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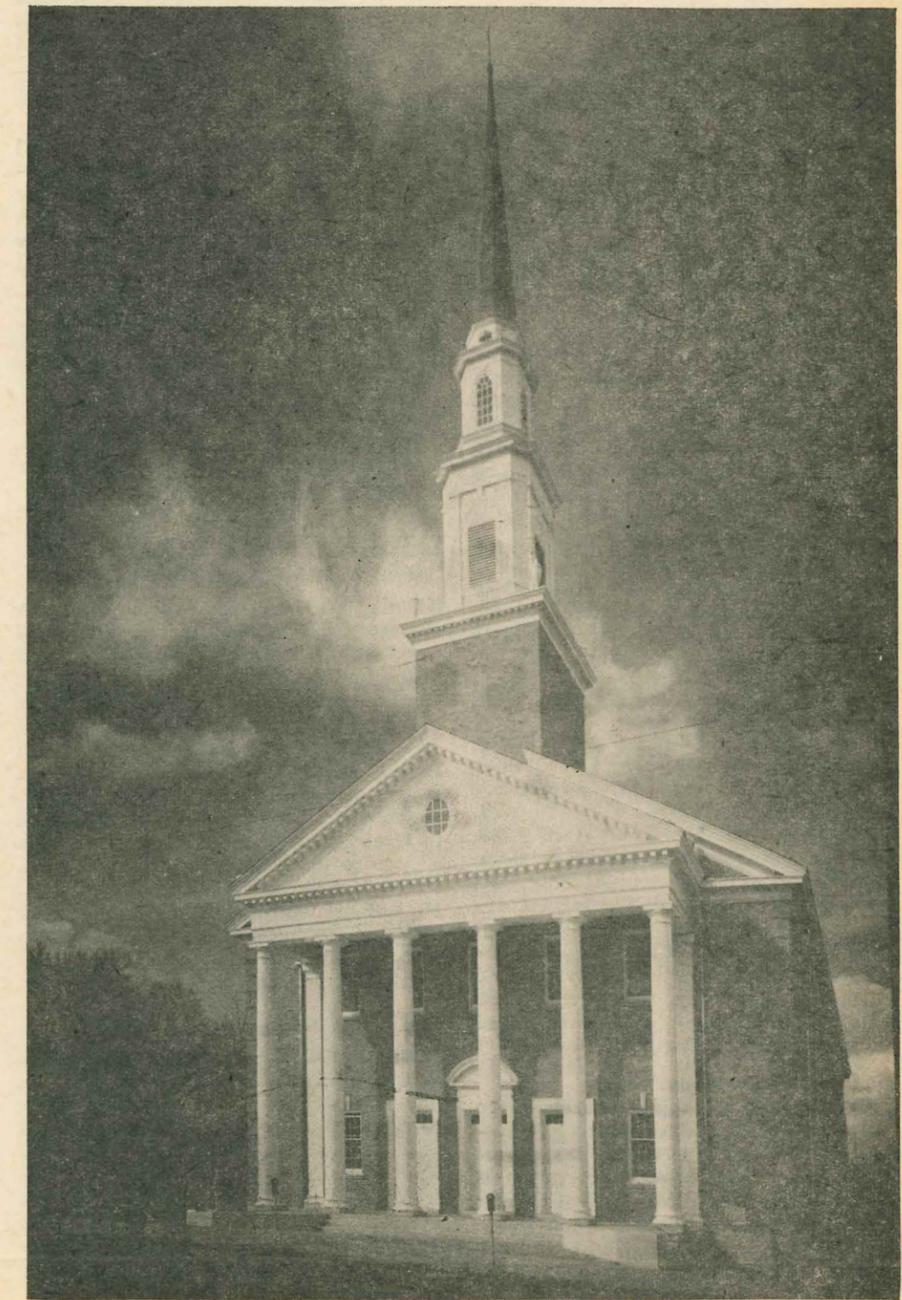
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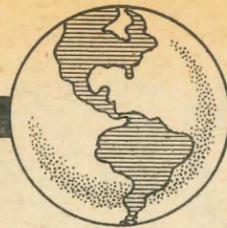
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The new building of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Ky., which represents an outlay of \$600,000, and stands on the old property of Avalon Inn. It will seat 1,200 persons, and was recently dedicated. See article on page 12.





GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

The M. L. Garretts on Furlough

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Garrett, missionaries to Central Africa, are returning to the States for furlough and may be addressed at 604 South Main St., Wake Forest, N. C. He is a native of Union City, Tennessee; she is the former Mary-Ellen Wooten, of Bellevue, Kentucky.

Revival at Nicholasville

"Chip" Miller was the evangelist and Albin Whitworth the pianist, Johnny Meadows the chalk artist and soloist, Roy Tindal the counselor, and Bob Curtis the song leader in a revival held at the Nicholasville Baptist Church November 24-26. Pastor William B. Craig, Jr., writes: "This was one of the finest crusades we have ever experienced, and there were 4 professions of faith, 2 by letter and 2 rededications."

The B.S.U. Is Growing Up

A 30th anniversary alumni reunion of former University of Kentucky students who have been members of the Baptist Student Union was held at the Baptist Student Center, 371 South Limestone, Lexington, on December 9, 1961. The organization was founded December 14, 1931. The Reunion was in the form of a dessert with an evening program of "flash-backs" of some of the B.S.U.'s history. Entertainment was furnished by members of various generations of the organization's members and highlights about the people and activities of the past.

Cumberland on the March

Student enrollment has shown a steady growth since 1953-54 when the number of matriculants was 377. Succeeding years it has been 476, 812, 729, 784, 1,051, 1,109, and this year it is 1,342. This last figure will be increased when summer school opens. Cumberland College is now said to be the largest denominational college in the state of Kentucky, and except for Berea, Cumberland is said to be the largest private college in Kentucky. The school has shown a remarkable expansion under the presidency of Dr. J. M. Boswell.

In Luther Rice's Home Town

Rice Memorial Baptist Church is the outgrowth of a chapel started in December, 1960, at Northboro, Massachusetts. This Southern Baptist church is located in the city of the birth of Luther Rice—the Congregationalist who became a missionary to Burma, who became a Baptist by conviction, who became "a

one man board" to raise money for supporting Adoniram and Ann Hasseltine Judson as missionaries in Burma, and who founded and strengthened Baptist churches, Baptist Associations, Baptist Colleges and Baptist newspapers in America. Rice Memorial Church is the 12th church affiliated with the North-eastern Baptist Association, including downstate New York and New England, all of which is a part of the outreach of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two New Missionaries

The Robert Dale Hopkins family moved from Fiskburg, Kenton County, Kentucky, to Phelps, where he is the new local missionary, succeeding James Casey, Jr., on November 1. The new missionary is a graduate of Campbell



Robt. D. Hopkins



Wm. A. George

County High School and Georgetown College. He later attended Southern Seminary in Louisville. He is married to the former Miss Mary Joanne Varney, of Pike County. They are the parents of two boys—Stephen Dale, 5, and Timothy Lee, 2. The new county missionary in Leslie County is William A. George. He is also pastor of Hyden Baptist Church. He goes to his new field from a pastorate in Green Valley Association. George is a graduate of London High School, Union College and Southern Seminary. He and his wife, the former Lou Emma Wilson, are natives of the mountain area. They have one child, Michael Kevin, 15 months.

