pre-conceived ideas regarding the ministry. Many young men enter the ministry starry-eyed, ecstatic with visions of grandiose power, carried along with a vision of their acceptance as a called prophet by the people of God. It is not long, however, until the stars begin to fade, the emotional current begins to slacken, and the facts become clear. Then the preacher is disillusioned and hurt. This disillusionment and hurt cause him to react in various ways. Quite often he changes pulpits, only to re-experience the same hurts, so that he changes again to another place, and this becomes the pattern of his ministry.

Other men react to disillusionment and hurt by becoming defensively bitter, and their ministry is characterized by a series of militant clashes with deacons, Sunday school workers, and other church members. This brother also moves frequently and carries his defensive tools, and his bitterness along with him from place to place.

Still other men react to disillusionment and hurt by accepting the fact that church members, though part of a re-

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deemed community whose lives have been touched by Christ, are none-the-less still in the world. It is regrettable that too often much of the world remains within even the best church member. Those preachers who seem to make the most satisfactory adjustment are those who recognize the facts that the ministry is not a "gravy train," that profession of faith in Christ does not make all men "simon pure," and that "in this world you will have tribulation."

Hedging the Wolves

The solution to the problem of insecure preachers is not likely to come overnight, nor will it ever be completely resolved. However, the present troubled situation could be greatly improved if ministers and congregations would honestly face the facts and work together for a wholesome solution. Here are some of the facts to be faced:

There is a pack of wolves on the fringe of every flock. The preacher, especially the very young preacher, may not want to believe this, but he will soon discover it to be a fact. The congregation may feel incensed at this suggestion and deny its truth. But the records of our churches through the years attest the truth of this distressing fact. Perhaps the wolves will always remain in, or very close to, the flock, but they can be kept from hurting and disillusioning the man of God if he and his congregation will recognize their existence and build a wall of love and mutual respect to keep these wolves at bay, harmless to all save themselves.

Inadequate Support

Another grim fact to be faced is that the temporal advantages to the preacher are frequently inadequate. In far too many instances the preacher is the sole occupant of a position formerly shared by himself and the public school teacher. He often has the dubious distinction of being the lowest paid man in the community. This is a fact, and the preacher does not have to practice his calling very long until he knows it. The problem is making the congregation aware of this fact. The only possible starting point toward a solution is to build a strong spirit of mutual love and respect to bind the preacher and his congregation. If a congregation learns to understand fully the deeper meaning of the words, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," this grim fact of poor pastoral support could be lessened.

Another factor in the modern preachers' disillusionment is the back breaking amount of non-preaching work he is expected to do. Most men enter the min-

istry with a deep sense of calling to preach, to bind up the broken hearted, to mediate the words of life to the dying. To perform janitorial services, to do yeoman work as a jack-of-all-trades in the areas of budget planning, attendance promotion, and program projection is enough to drive any preacher into a state of frustrated hyper-tension. The end result is poor preaching, slipshod soul winning, and a brooding sense of failure in the main task. The solution lies in a mature understanding of the call of God to be His spokesman, and the preachers' fearless education of the congregation in their own responsibilities. If the wall of love and mutual respect is strongly built, the congregation can be taught to share some of the work load so as to free the preacher for proclamation of the gospel through pulpit and personal soul winning.

Concern For Quality

These are by no means all the elements responsible for the preachers' hurt and disillusionment. However, they do seem to be some of the more obvious reasons. It may very well be that solutions for all these problems would not stop our preachers from moving every year or two. Short pastorates may be the means God is using to best serve our modern, mobile population. However, solutions to these problems, though they may not keep the preacher in one place for very long, will at least help make him happier. He will also be a more useful man during his stay and a much more pleasant man whenever he does move.

Almost every major denomination is expressing alarm at the decline in numbers of young men entering the ministry. Perhaps there is reason for alarm, but more alarm should be sounded over the restlessness on the part of those already committed to the ministry. This day calls not so much for more preachers, but rather for bigger men in the pulpit. May God help us to grow so that we will be able to do His will in an acceptable manner! Our day needs big men who can face the facts and the problems with courage and dedication, working always for the most satisfactory solution.

Five Deacons Ordained

The Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, ordained Paul Lansdale, Warfield Graves, Melvin Moyers, L. C. Carter and Charles Brown as deacons on October 29. The council was composed of more than 30 ordained men in the Trinity Church.

Welch Ordained by Georgetown

Wayne Welch was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Georgetown Baptist Church, June 11, 1961. Welch is pastor of New Hope Baptist Mission, an arm of the First Church of Paris. He is a student in Southern Seminary.



Convention Reflections

"The best meeting in years" was the most oft heard comment as veteran messengers evaluated the 1961 Kentucky Baptist Convention at Danville. This was not just an expression of courtesy, but seemed to be a genuine and universal sentiment. The convention was the warmest in weather and in spirit which many messengers remembered. The temperature was unusually high for November and so was the spirit for a meeting of Kentucky Baptists.

To begin with, no meeting of Baptists has found a more hospitable and accommodating reception than that extended by Host Pastor Elroy Lamb, Lexington Avenue Baptist Church members, other Baptists in the area, and the Danville community as a whole. The warm welcoming appearance at the first session of Mayor Roy W. Arnold, Chamber of Commerce Vice-President Joseph N. Frankel, and local Arrangements Chairman Keith Soper, the provision of courtesy parking for the visitors, and open hearts of Danville motels, restaurants, and homes were but part of the open arms Kentucky Baptists found at Danville.

Visiting Baptists took to the hospitality and apparently tried and enjoyed it all except that extended by the county jail which was among the hundreds of places with "Welcome Baptists" signs displayed.

The daily paper, *The Danville Advocate-Messenger*, and Danville radio station WHIR gave front page and top news coverage of every session. Religious writers from the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times* filed daily stories while wire reports went to all other parts of the state.

The 1961 convention messengers could hardly be ashamed or regretful for any action they took in Danville or the methods used to arrive at their decisions. They refused to rush into any decision. They used the best Baptist methods in talking and thinking until the right answer was apparent.

This was especially so in the knotty church-state problems of federal loans to Baptist institutions, and the Kentucky Sales Tax imposed on churches and church agencies. The messengers were greatly concerned not to take action on the sales tax issue that could be justly interpreted as having political implications.

For the first time since the memory of most messengers runneth not to the contrary, there was a complete absence of any political maneuvering or even any talk of it. Not a word concerning possible candidates for any office could even be heard in the corridors.

