

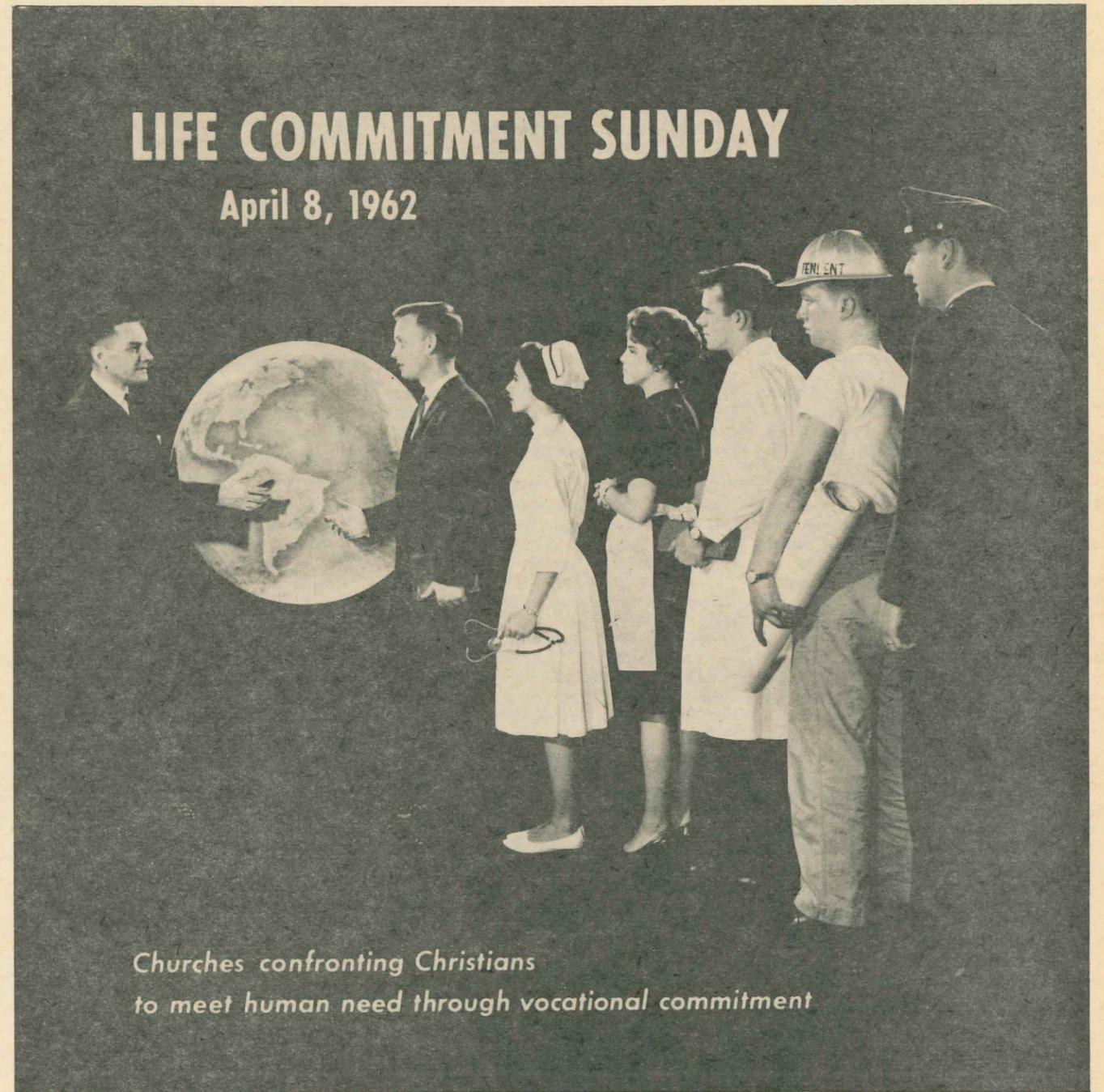


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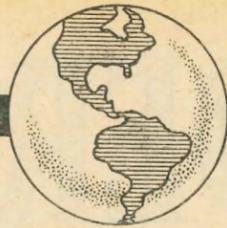
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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

Lebanon Junction Revival

Lloyd Bardowell was the evangelist assisting Pastor Ernest Cruse in a revival at the Lebanon Junction Church, resulting in 22 for baptism and 4 by letter.