Mrs. L. W. Pierce Dies in Texas

Mrs. L. W. (Nellie Miner) Pierce, 95, Southern Baptist missionary to China, died at her home in Brownwood, Texas, November 17. She had been bedfast since a fall two years ago. Native of New York City, she grew up in Richmond, Va., and was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1891. She married Missionary L. W. Pierce the following year. They served in Yangchow

(now Kiangtu), where she directed day school and Bible classes for women. They founded the first, and what was for many years the largest, day school for girls in Yangchow. She spent more than 50 years in China. Continuing her work in Yangchow after her husband's death in 1922 and her own retirement in 1936, she finally left in 1942 in a war-time prisoner exchange. She was buried November 20 in Savoy, Texas. She is survived by a daughter, Dr. Ethel Pierce, Brownwood, an emeritus missionary who did medical-evangelistic work in Yangchow for 22 years, and a son, Pastor Herbert M. Pierce, of Wilburton, Okla. Another son, Dr. Paul L. Pierce, Denison, Texas, died in 1956.

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A Prayer for Christians

By William Cooke Boone

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it do not cease to pray and make request for you, that ye may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to the might of His glory."—Col. 1:1-9 (ASV)

The first time I ever heard George W. Truett was in a meeting in Memphis. I was a young preacher, just out of the Seminary. It was in my home church, and I was ordained during that meeting. The first night the great preacher, then in the prime of his life and at the height of his power, preached to Christians on prayer. With his matchless earnestness and sincerity he talked about our prayers, how we neglect sometimes to pray, and why sometimes our prayers are not answered because they are not offered in the right spirit or with sufficient faith, and then how prayers are answered and what they really mean. He closed the service with a prayer for his hearers that just reached right up to the throne of grace and made us all conscious that God was there and that He was surely listening.

After the benediction the young preacher kept his seat: I was overcome by the powerful impact of that service. It was some time before I could get control of myself. My mother said to me, "What did you think of Dr. Truett?" seriously and earnestly I said, "I have never heard anything like it before: it has overwhelmed me!"

Many Christians, some Christian leaders, are at their best in prayer. When they lift up their hearts to God you see the source of their life and leadership. I once knew a country preacher, who had little education or training, and who frequently made errors in grammar when speaking. But when he led in prayer, his diction was perfect: he never made a mistake. The Holy Spirit gave him utterance and even chose his words for him!

The Apostle Paul was great in prayer. His prayers are the high-water marks of some of his epistles, especially Ephesians and Colossians. A writer has said, "No parts of his letters are so lofty, so impassioned, so full of his soul, as when he rises from speaking of God to men to speaking to God for men. This prayer for the Colossians sets forth the ideal of

Editorial Note:—This was the annual sermon delivered before the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Danville by William Cooke Boone, long the esteemed leader of Kentucky Baptists. It was also his farewell sermon to the Baptists of the state as he accepts retirement from the active secretaryship. However, he is not retiring from the ministry. He has already held one revival meeting at Lancaster, Kentucky, and is scribbling dates for other meetings in his date book for other meetings and supply work. He and his affable, charming wife, Ruth Trotter Boone, are making their home at 307 Morningside Drive, Jackson, Tennessee.

Christian character." How anxious he was that all those who loved Christ should be better men!

What Paul desired for his friends at Colossae is what all true Christians should earnestly seek for themselves. It may be summarized in three petitions: that we may have spiritual insight, that we may live as Christians should, and that we may be given power for the task. Shall we not ask God to give us these things for ourselves?

I

Spiritual Insight. "That ye may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding."

The real foundation of Christian character is laid in the knowledge of the will of God. Someone has said that the master passion of Paul's life was to know Jesus better, and he longed for that for all other Christians. He knew that the antidote to false teaching and all error is found in more knowledge of God and of His will. He rejoiced whenever one showed signs of spiritual wisdom and intelligence. He did not pray for larger numbers, or bigger budgets, or better buildings and equipment, but he did pray that we might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Other things will take care of themselves, if one has that spiritual intelligence and insight.

A visitor to the home of a wealthy man was surprised to see on the wall of his host's bed-room a life preserver, faded and discolored. He commented on it, and the host said, "That is not an ordinary life preserver. This one saved my life when I was in the water ten hours before being rescued when the ship I was on had been sunk by a submarine. I keep it hanging there so I can see it the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. It helps to keep me grateful and appreciative."

We Christians need to keep Christ before us constantly, the last thing at night and the first thing in the morning. If we did, we should be more grateful Christians and the thought of pleasing Him would be with us constantly. Remembering Him, recalling what He has done for us, helps us know His will, and makes us want to do it.

We need to know more about the will of God for us. We need to have deeper convictions of what is right. We need to know more of the Scriptures and their

message to us and to the world. People are hungry today for the preaching of the Scriptures. The world has floundered to the very brink of the chasm in following human wisdom and schemes, in exalting science and secular education, with God left out. Surely the clock has struck and the hour is come for men to seek the knowledge of the will of God. If the peace for which we long and for which we pray is to be lasting it must be based on righteousness and be constructed with spiritual insight. God's people must lead in this, not only in prayer, but in the exertion by every possible means of their influence on our leaders. The only hope for humanity lies in recognizing and obeying the will of God. God give us all more spiritual insight to know His will and to do it!

II

The second petition in this prayer for Christians is RIGHT LIVING. "To walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work."

There are two possible interpretations of this phrase, to walk worthily of the Lord. The first is to walk, to live in a way worthy of what He has done for us. The second is to walk as He would walk, to live in a way that will honor Him by following His example.

To walk worthily of what He has done for us requires our deepest gratitude, our most earnest efforts, our full surrender and consecration. The Psalmist asks, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits to me?" What can we do to show that we are grateful for all that Christ has done for us? When heaven's richest treasure has been poured out for us, can we repay that with a few pennies grudgingly given, or with a little reluctant obedience? Gratitude, worthy living, calls for our best.

A Scottish minister told of a visit to the home of Sir Harry Lauder. In Lauder Hall he saw a remarkable stained glass window, with the inscription, "This house is God's gift," and below it a square enclosing the letter L. Sir Harry interpreted it: "This house is God's gift. You will ask how that came about. Well, you see God gave me life; He gave me health; He gave me humor; He gave me the gift of song. All these are God's gifts. I have tried to use them worthily, and through using them this house has been made possible: so this house is God's gift. And now you see the L . . . Yes, it stands for Lauder, but it is Lauder on a square. And the L on the square means that Harry Lauder has nothing to be ashamed of. I have never sung a word that causes me regret today, or that has led anyone astray." There is a good example for us, to use all God's gifts to us worthily, gratefully, and never to do anything of which we need be ashamed.

To walk worthily of the Lord also means to walk as He would walk if He

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Whose Christmas?

There's still something wonderful and sweet about Christmas though commercialism and paganism increasingly threaten to rob the season of all religious semblance. It's time that we who know the Messiah do more than talk about putting Christ back into Christmas.

Some of the contemporary Christmas trappings must go if Christ is to find room to return to Christmas. There's simply no room for Him in the Christmas Inn where profit-hungry merchants bring Santa Claus in on Thanksgiving Day riding on the back of a turkey or via airplane, helicopter, boat, or anything else which will excite parents and stampede children. The annual advent of Santa in most communities today brings more people to town than the county fair, and more pushing and shoving than anyone except the most rugged can survive.

Spending sprees, expensive indulgence, drunkenness and revelry, all of which are typical of the modern Christmas, are dishonoring to the Christ Whose name we borrow for the occasion. Even the huge outlay for Christmas cards becomes questionable when it is remembered that Americans spend more for greeting cards than for medical research.

This is not to say that much of the Christmas we know cannot be Christ-honoring and spiritually profitable. Even though the name comes from the ancient Christ's Mass of the Roman Catholic observance, we can still worship the true Christ without the superstition of the mass.

And though it is almost certain Jesus was not born in December, we can use December 25 for remembering the event in the absence of the known day of His birth. The fact that the pagan Saturnalia, or festival of lights, of the Romans probably accounts for the date for Christmas can serve to remind us that Jesus came as the true God in order that no one need worship pagan Saturn.