This made for a remarkably wholesome atmosphere during the period of election of officers. The messengers virtually issued a mandate to Moderator Kruschwitz to accept the presidency for a second year though he had removed himself from consideration so far as any desire for re-election was concerned. Messengers were hard put to remember when all the officers of the convention were elected by acclamation because there was only one man for each office nominated.

The effect produced upon Kruschwitz by the expression of love, appreciation, and confidence was one of the two emotionally packed moments of the convention. The other was at the conclusion of the annual sermon by retiring secretary W. C. Boone. The messengers, many of whose eyes were misty with tears, spontaneously broke into "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

A very befitting sense of gravity and concern was evident in the addresses of the convention speakers and in the comments of the listeners. Shining through the gravity, however, was a faith and an optimism which become a people of God. Southern Baptist Convention President Herschel H. Hobbs, speaking in the first session of the convention, seemed to provide the gleam when he quoted an epitaph from an English gravestone, "He did the best of things in the worst of times."

The slow rate of growth and actual losses reported in some areas of the work of Kentucky Baptists seemed only to spur the messengers on to a determination for nobler performance.

The greatest contributing factors to the tranquility and enthusiasm of the meeting appeared to be the absence of knotty problems which have cast shadows on the meetings of recent years, and the new frontier of Secretary Sanders. For the settling of many past problems, credit is due leaders like Carroll Hubbard and other members of the Survey Committee who patiently and wisely handled these matters.

For the acceptance of several reports that might ordinarily have brought fire, the explanation is the spirit of Secretary Sanders in whom everybody finds it so easy to trust. His very approach leads all to believe the fairest and best disposition of all matters will be made.

All in all there were many signs at Danville that Kentucky Baptists were ready to leave any side roads and detours on which they have been to travel together up the road toward their God-given destination. In this respect it is lamentable that every Kentucky Baptist couldn't have been at Danville.

An Expression of Conviction

It had to come! Baptists have never remained silent long when religious liberty was at stake or religious discrimination was shown. And so the expression of concern and opposition by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, to the collection of sales tax by the State of Kentucky from the churches, is in keeping with Baptist conviction and witness.

For almost a year and a half, churches and some church agencies in Kentucky have paid 3% on all their purchases. At the same time schools have not had to pay, neither have certain charitable institutions. It doesn't seem to make sense. Baptist Sunday schools have to pay sales tax on the food they provide their pupils and teachers; Roman Catholic day schools purchase their provisions and materials free of tax. The *Western Recorder* not only has to pay itself or collect 3% tax from churches which buy this religious paper, but also have to pay 3% on those papers given to hospitals for distribution to patients and those sent free of charge to Baptist missionaries on foreign fields.

Let it always be clearly understood that Baptists as individuals do not object to paying taxes. The records of Kentucky Baptists will show that as late as last November, Kentucky Baptists re-affirmed an earlier statement of this principle. Furthermore, Kentucky Baptists have said that there should not be exemption from taxation of properties or businesses owned or operated by churches or church related institutions when such properties or businesses are foreign to the purposes and activities for which the churches or church controlled institutions were founded.

For example, a parking lot owned by a church which is used only by those attending the church services and activities of the church should be tax free. If the parking lot, however, is also operated at other times as a regular parking lot to produce income, the church should pay full taxes on the lot.

Baptists are not complaining about the money involved in the sales tax imposition, but about the principle. When churches have to pay tax on the literature bought for their Sunday schools, this amounts to paying taxes for the privilege of preaching and teaching the gospel. This appears to be a clear violation of the principle of separation of church and state guaranteed by the United States Constitution and by Article V of the Bill of Rights of the Kentucky Constitution.

Furthermore, many Kentucky Baptists are among those gratified with every step of progress in Kentucky. Baptists have always been champions of public school education and have spoken for the higher teachers' salaries which have resulted from the sales tax. But money is not the measure of all things nor do the ends justify the means. Principle must never be sacrificed even for the collection of needed revenue.

Baptists will gladly pay more personal taxes, if needed, but will resist their churches being taxed.

This is not a problem restricted to Kentucky. In Georgia where sales tax has been in effect for a number of years, the state Baptist paper is exempt. The states of Alabama and Mississippi also have sales taxes. They started out imposing the tax upon Sunday school literature bought by the churches, but later discontinued this practice permanently or temporarily.

But no such ruling has come in Kentucky in spite of appeals to the Department of Revenue. The *Western Recorder* through its attorneys asked for relief on the sales tax a year ago next month, but was turned down. The attorneys recommended a test law suit, but the *Western Recorder* directors have hoped for a clarification of the matter without court action.

More recently the tax officials have been appealed to concerning tax on Sunday school literature sold to churches, but offered no promise of relief. And thus the recent action of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in seeking consultation with the governor, further consultation with the revenue department, and possible appeal to the Kentucky Legislature seems altogether reasonable.

Much is said about keeping the present sales tax intact. The truth is that it has not been kept absolutely intact. At first schools were charged tax, now they are exempt. A number of other rulings were made after the tax went into effect in order to bring about a fair and just application of the sales tax law.

Also much is said about the necessity of a change in the Kentucky Constitution before churches can be exempt. But judging by other rulings concerning the intention of the constitution, a ruling of exemption in the case of churches and the sales tax would not be out of order.

Also it is being said that even legislative action by the Kentucky General Assembly in this regard would not give relief. This appears unreasonable. How can the legislature, which passed the sales tax law in the first place, be powerless to change the law if it so chooses?