Coots Visits West Virginia

Pastor C. B. Coots of the Second Baptist Church of Madisonville, Ky., will assist Pastor Louis M. Ader in a revival meeting at East Williamson Baptist Church, Williamson, West Virginia, March 25 through April 1.

South Jefferson and Immanuel

Pastor Roy A. Hamilton of Immanuel Church, Louisville, has been preaching in a series of evangelistic meetings with Pastor Dester E. Jones at the South Jefferson Baptist Church, Valley Station, Ky., March 18-25. At the conclusion of that series, Pastor Jones of South Jefferson Church will be preaching and Vernon C. Taylor, West Point, will be the singer in a revival with Pastor Hamilton at Immanuel Church, Louisville, March 25-April 1. Paul Miller, new minister of music and education at Immanuel, will also aid in this revival.

Harkins-Caudill Announcement

Miss Joyce Ann Harkins has become engaged to Mr. Donald Glenn Caudill, according to announcement made by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harkins, Louisville. Miss Harkins has attended both Georgetown College and the University of Louisville. Mr. Caudill is attending the University of Louisville. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Caudill. The wedding is scheduled at the Third Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, on June 9 at 8:00 p.m.

Hays-Evans Wedding Plans

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hays, Jr., St. Matthews, Louisville, Ky., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Barbara Sue Hays, to Mr. Clarence A. Evans. Miss Hays is a graduate of Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City, Tenn., and is in her third year as a student in Carver School of Missions and Social Work. Mr. Evans is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Clarence Evans, Hobbs, New Mexico, and is a graduate of Georgetown College and is now a third year student in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Plans call for the wedding to take place at the Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, March 31, at 4:00 o'clock.

Griffin-Bradley Wedding

The wedding of Miss Janet Griffin to Army Pfc. Glen Ed Bradley has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Griffin at the Crescent Hill Baptist Chapel, Louisville, on May 12. Miss Griffin has been a student of the University of Kentucky. Mr. Bradley is a son of General Superintendent Sam Ed Bradley, of the Board of Child Care, Middletown, Ky., and Mrs. Bradley, both of whom reside on Blankenbaker Lane, near Brownsboro Road.

Steadman-Whitehouse Engagement

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Nancy Glenn Steadman to Chaplain First Lieut. Donald Smith Whitehouse, of Chaplin, Ky., has been made by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Steadman of Middletown, Ky. Chaplain Whitehouse is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hubert H. Whitehouse, and is now with the Air Force at Montgomery, Ala. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Seminary. Miss Steadman is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky State College, Richmond, Ky. The wedding is planned for this coming spring.

Weatherspoon at Southwestern

Dr. Jesse B. Weatherspoon, Wake Forest, N. C., and formerly of Louisville, Ky., was the Founders' Day chapel speaker at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, March 14. Dr. Weatherspoon is at home in the Fort Worth school, having taught Hebrew and Old Testament there during 1913-1918. In later years he was pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, and for 16 years professor of homiletics and Christian sociology at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Rockcastle Revival Plans

Plans are proceeding for an associational-wide revival in Rockcastle Association. The revival is to feature the evangelistic ministry of Southern Baptist Department of Evangelism Secretary C. E. Autrey. It is to be held August 26-September 7 at the Brodhead Fair Grounds. Paul McCray, Fort Smith, Arkansas, will meet with Rockcastle Baptist Associational leaders on April 12 to make further plans for the August meeting. Raymond Abbott, Rockcastle Associational missionary, is leading in the plans and believes that the event will afford "opportunity to have the best revival meeting this section of Kentucky has ever known."