Even the lights on the Christmas tree, which may be a vestige of man's worship of the winter solstice when the sun returned to supremacy to make the days longer, can point us to the true light of the world. For that matter the green Christmas tree can speak of immortality of man which is not natural, but a gift of God.

The important thing is that all these trappings added to the simple story of the birth of the Babe in Bethlehem not make us deaf to the message of the heralding angels, "For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Unless commercialism and paganism are headed, the day will soon be upon us when the churches will

have to reject the whole mess of modern Christmas and start over.

In this alarming hour of decline of Baptist giving and sharing Christ with the world, we could well start to stem the tide by trimming our Christmas list to one gift—a gift to the Christ of Christmas through His church.

They Never Give Up

The audacious proposals for huge state subsidies for parochial school pupils' tuition and transportation as recently reported in the press seems so unreasonable as not to be taken seriously. Nevertheless, they become very serious when seen as part of a pattern of determined effort by some to grab the state treasury for purposes of religious instruction and indoctrination.

According to press releases the 1962 General Assembly will be asked for \$18,000,000 for parochial school tuition grants and free school bus transportation for 90,000 parochial pupils.

The proposals come from an organization known as Citizens for Educational Freedom. This apparently is a Roman Catholic front under the name of a citizens' movement. It had been predicted earlier that such organizations would spring up.

The same group circulated literature favoring parochial school aid legislation when it was an issue in the national congress earlier this year. The organization sounds as if it serves as a voice of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Present chances for favorable action on such proposals are almost nil for several reasons. On the very surface such measures are unconstitutional according to the Kentucky and the United States Constitutions. Even Roman Catholic President Kennedy holds this view.

Besides the principle involved, there is also the practical consideration of lack of funds. The General Assembly is hard pressed to find funds for current programs of public education to say nothing of such huge outlays for private and parochial schools.

About the most the group can expect is the winning of some public sentiment which might prepare the way for public aid to parochial schools in years ahead. Let sincere and well meaning Kentuckians be careful who without thorough reflection might be inclined to say, "Oh, why not help them?" or "Pity the little children passed up by public school buses."

Remember these parochial school pupils and their parents have by their own choice rejected for themselves the great American public school system. Public schools and public school transportation are theirs for the acceptance. Thus, their plight is their own

making. When understood correctly, sympathy is not so easily forthcoming.

Any individual or organization has a right to its own convictions. However, it has no right to twist arguments to make black appear white. In all honesty Citizens for Educational Freedom is misnamed. It could more rightly be called Citizens for Educational Bondage or Citizens for Destruction of the Constitution.

Adherents for parochial school aid from public funds never give up. If persistence prevails they'll get it yet, especially if the defenders for separation go to sleep.

A Pastor, A People and God

No sight is more encouraging for earth or heaven than a Baptist church and a pastor working heart to heart and hand to hand. Such a scene is assurance that the Lord is still leading His church where His guidance is accepted.

Too often in our day a church is not quite happy with the pastor and/or the pastor is not happy with the church. Therefore things drag along with both pastor and people remembering a brighter day in the past and waiting for a brighter one ahead.

Not so in the case of the Isaban Baptist Church and Pastor Bill Nichols. Isaban is a little community in a rather remote spot in the edge of West Virginia near the Kentucky boundary. The church is a member of the Pike Association in Kentucky. Bill Nichols is the Isaban pastor who arrived on the scene last June as a summer student worker.

Bill and Charmaine arrived in Isaban only two days after their marriage at Simpsonville on June 2. Not having transportation, they were taken to their assignments as summer student missionaries by Pike Association Missionary John Hammatt.

Bill was not even ordained. The church had been

without a pastor for several years. He was left largely to his own devices. As the world counted prospects, his and Isaban's were not bright. Among other difficulties was the low income level of this mountain community. The farm of one member of many Baptist churches in more productive areas of Kentucky is likely more productive than the entire Isaban community.

But difficulties are only challenges to God's people and the lack of money has never stopped zealous people of God. Certainly evidence of this truth is seen in the partial list of accomplishments at Isaban since last June. Here they are:

- Redecorated the inside of the building.
- Purchased pews at a cost of \$600.
- Painted outside of the building and repaired the roof.
- Began and equipped a nursery.
- Repaired fluorescent lights in auditorium.
- Remodeled a near-by building for use as Sunday School Annex and recreation.
- Organized a choir.
- Reorganized Brotherhood.
- Reorganized the Training Union and held a methods study course with 60% of the membership in attendance.
- Elected deacons, trustees and ushers.
- Held a Bible School at the church and two mission Bible Schools.
- Adopted a budget for the first time and included a percent for the Cooperative Program and \$7.50 per month for associational missions.
- Called Nichols as its full-time pastor on the field.
- Isaban is the only missionary Baptist church for miles around, but judging by her present zeal and effort, she will have sister churches in the area before long. Probably it has not yet been seen what a church and a pastor completely dedicated to the Lord can accomplish.

BAPTIST FORUM



A Warning and a Suggestion

Editor:

The following is quoted from the Louisville Times of November 20, 1961: "The Vatican's delegate in Washington, Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, called on Catholics to support the views that Catholic schools should share in any federal school aid bill."

Now that the Pope has come out in the open to direct the Roman Catholic Hierarchy's fight to get Federal aid for their schools, the Catholics in this country can no longer claim, as did Kennedy during his campaign for President, that this controversy concerns only

the Catholic Churches in the United States.

It is high time that we Baptists, and other Protestants, realize that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, like the camel that got his head under the tent, is using the Federal Aid to Education as a means of getting a foothold in order to destroy separation of Church and State, and to destroy Religious Freedom, and eventually to take over complete control of our Government so it will be operated from the Vatican instead of Washington. With a Catholic President and Speaker of the House, Catholics in the House and Senate, and other important offices of Government these things can and will

be accomplished unless we organize to prevent it.

The Lord willing, I will be seventy-two years of age February 18, 1962. I was raised in the Catholic Church and was a member of a Catholic organization. I left the Catholic Church at the age of twenty-five. Based on my knowledge and experience I warned the people of the south against supporting Kennedy for President, but a majority thought their duty was to their party instead of their Church and Country. The time is shorter than we think. Now is the time to put our God and our Country first, and act.

I offer the following suggestion for action:

Using our Baptist Brotherhood as a basis, let each state to which this letter is being addressed, send at least twenty-five laymen to Washington when the Federal Aid to Education Bill is up for hearing, to demonstrate and cooperate with the Baptist lobby. Details to be worked out later.
Lyndon, Ky.

L. W. Reigel

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were here today, to live as He would live, if He were here. Nothing less is a walk worthy of the Lord. We need to set our watches by His dial, to try to do as He would do, that we may be worthy of Him.

Three generations of young Christians have been helped and blessed by the little book, "In His Steps," which has had a greater circulation than any other book in America save the Bible. A group of young people agreed to try to do what Christ would do, if He were here and if He were in their position. It is a challenging thought. Do we do as He would do? Is there anything we do which He would not do? Is there anything we fail to do, which He would do, if He were you or I? The Scriptures command us to be imitators of the Lord. May we not pray that in this way we may walk worthily of Him?

III.

The third petition in this prayer for Christians is that we may have **POWER** for the **TASK**. "Strengthened with all power, according to the might of His glory."

The word used for power as you know is our word *dynamite*. But as A. T. Robertson suggested, the figure of armor might have been in Paul's mind, like the Christian armor described in Ephesians; but today we might think of armored tanks, that were a deciding factor in the last great war. But now we have atomic power, nuclear power, vastly greater than anything ever dreamed of before. The Christian needs even more than that, superlative power measured by God's might, if he is to win. And even Khrushchev's 50 megaton bomb is like a tiny fire-cracker beside the power of Almighty God!