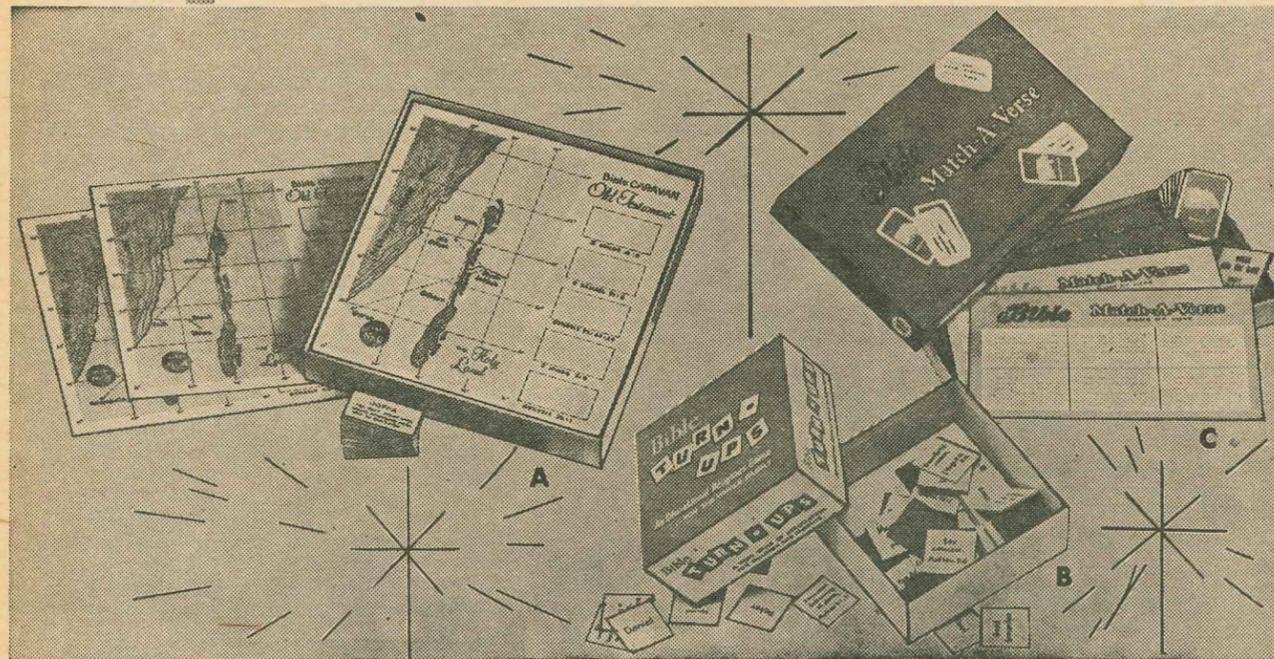
Baptists in every Kentucky community ought to discuss the matter with their representatives and senators who will be going to Frankfort in January. A number of those who served in the last Legislature when the tax was enacted have indicated they never considered that churches would be included.

In the meantime, every Baptist should shun any attempt by any politician to use Baptist conviction or action for personal political advantage. If anything, this would be worse than the present state of affairs.

Governor Bert Combs, a Baptist, has acted courageously and forthrightly in the number of areas of Kentucky life where moral issues were involved. The same Kentucky Baptist Convention which asked for consultation with him on the sales tax matter commended him personally for his stand and action in the Newport situation. There is no reason to believe he would not gladly and helpfully discuss the matter with fellow Baptists and fellow Kentuckians.

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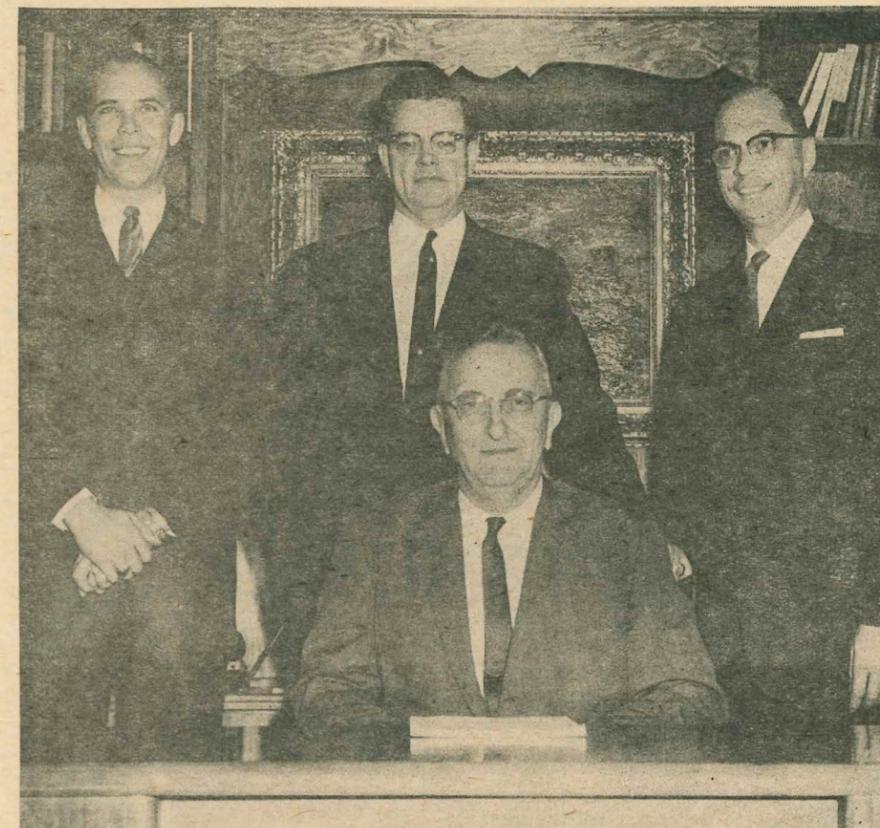
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Full Capital Funds Outlay Doubtful

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist Convention agencies are assured of their full share of operating funds for 1961 through the Cooperative Program, but what they will get in capital funds remains doubtful.

Receipts from state Baptist offices in October were \$1,487,776 making the 10-month budget total \$14,436,395. The Convention requires \$13,938,500 to meet operating allocations to the agencies this year.

The Convention also planned to distribute \$4,575,000 in capital funds to 12 agencies, but this apparently must be

curtailed. The Convention has only two months left to reach this sum.

"The Convention has provided that all operating funds are to be paid before the final capital needs distribution is to be made," Treasurer Porter Routh said here. "Each agency will receive its proportion of the capital needs funds after all the operating funds are paid as long as the funds are received."

The advance section of the Cooperative Program budget, when the two S.B.C. mission boards share exclusively all receipts through year's end, is entered only after operating and capital needs are fully met. It will probably not be entered in 1961.

The largest single distribution of capital funds was to be allocated the church

extension loan fund of the Home Mission Board—\$900,000. The Foreign Mission Board was to have gotten the next highest, \$800,000, followed by Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., with \$700,000.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, was scheduled to receive \$500,000 for capital needs in a full budget distribution. Eight other agencies also were to be provided capital funds in lesser amounts.

The year-to-date Cooperative Program income is running \$102,259 ahead of 1960, or .71 per cent more.

October, 1961, dropped behind October, 1960, and September, 1961, in monthly Cooperative Program receipts for S.B.C. agencies from state convention offices. The October, 1960, income was \$1,489,309. September's receipts were \$1,527,808.

Designated funds through October were 7.13 per cent ahead of 1960 after October. The comparative totals are \$12,008,169 and \$11,209,122.

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Kentucky Baptists Change Name; Oppose Sales Tax on Churches

Kentucky Baptists, in session at Danville November 14-16, changed their official name from the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky to the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The old name had been used since 1837 when the General Association was first formed.