Physician Dies in Pineville

The funeral of Dr. Paul Wendell Adkins, 61, physician, was held at the First Baptist Church of Pineville, Ky., on Monday, March 12 at 1:30 o'clock, and burial was in the Highland Cemetery at Williamsburg at 3:30 the same day. Son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Adkins, Williamsburg, he was graduated from Cumberland College, the University of Kentucky, and the Medical School of the University of Louisville. He went to Bell County on completion of his schooling, and has subsequently practiced at Insull, Kettle Island and Pineville. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Kathleen Moseley Adkins; one daughter, Miss Kathy Adkins, a student enrolled in the University of Vienna. He is also survived by one sister, Miss Flora Adkins, Williamsburg.

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CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGN PREPARATION

Kentucky Baptist Education Survey

A survey of the present and future plant needs of all Kentucky Baptist schools and B.S.U. centers was made last week (March 11-16). All the Baptist schools in Kentucky were surveyed along with B.S.U. centers located at the Baptist schools plus those at Lexington, Morehead, Richmond, Berea, Bowling Green, Louisville, and Murray.

Dr. Doak S. Campbell, of the firm of Associated Consultants in Education, Incorporated, conducted the survey. Dr. Campbell is president emeritus of Florida State University and an outstanding Southern Baptist layman. He is regarded as a foremost expert in higher education. He was accompanied on the survey tour by Kentucky Baptist Executive Secretary Harold G. Sanders, Business Manager Garnett B. Morton, and Kentucky Baptist Student Secretary J. Chester Durham.

Preparation for Capital Funds Campaign

The survey is in keeping with a capital funds campaign for Christian education in Kentucky which has been in the planning for more than two years. The idea was first proposed in the 1960 Kentucky Baptist Convention at St. Matthews. The report of the Christian Education Committee of the Executive Board recommending such a campaign was approved.

Following further study, the Executive Board through Dr. Ted C. Gilbert, chairman of the Christian Education Committee of the Board, presented further details of the plan at the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1961 at Danville. At this time it was hinted that Baptist Student Union centers should be included in the capital funds campaign.

At this time also the campaign was set in a new framework. It will be identified with the Cooperative Program rather than be regarded as a special offering campaign, and it will be known as the "Capital Funds Phase of the Cooperative Program." It will involve a special campaign but the Cooperative Program will be emphasized and promoted in the special campaign. At the end of the campaign, the Cooperative Program budget for Kentucky will have two sections: (1) operation, (2) capital funds. The recipients of the future capi-

tal funds will be determined by the Convention from year to year.

Later Developments

The latest developments for the campaign came by suggestion of the Christian Education Committee and have the hearty endorsement of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board. This development calls for not only Baptist Student centers to be included, but also, any other capital fund needs which the Board may determine, provided such minimal needs as may be added shall "enhance the support of the entire program (campaign) and the Cooperative Program in Kentucky. It is explicitly understood that the major objective is to meet the capital needs of Baptist schools and colleges and Kentucky Southern College when qualified."

Most talked about additional capital needs to receive major consideration besides B.S.U. centers are Cedarmore, the Kentucky Baptist Assembly grounds and camps, and an additional wing to the Baptist Building in Middletown.

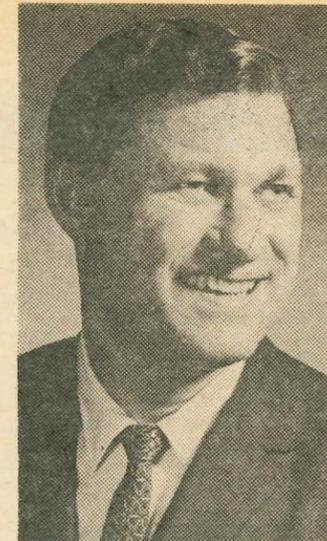
Kentucky Southern College

Kentucky Southern College, now operated by the Long Run Association of Baptists, hopes to meet the Kentucky Baptist Convention's qualifications for entrance into the higher educational family and to participate in the Cooperative Program for operation and in the special Christian Education campaign for capital funds for buildings. Kentucky Southern has been in a special campaign in Louisville for several years for funds with which to begin the school. The president's home was constructed some time ago and the first major building on the campus is scheduled for construction beginning this spring. Kentucky Southern opens this fall on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A secretary for the Department of Christian Education of Kentucky Baptists is being sought to give staff direction to the capital funds campaign.