But the power we want is constructive, not destructive. As we hope to use "atoms for peace," so we need to use God's great power for good and for righteousness.

A poor woman kept a strawberry plant in her window, because she was too poor for an animal pet, but she said it was a comfort to her, for she knew it could only live by the power of God, and as she saw it live and grow from day to day she knew that God was near.

Someone has used the phrase, "The tremendous force of the sunbeam, which falls so gently on a sleeper's face as not to disturb the closed eyes, but is a parable of the strength that characterizes the divine glory." Some scientists think that the great power of the future will be solar power, for the energy of the sun is far greater than any that is possible on earth. But God's spiritual might is far above all we can imagine, and it is available to all those who are in contact and communication with Him. God's power is limited only by our capacity to

receive, and that may grow from time to time. If we are to have spiritual insight, if we are to walk worthily of the Lord, we need to be strengthened with that power which comes from above, the power of the Holy Spirit working through those who are His.

There are times when we are weak, times when we are burdened, so that we feel we cannot survive. There are sorrows that overwhelm, temptations that overcome, tasks that seem too utterly beyond our power even to attempt. But this vast source of divine power is ours to use, if we will appropriate it or clear the channel so that it may come into us.

Did you ever take a trip up the river on a steamboat? If you did you remember how the boat made its way into a lock at the bottom of the dam, and you stood on the deck and looked up at the walls of the lock, and listened to the roar of the water dashing over the dam. Then the gates are closed and the water turned into the lock, and it gradually fills, and the boat with all that is in it is lifted from the lower level below to the upper level of the river, and then the lock gate is opened and the boat continues its journey upstream.

Our poor lives may be like that. We are on the lower level, and we feel empty and helpless. But at a time like that we can make use of prayer and using the lever of faith we can draw on the great source of power and fullness above, until we are lifted up above our weakness and our need, our temptations and our sins, our burdens and our losses, and go on to victory with God. Prayer gives us power for the task. Let us earnestly pray that we may be strengthened with all power, according to the might of His glory.

That, my brethren, is my prayer for you.

In conclusion I will quote a verse which I first thought I might use as a text for this message, but I found I could not do it. It is not easy to say Good-Bye to those you love. Here, then, is perhaps my last word to Kentucky Baptists. It is from II Corinthians 13:11:

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

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Turkey Creek Mission

Herman D. Moore, superintendent of buildings and grounds at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, has been pastor of Turkey Creek Mission (a mission of First Baptist Church, Barbourville), for five years. Jesse Hatfield is pastor of the Barbourville church. With 76 enrolled in Sunday school, there was an attendance of 55 on October 8, with 51 Bibles brought, 53 contributing and everyone staying for preaching services. Four of the classes were 100% in their records that day. Fifty-seven of those enrolled were present 39 out of the 52 Sundays last year, in spite of poor roads and lack of transportation.

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Isaban Baptist Church

Isaban Ordains William Nichols

The Isaban Baptist Church, Isaban, West Virginia, has ordained William Nichols as a gospel minister. Five churches of the Pike Association of Baptists assisted the Isaban Church in the ordination service. The Isaban congregation, though located in West Virginia, is a member of the Pike Association of Baptists in the Pikeville area of Kentucky.

The ordination was somewhat unusual in that Nichols had served the church since last summer through the summer student work program and had led in a remarkable revitalization program of the church (see editorial).

Among those serving on the ordaining council were C. C. Varney, pastor of the Unity Baptist Church; Lewis M. Ader, pastor of the East Williamson Baptist Church, East Williamson, West Virginia; R. Gene Livingood, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church; Joseph I. Smith, pastor of the Aflex Baptist Church, and John Hammatt, Pike Associational missionary.

The council concluded that the candidate answered all questions satisfactorily and recommended his ordination to the Isaban Church. Nichols and his wife, the former Charmaine Horton, came to Isaban on June 4, 1961, as student summer workers. They had been married only two days earlier at Simpsonville and were taken to their place of service by Pike Associational Missionary John Hammatt.

The Isaban Church has called Nichols as full-time pastor. This is the significant step, according to Associational Missionary Hammatt, because the church is the only missionary Baptist church for miles around.

C. Edwin Gheens, Candy Manufacturer, Businessman, Trustee, Dies in Louisville

C. Edwin Gheens, a beloved member of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital at the age of 83 on Saturday night, November 11. The funeral was held at Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, on Tuesday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m. Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Officiating at the services were Dr. Edwin F. Perry, Broadway pastor, and Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mr. Gheens, who since 1920 had been president and sole owner of Bradas and Gheens, believed to be the oldest continuously operated candy-manufacturing firm in the nation, was admitted to the Baptist hospital November 2. He had been ill for several months.

Mr. Gheens took an extremely active interest in the seminary and he and his father, the late C. W. Gheens, together gave a total of 73 years of service to the seminary.

Mr. Gheens was named to the board in 1921 and had served as chairman of the trustee financial board since 1932. In addition, he originated and supported the Gheens Lectureship, which brings famed scholars to the campus each year. In 1959, in appreciation for the Gheens family, the seminary's major lecture hall was named after the family.

A year earlier, in 1958, the seminary board of trustees had presented Mr. Gheens a Statement of Appreciation. The statement included these words:

"In this Christian brotherhood it is well that we pause from time to time to pay our respects to and show our gratitude for our fellow members who have labored long and faithfully in the service of our Lord. Nothing short of profound Christian love is due a brother like C. E. Gheens. He has been a follower of Christ for many years in faithful service to his church, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his fellow man."

The trustees at that time noted that Mr. Gheens had been a member of the board under four presidents, Drs. Mullins, Sampey, Fuller, and McCall, and one acting president, Dr. Dobbins. "He has rendered invaluable service to the seminary as a member of the Executive Committee, a member of the Financial Board, and a member of the Investment Committee," the statement continued.

"To all those who know him he is a sweet, kind Christian character with a heart of gold and full of love for his fellow man. . . . We want to express gratefully and humbly from the bottom of our hearts our appreciation and love for this fine Christian. . . . We are deeply thankful that it has been our honor and

privilege to know and work with him. We are better men for it."

Mr. Gheens was a member of Broadway Baptist Church for some 70 years and had been a deacon and trustee.

His career in the candy-making business in Louisville began in 1899 when he became a partner of James Bradas. He took over the firm upon Bradas' retirement.

But his business interests extended beyond the candy firm. He was president of the Gheens Foundation and manager and owner of Koch's Dairy Farm and the Golden Ranch Plantation in Gheens, Louisiana.

His associates credited Mr. Gheens with excellent business foresight. When a crop disease threatened sugar-rising activities on his Louisiana plantation, he successfully introduced, among other things, cattle raising.

In 1937 he reportedly warned of the flood in Louisville. Some paid no attention to his warning, but Mr. Gheens provided protection for his business and property and food for his employees and saved his factory from damage.

Mr. Gheens is said to have foreseen raw-material shortages that were caused by World War II and the Cuban revolution and made provision for his business in both instances.

A native of Louisville, Mr. Gheens was the son of the late Charles W. and Mary B. Gheens. His father, also a successful businessman and member of the board of trustees of the seminary from 1889 to 1921, was a descendant of Jonathan Parker, who fired the first shot in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Gheens enjoyed tennis, hunting, and marksmanship throughout his life.

He was a director of the Cook Benevolent Institution and the Louisville River Area Foundation. He was a member of the Pendennis Club, the Louisville Country Club, the River Valley Country Club, the Filson Club, the English-Speaking Union, and a life member of the Historic Homes Foundation.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Jo Lazarus of Bowling Green, Ky., two nephews, and two nieces.