In other action the almost 1,200 registered messengers to the convention voiced opposition to the imposition of the 3% Kentucky Sales Tax upon churches and church agencies. The sales tax issue was discussed at length before the messengers decided upon a method of expressing their opposition. They finally approved a motion from Hankins F. Parker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Paducah, to instruct the Executive Board of the convention to consult with the governor of Kentucky and the state commissioner of revenue and, in the event this is not successful, to present to the Kentucky legislature the sentiments of the messengers.

The original motion, presented by Harold D. Tallant, pastor, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, pointed out the present exemption of educational institutions and certain charitable institutions from the sales tax. Tallant also referred to the Bill of Rights in the Kentucky constitution calling for the separation of church and state, and to the belief of Baptists that "the power to tax is the power to destroy." Tallant agreed that the ultimate action of the messengers accomplished the intent of his motion.

All Officers Elected by Acclamation

The name change for Kentucky Baptists was expected. It was one of the provisions in a new constitution and by-laws proposed last year. Constitutional changes require one year's notice before final enactment. The names of some of the officers of the organization also were changed. From now on the moderator is to be known as the president, and the assistant moderators are known as vice-presidents.

New officers of the new Kentucky Baptist Convention were elected in the Wednesday afternoon session. In an unusual development the present moderator, Verlin C. Kruschwitz, who had indicated a year ago he would not seek re-election, was made the first president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Kruschwitz was virtually drafted by the messengers who apparently used this method as a gesture of appreciation for his very effective and fair performance as moderator this year. No other person was nominated and Kruschwitz was elected by acclamation.

Also elected without any opposition were Elroy Lamb, pastor, Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, as first vice-president; G. R. Pendergraph, Kentucky mission associate secretary for Church Survey and Enlargement, as second vice-president; L. C. Ray, Louisville, retired pastor, as secretary and

New Officers of the Ky. Baptist Convention, Related Organizations

Kentucky Baptist Convention: president, Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown; first vice-president, Elroy Lamb, Danville; second vice-president, G. R. Pendergraph, Middletown; secretary, L. C. Ray, Louisville; associate secretary, Leo T. Crismon, Louisville.

Kentucky Baptist Ministers Association: president, E. Kevil Judy, Harlan; vice-president, A. W. Walker, Louisville; and secretary, Ellis M. Ham, Georgetown.

Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association: president, Kenneth Dean, Paducah; vice-president, John B. Dickinson, Mayfield; secretary-treasurer, Miss Rachel Milligan, Middletown.

Kentucky Baptist Associational Officers: moderator T. H. Shelton, Covington; assistant moderator, R. B. Hooks, Bowling Green; secretary, Leo T. Crismon, Louisville.

(Officers of the Kentucky Baptist Music Directors Association are elected later.)

Leo T. Crismon, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary librarian, Louisville, as associate secretary.

George R. Jewell had served as associate secretary or secretary of the General Association since 1941 with the exception of one year. Jewell resigned to give more time to his services with the *Western Recorder*.

Church-State Questions

The church-state question also got attention of the messengers in the form of a discussion relating to federal loans to Kentucky Baptist institutions. A motion by Pastor Robert Brewer of the Beech Grove Baptist Church, near Perryville, asked the messengers to instruct Kentucky Baptist institutions not to borrow

any money from the federal government. He expressed the opinion that such loans amounted to subsidies from the federal government to Baptist schools.

President John Carter of Campbellsville College opposed the position of Brewer, and suggested that the matter be referred to a special committee for study and later report. Carter's motion prevailed and the special committee later reported that such major principles were involved in the matter that a final recommendation to the convention at this session would be unwise. A recommendation for further study of the matter by the convention from this special committee was approved.

Boones Say Goodbye

The convention heard Southern Baptist Convention President Herschel H. Hobbs in the opening session. Hobbs described the world as walking on a tight rope, but counseled Kentucky Baptists against fear. Instead of fear he called for a new commitment by Baptists. He expressed the feeling that the world was more ripe for the gospel today than any time in its history.

Hobbs visited the convention only briefly, arriving just before his address and leaving immediately after his address for an appearance the same day before Tennessee Baptists in Memphis. The Convention president was scheduled for six conventions during the week and altogether has ten on his schedule in October and November.

A moving moment of the convention was the farewell appearance of Dr. W. C. Boone and Mrs. Boone. The Boones returned from Jackson, Tennessee, for the convention in order for Dr. Boone to deliver the annual sermon to the messengers. Dr. Boone pointed his hearers to the power of Almighty God as greater than that of any other power, including the 50 megaton bomb of Russia.

Following his sermon the greatly beloved former leader and his wife were presented a \$5,000 check as a token of the appreciation and love of Kentucky Baptists. He responded by saying the gift would be first payment for their new home in Jackson. Amid tears rather freely flowing, the congregation and the Boones sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

1963 Drive for Colleges

Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools figured prominently in future plans made at Danville. A recommendation for a capital funds campaign for Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools ap-

proved last year was implemented this year by acceptance of plans to use 1962 as a year of preparation, and 1963 as a year for seeking cash and pledges for the capital funds Christian education campaign.

The college funds drive was linked to the Cooperative Program and will be known as the "Christian Education Phase of the Cooperative Program." All of the details for the drive have not been worked out. A professional consultant will be used to help determine the needs of each school. The employment of a secretary of Christian Education was also called for in the report from the Christian Education Committee adopted by the convention.

The report on baptisms in Kentucky Baptist churches during last year showed slight decline. The number of baptisms reported for the year was 20,903, a loss of 97 from the previous year. Newly elected Secretary Harold G. Sanders challenged the messengers to change this report for another year.

The convention income through the Cooperative Program for the year showed an increase of more than \$62,000 over last year. However, this amount was still about \$140,000 short of the goal for the year.

The report showed that 611 of the approximately 2,225 Kentucky Baptist churches made no contributions through the Cooperative Program during the year.

Women Messengers Invited to Speak

The budget for next year adopted by the convention calls for the same income as this year. However, the convention adopted a change in the fiscal year from October 31 to August 31 which provides for only a ten months' period next year. Each budget item has been adjusted accordingly. The budget calls for slight increases in the allotments to administration and promotion, retirement plans, the Woman's Missionary Union and Cedarmore Assembly. Slight decreases will result for Kentucky Baptist schools because of the dropping of Magoffin Institute from the Kentucky Baptist Christian Education program, church buildings, children's homes, and state missions.