The Christian Education secretary will be elected by the Executive Board upon the recommendation of the executive secretary-treasurer, after consultation with the Christian Education Committee.

Original recommendations for the campaign call for 1962 as a preparation year, and 1963 as a year for soliciting cash and pledges with collection to run from 1963 through 1966. Solicitation of cash and pledges in 1963 depends upon completion of preparation in 1962.



Guy Burger

Guy Burger Joins Porter Memorial Staff At Lexington, Kentucky

Guy Burger has been called an assistant to the pastor and minister of education and youth for the Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington. Mr. Burger recently graduated from Southern Seminary with the degree of Master of Religious Education and moves to the Lexington church after serving as minister of education at Clifton Heights Baptist Church, Louisville. Mr. Burger is a native of Tennessee and a veteran of three years of service in the United States Air Force. He attended Georgia Tech and graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in business administration.

He committed himself to full-time Christian service while serving as a layworker in the Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah. He came to Southern Seminary from Paducah. Burger is married and has three children, Martha, 11, Kenneth, 9, and Charles, 2½.

Kirkville Baptists Make Improvements

The interior of the auditorium of the Kirkville Baptist Church is being redecorated and remodeled. New pews and pulpit furniture for the sanctuary have also been installed. The Sunday school is in the process of an enlargement program and an attendance campaign.

Kirkville Pastor Roy M. Gabbert has recently painted a baptistry scene for the Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church, Central Association; Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana; and Mackville Baptist Church, Mackville, Kentucky.



Facing Educational Facts

Pleading the needs of Baptist Schools in Kentucky is an old refrain. Ofttimes it has sounded too much like a funeral dirge. But even sad songs have expressions of hope and faith, and so must this song.

The old refrain has a new lilt and life of late. This is mainly due to the faith, vision and vigor of Executive Secretary Sanders who last week was on his third tour of Kentucky Baptist educational institutions since coming to the state last October. If we don't get headed out of our educational muddle under the leadership of this dynamic executive secretary, we might as well give up. The fine spirit among the Kentucky Baptist schools and their leaders at this time is also an encouraging factor in the picture.

Accompanying the executive secretary for the survey of the capital needs of our educational institutions and Baptist Student Union centers was Dr. Doak S. Campbell, foremost educational expert among Southern Baptists. Dr. Campbell is not a high priced professional surveyist who will tell us only what we already know about our schools, but is a dedicated Baptist layman who will compassionately but realistically help us see our predicament and some possible solutions.

Part of this predicament we already know. In fact, we've known it for some years, but haven't gotten around to doing anything about it.

To begin with, it is obvious that Kentucky Baptists have too many schools or are not generous enough in financial support of their schools. Outside of some pioneer Southern Baptist areas which have started schools in recent years, no group of Baptists is trying to do so much with so little in Christian education.

Is this just rhetoric or is it the plain facts? Look at the record of Cooperative Program gifts to Baptist schools as found in the 1961 Southern Baptist Handbook. Last year Kentucky Baptists, which number 620,000, gave \$191,795 to Georgetown College where 1,600 students were enrolled; \$63,873 to Cumberland College where 1,501 students were enrolled; and \$59,730 to Campbellsville College where 826 students were enrolled.

Oklahoma Baptists, which number 461,000, gave \$318,000 to Oklahoma Baptist University where 1,649 students were enrolled.

Louisiana Baptists, which number only 401,000, gave \$379,000 to Louisiana College where 1,515 students were enrolled.

To put it another way, 401,000 Louisiana Baptists gave \$63,612 more to one senior college to educate 1,515 students than 620,000 Kentucky Baptists gave to three senior colleges to educate 3,927 students.

The per capita incomes of Kentucky and Louisiana are about the same, that of Oklahoma slightly higher.

The main explanation is that Oklahoma and Louisiana Baptists have only one school to support. Kentucky Baptists try to support three seniors colleges, one junior college, one boarding high school, and a preachers' school. Kentucky Southern College which opens this fall bids strongly to become the fourth Baptist senior college in Kentucky, and will be knocking on the door for a share in Kentucky Baptist educational funds.