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Religious News in Review

Baptists in Kentucky

The **First Baptist Church, Mayfield**, recently honored **John C. Huffman** on his seventh anniversary of the Mayfield pastorate. The weekly bulletin featured messages of commendation and appreciation from staff members, heads of the church organizations, and the associational missionary.

The **Highland Baptist Church, Louisville**, passed resolutions of appreciation for **Pastor David A. Nelson**. Nelson has resigned to accept the call of the **First Baptist Church, Owensboro**.

Glenn Graber, a sophomore student at the University of Kentucky, has been appointed as a summer missionary under the Baptist Student Union's summer missions program. Graber is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Grabber, Ashland**.

December 3 was dedication day for the **Central Baptist Church, Corbin**. A new educational building, a parking lot, and a new carpet were dedicated in a 4:00 p.m. dedication service. **Pastor J. Bill Jones** and several officers welcomed members and guests of the church by arranging for an open house prior to the dedication service.

Pastor R. G. Shelton was honored by the **Latonia Baptist Church** on December 3 upon the 11th anniversary as pastor. High attendance goals were set in honor of the pastor who was presented gifts of appreciation on the anniversary celebration.

Library meetings at the **Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville**, held December 6-8 were attended by **C. R. Hill**, South District associational missionary; **Tom Francis**, Green Valley associational missionary; **G. R. Henson**, Boone's Creek associational missionary, and **James Rose**, pastor, **Stanton Baptist Church, Stanton**.

The **Post Oak Baptist Church, Russellville**, has called **Marc Ball** as minister of music. Ball will serve the church on a part-time basis since he is a student at **Western State College**. He is presently a member of the **First Baptist Church, Bowling Green**.

The **Union Baptist Church, Lewis County**, has called **Ed James**, a student at **Georgetown College**, as pastor.

E. P. Whitt has resigned the **Brodhead Baptist Church** to become a pioneer missionary for the **Home Mission Board** in **West Virginia**.

Baptists Elsewhere

Gifts from Kentucky Baptists to south-wide causes through the **Cooperative Program** in November amounted to \$72,808. Comparative figures show that only eight states in the Southern Baptist Convention contributed a larger amount. The eight were **Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia**.

Many Baptist families on the **Columbia Islands** of **San Andres and Providencia** were left homeless by a late October hurricane. Some families, including that of a Baptist pastor, are living under trees, according to a report from the **Foreign Mission Board**.

Brooks Hays, Southern Baptist layman and former president of the **Southern Baptist Convention**, has been named as special assistant to **President John F. Kennedy**. President Kennedy expressed his pleasure in having Hays as one of his assistants.

Baylor University, Waco, Texas, has named **Lyn Raney**, a Houston public relations man, as assistant coordinator of public relations. Raney is a **Baylor graduate** and a former newsman for the **Waco News-Tribune** and the **Temple Daily Telegram**.

An analysis of per-capita giving for 47 major denominations by the **National Council of Churches** ranked **Southern Baptists** as 40th on the list. The average **Southern Baptist** gave \$55.68 in 1960, based on 8,600,000 members. Highest ranking of all was the **Presbyterian Church** in the U. S. (Southern).

At least 15 adults and three older teen-agers have accepted Christ in recent months in one **Thailand** village. This is an "unheard of" response for **Buddhist Thailand**. Among the converts are a grandmother and seven school teachers.

University Baptist Church, Beirut, Lebanon, was officially constituted on Sunday, November 12, with 12 charter members. English-speaking, the church hopes to minister to students and faculty of the **American University of Beirut**, as well as to the city's other English-speaking people.

P. R. Jones Retires as Dean

Professor Parry Raymond Jones has been teaching at **Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky.**, for the last 52 years, and has been its dean for the last 35 years. He is now retiring as dean of the institution, but will continue to teach and give his full time as professor of chemistry, making his headquarters in the **Science Building**. When he started teaching in 1909 he taught chemistry, physics and mathematics. Later he added botany, and for some years was athletic coach, just to fill out his spare time, in basketball, and for a while in football. In time he shifted his teaching to chemistry. He committed matrimony on August 31, 1911, and he and his wife, **Nellie**, observed their golden wedding anniversary recently.

Kentucky Leaders in Nashville

A considerable portion of **Kentucky Baptist Building** personnel will be in **Nashville** during the week of **December 11-15**. They will attend the annual conference for leaders from the various **Southern Baptist states** where plans and emphases for 1963 will be discussed in detail. Among those attending the meeting from **Kentucky** will be **General Secretary Harold G. Sanders; James H. Whaley, Stanley Howell, Bob Wayne, and Mickey Martin** from the **Training Union Department; J. Chester Durham** from the **Baptist Student Union Department; Roy E. Boatwright, Francis R. Tallant, Gordon Sather, Mrs. Lyman Austin** from the **Sunday School Department; and Eugene F. Quinn** from the **Church Music Department**.

New Negro Convention

The **Progressive Baptist Convention of America** is the name of a new organization of **Negro Baptists** which has split off from the **National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.** Its first president is **T. M. Chambers, Sr., Los Angeles, Calif.**

Secretary Sanders Challenges Board Members

Members of the **Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention**, in a day-long meeting on **December 5** at the **Kentucky Baptist Building** in **Middletown**, heard a ringing challenge from **General Secretary-Treasurer Harold G. Sanders**. The newly elected **Kentucky Baptist leader** who has been on the job only 60 days delivered a "state-of-the-nation" address on the present affairs of **Kentucky Baptists**. Board members agreed that the secretary's address revealed an amazing insight into the present state of affairs of **Kentucky Baptists**, and provided a strong challenge for a more noble performance by **Kentucky Baptists** in the months and years ahead.

The secretary used as his subject, "**Crises and Challenge**."

"While the present crisis has financial aspects, it is fundamentally spiritual and moral," said **Secretary Sanders**. He called for repentance on the part of all **Baptists**, including the leaders, for the present predicament, and issued a challenge for greater faith and performance in the period ahead. He gave a comprehensive interpretation of the **Cooperative Program** and its place in **Baptist life**. He assured **Board members** that all programs and materials issuing from the **Kentucky Baptist Building** would be centered in the **Cooperative Program**. He expressed the hope that **Kentucky Baptists** would be as familiar with the term "**Cooperative Program**" as with "**Coca-Cola**."

Kruschwitz Elected Chairman

The **Board members** made provision for a copy of the address of **Secretary Sanders** to be placed in the hands of every **Kentucky Baptist pastor** with a hope that its message would be shared with all the members of every **Kentucky Baptist Church**.

Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor, **Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown**, was elected chairman of the **Executive Board** to succeed **Carroll Hubbard** whose term on the **Board** has expired. **Kruschwitz** is also president of the **Kentucky Baptist Convention**. Elected to serve with the new chairman were **Norris G. Hite**, pastor, **First Baptist Church, Scottsville**, as vice-chairman; **T. L. McSwain**, pastor, **Third Baptist Church, Owensboro**, as secretary; and **Herbert C. Zachry**, pastor, **Central Baptist Church, Winchester**, as assistant secretary.

C. L. Hardcastle, **Blackford Association**, and **Isadore Childers**, **McCreary County Association**, were elected to vacancies on the **Executive Board**.

Standing committees of the **Executive Board** were elected upon nomination by the **Board's Nominating Committee**. Chairman for the committees are: **W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville, Administrative; Denzil Dukes, Paducah, Program; Ralph McConnell, Munfordville, Denomina-**

tional Cooperation; Eddie E. Hatfield, Owensboro, State Missions; R. G. Shelton, Eddyville, Finance; and Ted C. Gilbert, Frankfort, Christian Education. In later action, the **Executive Board** voted to make the **Christian Education Committee** a special committee rather than a standing committee of the **Board**.

The **Committee on Magoffin Institute** was continued for another year upon request from the committee.