An unexpected development at the convention was a renewal of the question of women speaking on the convention floor. A resolution to express a welcome to women to speak with the same rights of men was offered by Lexington's Calvary Baptist Pastor Franklin Owen after he was called upon to read the annual report of the Woman's Missionary Union on Tuesday, and President Kruschwitz made announcements for Baptist Book Store Manager Blanche Mays on the same day.

The Resolutions Committee reporting on Thursday referred to the action of the messengers in 1956 at Madisonville which gave women full status as mes-

Kentucky Baptists Commend George Raleigh Jewell For Secretarial Service

George Raleigh Jewell, long-time staff member of the *Western Recorder*, was warmly commended by Kentucky Baptists upon his resignation as secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Jewell had served either as associate secretary or secretary of the Convention for the past 20 years.

In 1948 Jewell sought relief from the heavy responsibility of the office, and he, himself, nominated L. O. Griffith, who was elected. The next year, however, Jewell was re-elected to the post by the messengers and has served ever since.

The resignation of Jewell this year was prompted by the growing duties and responsibilities of the secretary. The annual which is published each year by the Convention was formerly a matter of 100 or so pages. By now it has grown to more than 325 pages and requires many, many hours of preparation.

Jewell was called to the platform by Convention President Kruschwitz to receive the commendation of the messengers. He was also memorialized in one of the resolutions reported by the Resolutions Committee.

Jewell will continue to devote his full energies to the *Western Recorder*.

L. C. Ray, Louisville, former business manager of the *Recorder* and now a retired pastor, was elected to replace Jewell as secretary of the Convention. Leo T. Crismon was re-elected to serve as assistant secretary.

Revival at Marion

The pastor of Second Baptist Church, Marion, Roy C. Lamberth, reports an unusually fine revival meeting. Evangelist for the meeting was Carroll Hubbard, pastor, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville. Included in the 17 additions to the church were 14 for baptism and 3 by letter. The pastor also reports a record attendance, both in Sunday school and Training Union.

On Wednesday Mrs. Virginia Fields spoke on her work as superintendent of Pine Crest, Kentucky children's home at Morehead. No comment was heard concerning the appearance of Mrs. Fields.

Sanders' Challenge

The convention was concluded with an address by General Secretary-Treasurer Sanders. The newly elected leader outlined the immediate and ultimate goals of the various departments of the Kentucky Baptist work, and called upon Kentucky Baptists to join in total effort for a new day in the life of the denomination.

A Revival That Revived

By Winn T. Barr, Pastor
First Baptist Church, London, Ky.

The people of the First Baptist Church of London took things into their own hands Sunday night, October 29, and had a revival of their own. It was the last night of a preaching stand of one week by Evangelist Harry C. Trover. He had been urging the members with searching sermons all week long to get right with God and their fellow members.

About twenty minutes before the last revival service began, the Sunday school superintendent, R. C. Miller, came into the pastor's study and smiling through his tears announced to Pastor Winn T. Barr and the evangelist that he had experienced a great blessing in being reconciled with one of the new members of the church. He said that when invitation-time came in the service he would like to rededicate his life, testify about this reconciliation, and express a desire for reconciliation with any other members of the church who might harbor bitterness against him. The pastor and the evangelist encouraged Mr. Miller to do this if he felt it was God's will.

After the sermon Mr. Miller did as he had planned. The evangelist asked him to stand by the pastor, and invited all other members who desired reconciliation of one kind or another and desired to rededicate their lives to God, to come and stand by the pastor and superintendent. One by one they came and by the time the invitation was over, people were standing all across the front of the auditorium and half-way up the side aisles. Four men came asking for baptism, one young man declared for full-time Christian service, one man joined by letter, and one man joined by statement. Altogether six men were added to the church in that one service. When the evangelist called for testimonies, several of those who had come forward spoke of forsaking bitter attitudes and of desire for unbroken fellowship with the other members. Uncounted reconciliations had taken place all over the auditorium.

The statistical results of the week's meeting are as follows: 18 additions by baptism, 2 additions by letter, and one addition by statement. Although Mr. Trover has been an evangelist for five years, and a Southern Baptist for two years, this was only the second revival he has held with a Southern Baptist church. Pastor Barr stated that he was gratified at the success of the meeting both for the sake of his church and for the sake of the evangelist. It was the kind of revival that one experiences only once or twice in a lifetime.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Sunday School

Top Twenty-Five Churches in Training

By Roy E. Boatwright

We deeply appreciate the good work of the churches in the Training Program in Category 17 which is *Sunday School Principles and Methods*. We wish to commend the following churches:

No.	Church and Association	Awards
1.	Ninth & O, Long Run	470
2.	Severns Valley, Severns Valley	314
3.	Eastern Parkway, Long Run	260
4.	Walnut Street, Long Run	255
5.	Buechel Park, Long Run	234
6.	Covington, Latonia, No. Bend	194
7.	Gethsemane, South District	173
8.	Irene Cole Mem'l, Enterprise	172
9.	First, Mayfield, Graves Co.	168
10.	First, Princeton, Caldwell	155
11.	Union, Union	152
12.	Glasgow, Liberty	151
13.	Beechmont, Long Run	146
14.	First, Newport, Campbell Co.	127
15.	Southside, North Bend	125
16.	Grace, Lexington, Elkhorn	119
17.	East Williamson, Pike	118
18.	Memorial, Frankfort, Franklin	116
19.	Rockford Lane, Long Run	109
20.	First, Lebanon, Central	106
21.	Bethany, Long Run	106
22.	Beth Haven, Long Run	105
23.	Beechland, Long Run	104
24.	Campbellsville, Taylor Co.	102
25.	Lebanon Junction, Nelson	97
26.	Lexington Ave., South District	97

Training Union

Group Learning Clinic . . . On Programming

By Bob Wayne

Across the Convention pastors and ministers of education have been looking for something different in Training Union. Well, here is the beginning.

The first convention-wide Group Learning Clinic . . . on Programming will be held at the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, February 12-16, 1962. At the clinic the newest methods of group learning and group behavior will be discussed. Aids in the development of group learning experiences such as program patterns, problem census, learning aids and role playing will be analyzed.

The following questions might come to mind:

"Who is invited to this clinic?"

If you are a leader in Training Union work on the church, associational or state level, you are invited to this clinic.

"Will there be provisions for my children?"

If your child is of school age, he will, of course be in school. Therefore, provisions are being made at all sessions for pre-school children only.

"Where can I get a room?"

Memphis has many good hotels and motels. You may write to the one of your choice for reservations. If you prefer a room in a private home, write to: Mrs. T. M. Deaton, 934 Kensington Place, Memphis, Tennessee. The cost of this service will be \$1.50 per day.