From the foregoing another part of our predicament is apparent. The Cooperative Program, though the lifeline of all our Kentucky Baptist work, will not bail us out so far as present finances for schools are concerned. It might do so in years to come, but right now it's a case of too little and too late.

This year Kentucky Baptist schools are scheduled to get almost one-third of all Cooperative Program money used for Kentucky Baptist work. In one respect this is a lion's share of the total, but when it is divided between so many it amounts to little more than a trickle. Kentucky schools cannot hope to get a much larger share of the budget and so the only hope is a much higher budget which has possibilities of coming, but not soon enough to save all our schools.

Another pathetic part of the present picture of Kentucky Baptist schools is the absence for many years of any capital needs provisions. A school usually divides its budget into operating expenses and capital needs. The operating funds take care of current expenses while capital needs funds provide for improved and new facilities.

Our Kentucky Baptist schools have had to scrape the bottom of the barrel and use all Cooperative Program shares for operating expenses, while most Baptist schools in other states have been provided operating funds and capital needs funds from the Cooperative Program. All recent new buildings at our Baptist schools have been built with borrowed money, funds from donors or endowment, or by squeezing something out of operating funds. Anyone in school business knows this cannot go on indefinitely and that tuition payments and such must go into instructional expenses, not into buildings. In other words, we have reached the end of the rope.

Nor is the picture bright for Kentucky Baptists when we compare what we are doing with what the state is doing for state schools. There was a time when it was starvation diet for our state schools also, but today Kentucky is one of three southern states which is spending more of its state revenue for higher education than the national average. From 1959-60 to 1961-62, Kentucky's appropriation for higher education jumped from \$14,000,000-plus to \$24,000,000-plus and is taking another tremendous jump the next two years. The state, with its plan for state junior colleges all over Kentucky, is planning for the swell in college

enrollment. Right now 12 out of every 14 Baptist college students in Kentucky are in state or private non-Baptist schools. The way we are going now, we won't even have 2 out of 14 Baptist college students in Kentucky in Baptist schools within a few years.

All this means the Capital Funds Phase of the Cooperative Program, which is currently being planned, is not optional for Kentucky Baptists if we are to maintain our present or an expanded program of higher education. It is an absolute necessity.

And we might as well face the difficulty of this effort following close on the heels of several special campaigns by individual schools for contributions. At least Campbellsville, Cumberland, Bethel, and Kentucky Southern have conducted special campaigns in recent years. These colleges are already in the budgets of many Kentucky Baptist churches and it will be hard going to get substantial commitments from the same churches in a combined campaign for Kentucky Baptist colleges.

It is as if we have used needles to get so much blood out of the finger that now when we must have a pint, it won't be easy to get volunteers to roll up their sleeves.

Such enterprises, however, have never been easy. We must decide what under God Kentucky Baptists ought to do about their schools and do it. The recent survey is the right place to begin.

BAPTIST FORUM



"The Church in the Wildwood"

Editor:

About eighty years ago, a group of ordinary farmers in the central section of Meade County determined to establish a Baptist church in their community. They selected a site in a grove of timber on a mud road five miles from Brandenburg and without any financial drive or outside assistance, built an unpretentious frame structure and named it Salem.

There were no good roads, towns or churches within miles of it. But despite its isolation and inauspicious beginning, Salem Church became a cogent factor in the Baptist life of Kentucky and the nation. Its membership has always been small and rural, but verile and missionary as the following fact will attest:

It has produced about eighteen ministers, which is, I think, a record unequalled by any church in Kentucky. Some of these ministers reached the top in their calling, notably, Walter Lamkin, who was pastor of South Jefferson in Jefferson County; M. E. Bratcher, who was pastor of the Roger Williams Church, Providence, Rhode

Island; J. W. Hickerson and G. N. Neafus, noted Texas evangelists; and W. Fred Kendall, Baptist leader in Tennessee.

The original structure burned some years ago, but the church didn't die, for soon a modern brick building was erected upon the site of the old one. Salem, still small and rural, and despite the vicissitudes of the years, stands by the side of the road, an emblem of courage, faith and constancy in the cause of righteousness.