Lunch at Spring Meadows

The **Board** took time out at 12:30 for lunch at **Spring Meadows Children's Home Baptist Building** personnel joined the **Board** for the dinner and each department in the **Baptist Building** introduced its workers to the members of the **Executive Board** at the luncheon.

Upon resumption of the meeting following the **Spring Meadows' luncheon**, the **Executive Board** heard reports from its various committees including the **Cedarmore Committee, the Finance Committee, the State Missions Committee, the Denominational Cooperation Committee, and the Program Committee**.

The **Board** instructed **General Secretary Sanders** to call the **Christian Education Committee** to meet and take initial steps toward setting up the **Christian Education Department** and clearing the way for the capital funds campaign for **Christian Education** approved by the **Kentucky Baptist Convention**. The action calls for preparation in 1962 and the actual conduct of the campaign in 1963.

Departmental Budgets Cut

A major portion of the afternoon session was spent in considering and approving detail budgets for various departments of work conducted by the **Executive Board**. These budgets showed slight declines from last year due to a drop in anticipated income. The **Board** plans to operate on the same budget as last year, but departments have been asked to accept some decreases because of necessary increases in other areas.

The **Board** approved slight increases in the salaries of **Baptist Building personnel**. The cut-backs came in the operating expenses of the various departments.

In miscellaneous business the **Board** approved resolutions in opposition to recent proposals from an organization known as **Citizens for Educational Freedom** for huge state subsidies for parochial school pupils and parochial pupil transportation. Also under miscellaneous business came the appointment of a special committee to confer with **Kentucky Governor Bert Combs** and the **Commissioner of Revenue** concerning **Baptist opposition to the sales tax** upon purchases by **Kentucky churches** and church agencies. Members of this committee are **John Huffman, Franklin Owen, Harold D. Sanders, C. R. Daley and Joseph Stopher**.

Other items considered by the **Board** included a financial report from the **Western Recorder** and a change in the meeting time of the **Executive Committee** in connection with the annual **Kentucky Baptist Convention**. The **Board's meeting** which hitherto has been conducted following the **Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Meeting session** on **Monday night** before the opening of the **Convention** on **Tuesday**, has been changed to 4:00 p.m. on the same day.

Brief organizational meetings of the new committees of the **Board** were held following the adjournment. The next meeting of the **Executive Board** will be on **Tuesday, May 8, 10:00 a.m. (EST)**, at the **Kentucky Baptist Building**.

Sanders to Keynote Evangelistic Conference



H. G. Sanders

The opening message of the **1962 Evangelistic Conference** at **Walnut Street Baptist Church, January 15**, will be delivered by **General Secretary Harold G. Sanders**. "Introducing Jesus" will be **Dr. Sanders' subject**. This message will keynote the **Conference** theme, "**New Testament Evangelism**." The **Conference** opens at 6:45 p.m., **E.S.T.** Every pastor in the state will benefit by attending.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Sunday School

Report of Standard Units 1960-61

By Roy E. Boatwright

Total Standard Units for last Sunday school year, October 1, 1960, through September 30, 1961—551.



R. E. Boatwright

This includes 99 Standard Sunday schools, 4 Standard Associations, 5 Cradle Roll departments, 25 groups; 38 Nursery departments; 29 Beginner departments; 30 Primary departments; 13 Junior departments, 120 classes; 6 Intermediate departments, 53 classes; 1 Young People's department, 13 classes, 9 Adult departments, 99 classes, and 1 Extension department, 6 groups.

When Standards are adopted and promoted, better Sunday school work is done. Every Sunday school should strive to reach all of the points on the standard. The standard should serve as a minimum instead of a maximum goal. Departments and classes likewise will do better work when standards are used as a guide.

Order from your Sunday School Department all standard applications which you will need.

Training Union

Group Learning Clinic . . . On Programing

By Bob Wayne

Perhaps your attention has already been called to the first Group Learning Clinic . . . On Programing that is to be held by the Southern Baptist Convention. If not, let me take this opportunity to tell you something about it.

The purpose of the Group Learning Clinic is to train leaders by giving them opportunities to participate in the steps necessary in planning for effective group learning in Training Union. The major emphasis will be on *learning by doing*.

Some of the program features will include:

Bible study featuring a television presentation followed by discussion in small groups.

Study of the objectives of Training Union.

A "unit" each day of four related sessions dealing with one or more of the steps in planning for group learning.

A variety of afternoon sessions providing time for additional demonstrations, work, and practice in areas of special interest.

Listed below are some of the topics for afternoon discussion:

How to Find and Use Resource Materials

How to Extend Group Learning Principles into Church Activities

How to Use Dramatic Methods

How to Plan with Juniors and Intermediates

Using Art Materials with Primaries

An Environment for Learning for Children

Using Music for Learning

There will be an inspirational period climaxing each day's activities.

You will want to be a part of Kentucky's group at the Group Learning Clinic . . . on Programing. The Clinic will be held at the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Write now to the motel or hotel of your choice for accommodations. For private home accommodations write: Mrs. T. M. Deaton, 934 Kensington Place, Memphis, Tennessee. A charge of \$1.50 per day will be made for home reservations.

Woman's Missionary Union

Does "Well Done" Describe Your Group

By Mrs. Hugo Culpepper

"Well Done" can describe the work for many W.M.S.'s in Kentucky for 1960-1961. It was work well done as shown in these two categories of Aims for Advancement awards.

	1960	1961
Honor	26	47
Approved	55	98

However, a loss was shown in those attaining the Advanced standing.

"Well Done" can be written above the charts of these following eight societies.

On their mission study charts these gained the full 500 points:

Association	Church
Caldwell	Suwanee Furnace
Daviess-McLean	Island
Daviess-McLean	Yellow Creek
Enterprise	Licking River
Russell County	First, Russell Springs
Russell Creek	Greensburg
South District	First, Danville
Warren	Greenwood

"Well Done" can be said of Caldwell Association. There are 22 societies in this association. Ten of these gained recognition on the Mission Study Chart. If all associations were to do as much, we would have over 700 churches in Kentucky attaining this recognition. However we are happy that in 1961 we had 108 churches receiving this recognition as compared to 69 last year.

"Extremely Well Done" could be said of the First Church W.M.S. of Russell Springs. This society did the best work of all in Kentucky on their Aims for Advancement last year. Everything on their chart was checked except for one elective. They did all the basics, and missed only one elective. Added to this they had 500 points on their Mission Study Chart. Congratulations to the women of this society—you are tops!

Church Music

Going to Ridgecrest or Glorieta?

By Eugene F. Quinn

Now is the time to decide whether you are going to Ridgecrest or Glorieta. The time to mail your request for preferable accommodations is Sunday, December 31.



E. F. Quinn

Now, therefore, is also the time to encourage your fellow leaders to plan to go. Please note: Children under 17 must be accompanied by one parent, because the Music Conference is definitely a leadership conference. The dates are:

Ridgecrest Music Week: June 28-July 4
Glorieta Music Week: July 19-25

Stewardship Promotion

Perfect Score!

By Thomas B. Chaney

Hearty congratulations to the churches, pastors, missionaries, and members of the nine Kentucky Baptist Associations which participated 100% in the support of world missions through the Cooperative Program in 1960-61.

Every church in each of the following associations gave through the Cooperative Program during the year:

Bethel	Salem
Henry County	Shelby County
Monroe	Sulphur Fork
Ohio Valley	Taylor County
	Whites Run

All churches *except one* in the following associations gave through the Cooperative Program: Casey County, Central, Mercer, Red River, and Simpson.



Lyman S. Allen

Lyman S. Allen, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson, will share the "Green Valley Story" with those who attend the first three of the nine regional conferences. Mr. Allen will speak at First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, on January 22; First Baptist Church, Greenville, on January 23; and at Severn's Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, on January 25.