"Where can I get a copy of the program?"

A copy of the program may be obtained by writing the Training Union Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

"Will there be any conferences of interest to those who work with children in our churches?"

Yes, there are many different conferences so that workers with every age group will receive special help. As stated before, if you are a leader or worker in Training Union, the clinic is for you.

"What time does the clinic start?"

The clinic will begin at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and adjourn at 9:30 Friday evening.

If you desire further information concerning the Group Learning Clinic on Programming, please contact the Training Union Department, Middletown, Kentucky.

Woman's Missionary Union

Week of Prayer For Foreign Missions

By Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

"Good Tidings . . . to All People". This is the theme for this week. In the light of the needs, the tremendous needs, of the world have you done your very best this week—in study, prayer and in giving? Nothing less than our best is worthy in such a time as this! It is not too late yet to do more, if you have not done your best. Our goal a 14% increase over last year.

After you have studied concerning the

needs and prayed earnestly for these needs, after you have brought your offering and given the opportunity for others in your church to give, send your offering promptly to Mrs. W. H. Jaegle, treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown. Make your first Christmas gift, this year, a gift to Christ for the salvation of others, that there may be "Good Tidings . . . to All People" in His name.

MARGARET FUND STUDENTS

There is only one Margaret Fund student studying in Kentucky this year. It is Miss Martha Elsie McConnell who is a student at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky. Her birthday is June 2. Remember her at Christmas, too.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

WHO wants a gift of Christian understanding for Christmas? Almost anyone on your list! Everyone who—loves his neighbor as himself . . . needs to know more about neighbors all around the world . . . and what Southern Baptists are doing to answer the "Great Commission". You may change the life of someone as your gift influences him for Christian service. You may change the lives of hundreds of soul-hungry people in a far land, as some young person is influenced to go to minister to them. Pray and give worthy gifts this Christmas. Give ROYAL SERVICE to women; THE WINDOW OF YWA, to young women; TELL, missions magazine for girls. Order for \$1.50 each. Gift card announcement on request from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Stewardship

New Stewardship Development Program For Baptist Associations

By Thos. B. Chaney

The new Stewardship Development Program for Baptist Associations, which includes the promotion of church budgets, associational finance, and the Co-operative Program all in one calendarized package, is being demonstrated in the Green Valley Association this year. The program will be available for other associations which would like to use it in 1962.

A full interpretation of the program—

with the materials that go with it—will be given at the following nine Stewardship Conferences in January and February, 1962:

January

- 22.....First Missionary, Benton
- 23.....First, Greenville
- 25.....Severns Valley, Elizabethtown
- 29.....Ferguson Baptist, Ferguson
- 30.....First, Nicholasville

February

- 1.....Ft. Mitchell, Ft. Mitchell
- 5.....Paintsville, Paintsville
- 6.....Petrey Memorial, Hazard
- 8.....Pollard, Ashland

The conferences will be conducted by Dr. Robert J. Hastings, secretary of the Stewardship Department. Dr. Harold G. Sanders, our new general secretary, will be the inspirational speaker at many of the conferences. Three guest speakers from out of state are coming—from Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas. Three speakers from Green Valley will help round out the program.

Church Music

Introducing: "The Advanced Music Reader"

By Eugene F. Quinn

James C. McKinney's new textbook entitled *The Advanced Music Reader* is now in print. It has been expected for several months and we welcome it to the curriculum of the Church Study Course.

This is the third level in the series of theory textbooks for Church Music Schools. Its chapter contents are as follows:

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Southern Seminary Given Whitsitt Papers

By W. Morgan Patterson

Professor of Church History

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Through the generosity of Mrs. H. G. Whitehead of Richmond, Virginia, the library of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary recently was given an important collection of papers belonging to a former president and professor of church history, Dr. William H. Whitsitt. Mrs. Whitehead, daughter of the third president of the Seminary, desired that the papers be deposited with the institution in which her father had an extended ministry and in which they might now enjoy maximum usefulness.

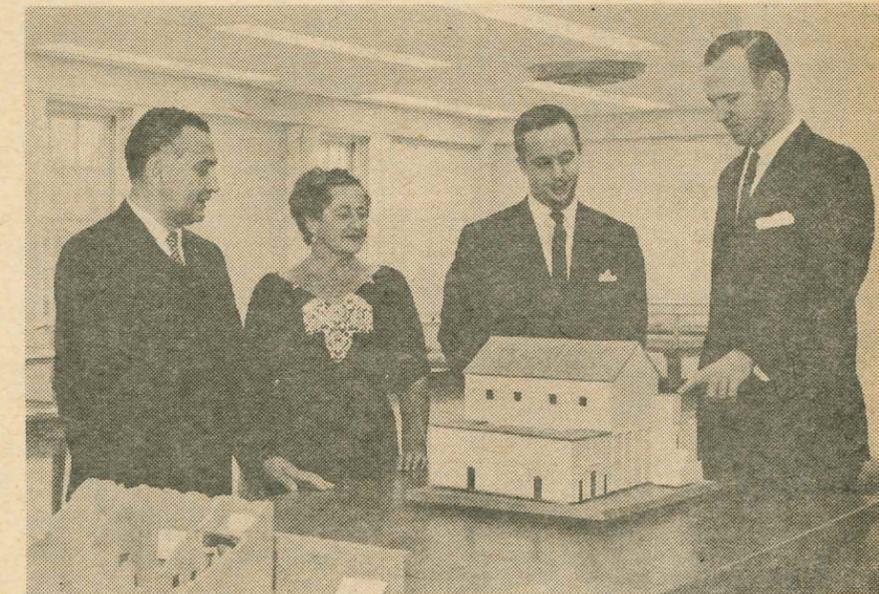
The collection included books, pamphlets, handwritten and typed manuscripts of materials published, sermons, extracts from and summaries of sources related to Baptist history, and miscellaneous notes and letters. The diaries of Dr. Whitsitt, which have the reputation of unusual frankness in comments and observations, were not included. Mrs. Whitehead reports that they may not be put in a public place for another twenty-five years.

Although Dr. Whitsitt joined the faculty in 1872, as its sixth member, it was not until 1879 that he began teaching in the field for which he is best known—church history. In 1895, after the death of Dr. John A. Broadus, he was elected to the presidency of the Seminary. It was not long after that he

found himself embroiled in controversy over certain views of Baptist history he held and taught. Especially strongly criticized were his understanding of Baptist beginnings and his scientific approach to the study of Baptist history. In a book published in 1896, *A Question in Baptist History*, Whitsitt maintained that immersion was recovered in England in 1641, and this development marked the inception of Baptists. With scholarly and scientific precision he summoned the testimony of the sources to support his contention. Whitsitt, however, soon found himself at odds with a number of fellow Baptists who claimed that there was an unbroken chain of Baptists stretching back to the first century. The "Whitsitt Controversy" by 1898 became a deplorably unpleasant conflict, creating a situation in which Dr. Whitsitt deemed the welfare of the Seminary required his resignation. Following his withdrawal, he taught at the University of Richmond. He died in 1911.

In addition to the materials received from Mrs. Whitehead, the library already held several volumes consisting of Dr. Whitsitt's class lecture notes, observations, and extracts relating to various subjects, a journal, some correspondence, and a scrapbook.

It is hoped that this new acquisition will enable research students to evaluate more fully Dr. Whitsitt's acknowledged important role in the development of Baptist historiography, and thereby to give him the recognition and tribute due him.



THE EISENBERG MUSEUM—Dr. E. J. Vardaman (right), professor of archaeology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, points to a replica of a Jewish synagogue inside the new Eisenberg Museum of Egyptian and Near Eastern Antiques. Looking on, from the left, are Samuel, Gertrude and Jerome Eisenberg. The Eisenbergs presented the collection to the seminary last month. Vardaman noted that Southern Seminary now has the only Biblical museum in the Southern Baptist Convention that relates to both Old and New Testament periods.



Tommy Wood and Barry Morris

Brotherhood

Royal Ambassador Congress At Paducah This Week

By Forrest R. Sawyer

Barry Morris and Tommy Wood from St. Louis, Missouri, will be featured on the program at the Kentucky Royal Ambassador Congress at the Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25. Barry is a professional ventriloquist, and in the last four years has traveled with Tommy in eleven states.

You should not miss this experience. Others on the program will be Dr. Harold G. Sanders, general secretary-treasurer of Kentucky Baptists, W. Harlen McGinnis, former missionary to Ghana, and Captain Stewart Miller of the State Highway Patrol.

Sessions begin Friday at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., CST, and Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Associate Missionaries Approved By the Foreign Mission Board

In its annual fall meeting in October, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted to employ missionary associates, a step which broadens its overseas program to include persons other than those appointed for life time service. The decision, which has been under study for sometime, came upon a recommendation of the Board's personnel committee.

The missionary associates will be employed by the Foreign Mission Board and not placed under appointment as full-time missionaries are. The opportunity to serve as a missionary associate

will be opened to those who feel led to bear their Christian witness overseas, who normally could not be appointed because of age or educational requirements.

The support of the missionary associates will be the same as the appointed missionary except for certain fringe benefits, including the Board's pension plan, allowances for children, and the Margaret Fund Scholarships. The age of those to be considered as missionary associates will be 35 or above.

Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, says the employment of missionary associates will give flexibility and valuable assistance to the total foreign mission effort of Southern Baptists.

Lexington Pastor Visits Cincinnati

Bob W. Brown, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., was the evangelist in an October revival at the Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Cincinnati, where Arthur J. Williams is pastor.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

CONTINUING GROWTH

II Timothy 1:3-14

Today's lesson finds Paul behind prison bars and treated as a common criminal. Anticipating his departure from the scenes of earth in the near future, in his typically unselfish manner Paul wrote his second epistle to Timothy to cheer him and to encourage him to remain faithful in the work of their Lord in spite of all difficulties. Among all of Paul's associates, Timothy seems to have been the closest to him. In addition to being his devoted companion, he was his trustworthy messenger on various important errands.

Timothy was the object of Paul's special watchcare and consideration. He merits the distinction of being a faithful servant of Christ and Paul's closest friend. Our hearts are touched by the tender regard of the great Apostle for this young man and the affectionate and appreciative manner in which he addressed his son in the faith. Not only did he hold him in high esteem and regard him with a peculiar affection, but he also instructed him in the deeper truths of God's Word. He realized full well that his protege had great possibilities of service for God.

In looking back over the past, which was a very natural thing for one in his condition to do, Paul was filled with joy and thankfulness to God that he had remembered Timothy in his daily prayers. He was grateful that God had prompted him to pray night and day for this young servant of the Lord. He prayed earnestly that Timothy's courage might be strengthened and his steadfastness might be maintained. Any Christian who has such a praying friend is unspeakably rich. There is a singular exhilaration that comes to him who realizes that a truly great Christian is praying for him. To the day of his death Timothy owed Paul a debt of gratitude for nurturing him in the Christian faith and for helping him in so many ways.

I. Timothy's Family.

Timothy was the child of a mixed marriage. While the name of his father is not disclosed, we know that he was a Gentile and that he resided in Lystra. We do not have any evidence that he ever became a Christian. Timothy's mother, Eunice, was a Jewess. His grandmother, Lois, was a Jewess, also.

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The faith of these two ladies was genuine and true. Paul's description of their faith seems conclusive enough that both of them were Christians.

II. Timothy's Faith.

Paul thanked God for the exemplification of that sincere and genuine faith which he had witnessed in Timothy and which had been present in his mother and grandmother, also. Paul's remembrance of their faith, gave him great comfort and satisfaction.

Timothy's family and home played a major role in causing him to become a believer in Christ. By his mother and grandmother he had set before him an example of faith in Christ. Their example and teaching, under the guidance and with the blessing of the Holy Spirit, prepared Timothy's heart for a definite decision to trust Christ as his personal Saviour. These godly women carefully nurtured him and taught him the scriptures from his childhood. The value of a godly ancestry and of the proper training of children in the home cannot be overemphasized. All parents should teach the Word of God to their children. All children who are fortunate enough to have godly parents to do this should thank God for them.

While in his home, Timothy was taught to love Christ supremely and to serve Him faithfully. Doubtless the teaching which he received magnified the privilege and the blessing of serving the Lord. Furthermore, Eunice had the good sense to realize that her son needed the instruction of Paul to supplement that which she and Lois had given him. So far as we know, she willingly and gladly permitted him to go with the Apostle when he desired that he should accompany him on his missionary journeys.

III. Timothy's Faithfulness.

Paul's exhortation to Timothy was that he should "stir up the gift of God" which was in him. This expression means "to fan into a flame," or to make a wise use of the gift by refusing to permit it to smoulder. Many of us country-bred mortals can appreciate the meaning of this verse. On many cold winter mornings we shivered before old-fashioned fireplaces while we uncovered the leftover coals of fire from the night before, applied kindling and then blew hard or fanned with cardboard until the

flame appeared. Even so, when the fires of God burn low we must fan the heavenly flame within our hearts.