Brotherhood

Buena Vista Church of Owensboro Engages in a Representative Program

By Forrest R. Sawyer

The Brotherhood of the Buena Vista Baptist Church, Owensboro, where Eddie Hatfield is pastor, during a recent quarter engaged in a representative program of church and denominational promotion.

One meeting was in charge of the World Mission Leader. Mr. Matt Sugg, state vice president, of Morganfield, showed slides taken during a Mexico Mission Tour which depicted areas of national interest and the work of the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

Another meeting was under the direction of the Christian Witness Leader. The results of a survey were revealed. The survey revealed 210 male members 18 years old and older, with 36 enrolled in the Brotherhood. There are 98 prospective R.A.'s with 32 enrolled. Following the presentation of the study, the men were shown methods designed to

Funeral of

Dr. E. F. Estes

At West Broadway

The funeral of Dr. Emmett F. Estes, 83, for more than 34 years pastor of the West Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, until his retirement four years ago, was held Saturday morning, November 25, in the church where he himself had preached so long, and from the pulpit where he had conducted so many funerals for his members during his more than a third of a century at Fortieth and Broadway.

Pastor John R. Claypool, of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church where Dr. Estes has held his membership since his retirement in 1957, read the Scriptures, and Pastor James G. Pickens, present pastor of West Broadway, led in prayer. The funeral sermon was delivered by Dr. Rollin S. Burhans, president of Kentucky Southern College, Louisville. Dr. Burhans and Dr. Estes were fellow Missourians, and both were graduates of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, before coming to Louisville for their seminary studies. Together they

improve their abilities as Christian witnesses.

The third meeting of the quarter was incorporated into the quarterly meeting of Daviess-McLean associational Brotherhood with the Buena Vista men putting on the program.

Statistically the men rendered the following services:

Men working with the R.A.'s on regular schedule	4
Achievements earned (ranks) by R.A. members	6
Talks with unsaved persons	24
Visits made	270
Men Witnessing	18
Tracts, New Testaments distributed	439
Reported Brotherhood members who tithe	13
Stewardship Tracts distributed	75
Visits to sick, shut-ins, needy	90
Man-hours of work given to church	120
Mission tracts distributed	10

Special Events: Mid-week prayer services in our own church once at which time filmstrip, "Souls in Your Hands," was shown with tape recorded narration.

Four Planning Committee meetings held, three of which were devoted for the most part to plans for a proposed Layman's Harvest (revival).

The officers for the ensuing year are former State Brotherhood President Don Bratcher, president; Charles Mattingly, vice president; Derward Upchurch, personal stewardship leader; Dixie Berry, Royal Ambassador leader; R. Tandy Chissom, secretary; Eugene Davis, Christian witness leader; J. Allen Newbolt, world missions leader.

had served as pastors of Louisville churches, Dr. Estes at West Broadway, and Dr. Burhans at Ormsby Avenue and later at Crescent Hill. Many of the Louisville pastors and seminary professors were in attendance, as was a host of friends.

Dr. Estes has been sick most of the time since the death of his wife two months before on September 21, 1961. He was confined for a while at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, but was moved to the Twinbrook Nursing Home, 3526 Dutchman's Lane, where he died on the morning of November 23 at 4:25 o'clock.

Dr. Estes became the successor to the late Dr. M. P. Hunt in the West Broadway pastorate when the Shawnee section was being built up and many of the houses were being erected. The church had 361 members in 1923 when he took charge, but this number was increased to 2,000 when he retired in 1957.

Twice Dr. Estes was moderator of the Long Run Association of Baptists, and he preached the annual sermon before that body in 1924 and before the General Association in 1944.

For a number of years he was a member of the Board of Directors of the *Western Recorder*, much of that time its chairman.

Among his survivors is one son, Dr. Joseph Richard Estes, member of the faculty of the European Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, and formerly pastor of the Crestwood Baptist Church, Crestwood, Ky., and the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.

One daughter, Mrs. Joseph E. (Marie Estes) Stopher, wife of a well known attorney of Louisville, was before marriage connected with the Library Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

He also leaves two other sons, James T. Estes, Charlotte, N. C., Jack F. Estes, Atlanta, Ga.; and 14 grandchildren; as well as one brother, Alfred T. Estes, St. Joseph, Mo.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park, Buechel, Ky.

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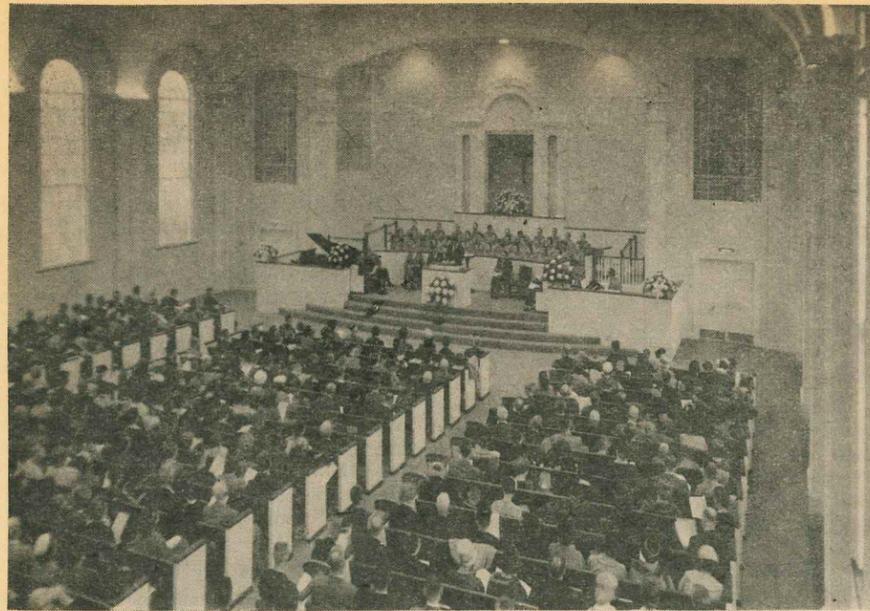
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New Sanctuary Dedicated by Harrodsburg Baptists

The new sanctuary of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church, which was begun more than a year ago, has been completed and was dedicated in a week-long observance, November 5-12.

The building becomes one of the largest and most complete among Baptists in Kentucky. It seats 1,200 worshippers and also includes a first floor extensive educational space and a dining-recreational area, with a capacity of 300.

The building is of brick structure and Southern Colonial architecture. Actual building cost amounted to about \$430,000, but furnishings will bring the total cost to more than \$600,000. Among the furnishings of the new sanctuary will be a \$40,000 organ to be installed next year, a \$7,000 carpet, and \$15,000 worth of pews.

The sanctuary was constructed on the historic site of Avalon Inn. The Avalon Inn was purchased by the church several years ago at a cost of \$40,000.

The church has 120 foot high steeple which towers over the city of Harrods-

Executive Board Opposes Parochial School Aid Proposals

By unanimous action and without debate, the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention approved strongly worded resolutions opposing any state subsidy to parochial school education and free bus service for parochial pupils.

The action was prompted by press releases which indicated that the 1962 Kentucky General Assembly would be

asked to appropriate \$18,000,000 for parochial school pupil scholarships and also a huge sum for bus transportation for parochial pupils in Kentucky.

The text of the resolutions was:

WHEREAS, December 4 and subsequent press reports reveal that the 1962 General Assembly of Kentucky will be asked to provide for an \$18,000,000 state subsidy to private and parochial education, and

WHEREAS, the reports indicate that free bus service also will be proposed for 90,000 private and parochial school pupils in Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, such proposals are clearly contrary to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Constitution of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, these proposals appear to be part of a calculated and determined effort on behalf of a few to tear down the historic wall of separation of church and state in Kentucky and America, and

WHEREAS, such proposals, if enacted, would tend to destroy the extremely valuable and greatly cherished public school system of Kentucky.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, representing over 600,000 Baptists in Kentucky, express the strongest opposition to any and all such proposals.