Both Paul and Timothy knew that the gift was there, and the former was very anxious that it should be fanned into a glowing flame, or developed to such an extent that Timothy might have a gloriously useful ministry. It was the will of the Lord that he should use the gift which he had received from Him, in serving Him with all our might.

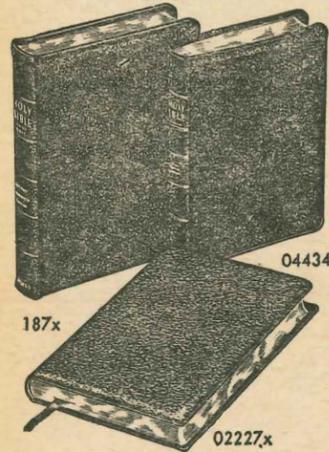
There are many Christians who have received gifts from the Lord, but they have never stirred them into a flame in order that others might be warmed and cheered thereby. They need to cultivate and to use them for the glory of Him Who has imparted the gifts. All of God's children need to stir the fire and to fan the flame in order to prevent their service for him from being less than it ought to be. Our Lord would have all of his followers to be flaming evangelists for Him wherever they go.

Timothy was encouraged by the knowledge of what God had already done for Paul and for him, as well as for many others who were Christians. Both of them rejoiced that they had been saved, and that the Lord had called them to the glorious task of proclaiming the marvelous gospel of grace. What a commission! There certainly wasn't any cause for shame in connection with that glorious task.

Timothy's prospects included numerous afflictions and persecutions, but Paul gave him the blessed assurance that the Lord would enable him to endure them and to fulfill the purpose for which the gift was given. Paul urged him to be diligent in the service to which he had been called by the Lord. The gospel ministry demands an unremitting faithfulness in the proclamation of God's Word. Paul urged Timothy to hold fast the fundamental truths of Christianity, including the virgin birth, the victorious life, the vicarious death, the victorious resurrection and the visible return of Christ. Paul had preached these wonderful truths in faith and love, which is the spiritual frame of mind in which truth should ever be held and proclaimed. All of God's servants are charged with the solemn obligation of guarding the precious truths of His Word as a shepherd guards his sheep or as a soldier guards that which has been committed unto his care.

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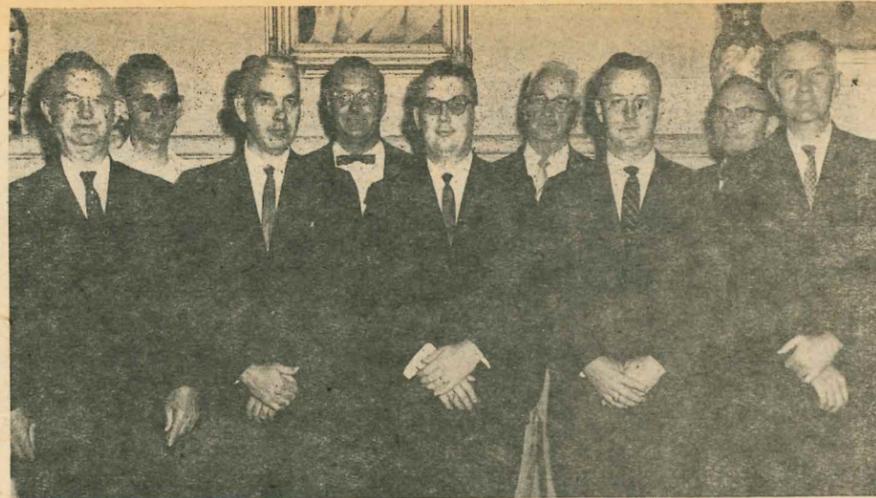
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Participants at Clear Creek anniversary

CLEAR CREEK OBSERVES 35th ANNIVERSARY

The 35th anniversary of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, was celebrated at an alumni meeting on October 20. The observance included services during the day and also an evening service.

Pictured above are some of the participants in the anniversary observance. On the extreme left, front row, is L. T. Hastings, Knoxville, professor emeritus who brought the opening address. Next to him is Claude Fox, a Clear Creek alumnus now serving as the pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana. Fox represented the classes of the 1940's.

Ralph Duncan, next to Fox, was the alumnus selected to represent the 1960's. He now serves as pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, Jonesville, Virginia. Fourth in the front row, left to right, is Jack Stewart, Pineville, chairman of the Clear Creek Board of Trus-

tees. On the end of the front row is Clear Creek President D. M. Aldridge, who spoke at the evening banquet.

On the back row, left to right, is W. Harold Matthews, Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, who is spending part of his furlough teaching at Clear Creek. Next to Matthews is Leo Jenkins, Clear Creek alumnus serving as associational missionary in Georgia. Third from left on the back row is W. E. Denham, Sr., Clear Creek Bible professor, who presented a Bible study. On the end of the back row is W. W. Thompson, pastor of the Leatherwood Baptist Church, who was elected president of the Clear Creek Alumni Association.

Other participants in the observance who were not included in the picture were A. H. Keith, Corbin; Paul Nevels, Cleveland, Ohio; and Mrs. L. C. Kelly, Alabama, who was unable to attend due to illness in her family.

Southern Baptists Give \$55.68 Per Member

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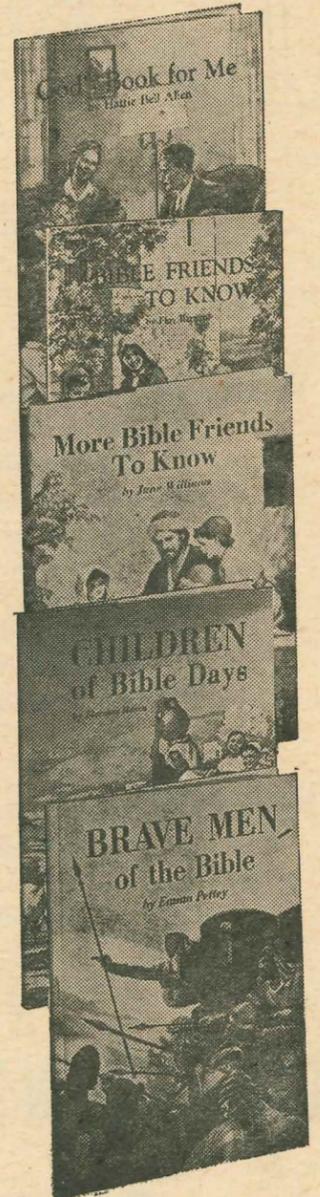
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