2. That the members of the General Assembly be requested to reject quickly and emphatically any such unconstitutional proposals

3. That the members of the General Assembly be encouraged to continue to work for the improvement of public school education in Kentucky

4. That all Kentucky Baptists be urged to express their sentiments on this matter to their representatives in the General Assembly before the convening of this body in January, 1962.

Copies of the resolutions will be sent to the members of the 1962 Kentucky General Assembly, to U. S. Representatives and Senators from Kentucky, and to the Kentucky governor.

Baker James Cauthen To Address Annual Evangelistic Conference

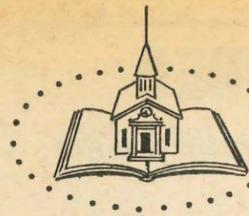
Dr. Baker James Cauthen will address the opening session of the 1962 Evangelistic Conference at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Monday night, January 15. Dr. Cauthen will speak on "Our Supreme Obligation" in the session emphasizing "World Evangelism." Churches will be sending pastors and lay people from every section of the state to this conference.



B. J. Cauthen

Hughes at Washington 25 Years

The First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., observed on December 6 the 25th anniversary of Pastor Edward Hughes Pruden with a banquet. In this quarter-century the membership has doubled, the money raised has increased from \$20,000 to \$250,000, and a Gothic building has been erected at a cost of \$1,500,000.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

GROWTH THROUGH WORSHIP

December 17

Luke 1:39-55

The story of the birth of the Christ, Whom we adore and worship, is of continual interest and constant blessing to all who know and love Him. His coming has meant more to the world by far than that of any other person. Therefore, we need to study these inspired songs of praise and worship which came from those who were thrilled about the birth of the Saviour.

Mary, a Jewish maid, was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth. It was a custom among the Jews for betrothal to precede marriage by a year. During this period of their betrothal God sent the angel, Gabriel, to inform Mary that she was the one whom He had chosen to conceive and to become the mother of a child whose name would be "Jesus." Gabriel assured Mary that God had made her the object of much grace in choosing her as the human channel through whom the Redeemer and Saviour would be brought into the world. It is no wonder that Mary was startled beyond description and beyond our imagination by the announcement of the angel. Soon all fear and perplexity left her and she believingly and submissively remarked, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." This signal honor, which for centuries had been the hope of every pious Jewish maiden, was the highest that could come to any woman.

Although Mary was honored above any other woman in being permitted to become the mother of the Lord Jesus, it is both unscriptural and sinful to deify her or to attempt to exalt her to the place of a mediator between God and man. Mary possessed many commendable traits of character, but she was neither divine nor sinless; therefore, she must never be accorded the place of deity.

Upon being informed that God had chosen her as the medium of bringing the Saviour into the world, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who resided in the hill country of Judea. When Mary arrived, Elizabeth greeted her as "the mother of my Lord." She expressed her congratulations to Mary because of her believing the promise of God through His angel, and then assured her of her utmost confidence that His promise would be fulfilled. In response to

Elizabeth's words of greeting, Mary broke forth in the words of this song, usually called "the Magnificat," which gives us a marvelous insight into her wonderful character.

I. The Character of Mary's Song.

1. It was worshipful.

A study of Mary's song reveals that praise was its keynote. Having been stirred to the depths of her soul by the announcement that she was God's chosen vessel for the coming of the Redeemer into the world, with a spirit of deep humility Mary was moved to magnify the greatness, the goodness and the graciousness of God in making her the channel of blessing to the whole world.

2. It was confessional.

Instead of being filled with pride because she had been favored so highly, Mary expressed her deep gratitude to God for the grace and goodness which He had bestowed upon her. She praised Him for what He had done for her in various ways. She said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden." She confessed her appreciation for the wonderful blessing of salvation which she had received from the Lord.

3. It was prophetic.

Mary fully realized that the great promise which God had made to Abraham, which embraced all the nations, was culminating through her. She also knew that the birth of the Saviour would be a fulfillment of many of the Old Testament prophecies. Those prophecies and promises had been made long before her day, but the One making them had not forgotten, nor would He ever forget them. Looking into the future, Mary treated those promises as if they were fulfilled already, and praised Him for His blessings.

II. The Content of Mary's Song.

1. Praise for salvation.

Mary praised and thanked God for salvation, both for herself and for others. She needed a Saviour just as every child of the human race does. She was fully conscious of her need in this regard. She said, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." She so thoroughly magnified the Lord, and thereby repudiated any idea of any worship of herself, that it is astounding that any group would ever deify her. "There is ONE

mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Timothy 2:5).

2. Praise for the divine character.

Mary praised God for His almighty power, His absolute holiness and His abundant mercy. His abundant mercy was not confined to Mary, but it is "on all them that fear him from generation to generation."

3. Praise for what the Saviour would accomplish.

It was a certainty, according to Mary, that the Saviour was to be merciful and patient, but it was also evident that He would scatter the rebellious and the proud. She gave the assurance that He would exalt those who turn from their sins and exercise faith in Him. He would also send away empty those who might arrogate importance to themselves because of the things which they had received, all of which had come from His own bountiful hand.

4. Praise for the divine faithfulness.

God's faithfulness is shown in many ways; especially in the manner by which He keeps all of His glorious promises to us. His faithfulness is a sufficient reason for our loving Him, praising Him and obeying Him.

A careful analysis of Mary's song indicates the fact that she was an earnest, diligent and believing student of the Old Testament Scriptures.

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Ira T. Caudill

Caudill was a graduate of and received his master's degree from Morehead State College, being one of the first graduates of the school. He was ordained a Baptist minister by the First Baptist Church of Pikeville, Kentucky, where he was then pastor of the Coal Run Mission.

Caudill was married to Iva DeHart, who was also a teacher. He is also survived by his four children, Dr. Paul R. Caudill, Lexington; Rev. Thomas Caudill, Simpsonville; Mrs. Caroline Jukes, Gainesville, Florida; and Mrs. Genevieve Whitt, Carlisle, Kentucky; and eight grand-children.

Mr. Caudill was 58 and had taught school 33 years. He had served as principal at Crockett, Kentucky, and Carr Creek High School. He also taught with the U. S. Navy during World War II. His longest tenure of teaching was at Pikeville City Schools where he taught 13 years.

**Mrs. I. W. Manley Dies
At Georgetown**

Mrs. I. W. Manley, one of the oldest members of the Georgetown Baptist Church, died on November 14. She was 90 years of age. Mrs. Manley was the widow of Brother I. W. Manley, widely known Kentucky Baptist preacher, who passed away several years ago. Brother and Mrs. Manley served the Lord among Kentucky Baptists for more than 60 years.

Mrs. Manley is survived by one son, Roy Manley, who is a deacon in the First Baptist Church, Ludlow, and a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Ucker, San Antonio, Texas.

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Mrs. Morrison was elected church organist in 1916, being then a little girl in the Junior Department of the Sunday school, and she has continued to fill this position ever since. Her pastor, Dr. T. J. Barksdale, says of her, "She is a devout Christian and loyal to her church. She magnifies her office and loves to serve the Lord in this capacity. She is faithful and efficient, never absent from her post unless unavoidably detained. She is interested in every phase of her church life."

Mrs. Morrison and her husband, Wickliffe J. Morrison, live at 714 Cannon's Lane, and though quite removed from vicinity of the church, are regular in their attendance. Her husband is a deacon and is moderator of the church, and like her, seldom misses Wednesday night prayer meeting.

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