Today, fifteen churches with eight of them Baptist (think of it) are within a radius of six miles of Salem. Good roads, radios and televisions have come to the community, and several towns are nearby, yet little Salem retains her position of value in the religious life of Meade County.

I am a Methodist, but feel impelled to pay tribute to an obscure but noble few of years ago who laid the foundation of Christian greatness, and to their successors who are adding nobility and value to that greatness. Salem was an acorn planted in a church-barren land, and the acorn, under meticulous hus-

Churches, Check Your Insurance

The going up in flames recently of the sanctuary of the Campbellsville Baptist Church serves as a grim reminder of the overwhelmingly hard place many Kentucky Baptist churches would be in if the same thing happened to them.

By wisdom and alertness the Campbellsville Church had considerable insurance and is better off than most Kentucky Baptist churches would be if their building burned. However, the \$216,000 insurance, if collected fully, will hardly cover more than half the cost of replacing the sanctuary.

Of course, it's too late when it happens. The Campbellsville Church was in the process of trying to increase the coverage at the time of the fire. Now is the time for all churches to check their insurance policies and make necessary provision for ample coverage. It should be remembered that a building a few years old could not be replaced in this day of inflation for less than double the original cost.

Another Campbellsville church has set a good example. Upon checking it was realized their insurance was pitifully little. Immediately they amended the budget in order to almost triple their coverage. Many Baptist churches in Kentucky ought to go and do likewise.

bandry and fidelity to God, has grown into a mighty and enduring tree. Elizabethtown, Ky. W. M. Boling

Note to the Editor: Excuse this intrusion of an "alien", but I want my Baptist friends in Kentucky to know something about an unusual church.

—W.M.B.

Agrees With Common Sense Viewpoint

Editor:

You are to be commended on the very timely editorial, "Need For Common Sense."

The work here at Baptist Bible Institute places us in rather close proximity to the very problem you discuss, and I think I have never heard or read a saner solution to this problem than the one you offer.

May we again thank *Western Recorder* for appearing in our library each week! Mayfield, Ky. O. C. Markham

Death of Geo. W. Rooney

George W. Rooney passed to his eternal reward February 3, 1962. He was a member of Beechland Church, Pleasure Ridge Park, Ky., for 30 years. There he served as deacon, chairman of deacons, teacher, and led in organizing the first Adult Training Union at Beechland. He rarely ever missed a meeting of any type at his church, according to Grady L. Randolph, his pastor.



GEORGETOWN COLLEGE was host to three leading Baptist educators during a recent visit by a committee from the Southern Association of colleges. They are shown chatting with President Robert Lee Mills and Administrative Vice President Henson Harris of Georgetown College. The visitors and their schools are (reading left to right): (1) Dr. Warren Jones, president of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee; (2) Dr. John Fincher, academic dean, Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama; (3) Dr. Mills; (4) Dr. Harris; and (5) Dr. Francis Bonner, dean of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, and chairman of the study committee. The visit consummated a two-year self study of the college by faculty and administration under the direction of Dean Harris. The visiting committee, after intensive study of the college program, will prepare recommendations designed to strengthen Georgetown. This is a pattern which is being followed throughout the Southern Association.

Appreciation of Work of Harold Sanders with S.B.C. Stewardship Commission

[Editorial Note—The following is an expression of appreciation from the members of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission for the services of Dr. Harold G. Sanders. The document was actually written by Fred A. Tarpley, pastor of the Ridgcrest Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, a Mississippi representative of the Commission. The S.B.C. Executive Committee also passed resolutions of appreciation for Dr. Sanders.]

Harold Glen Sanders

In 1854, a half-century before the first airplane appeared, Alfred Lord Tennyson expressed a vision of world-wide air travel in his "Locksley Hall":

"For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,

Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;

Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails, Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales."

Vision is the priceless ingredient of true leadership. Visionary leadership is

the most important single element in the life of any organization. It is doubly important in the genesis of an organization for in the early days of its life a body often sets the pace for the years of service ahead. Vision always precedes realization and foresight always leads to accomplishment.

When the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention came into existence by Convention action in 1960, it elected as its first chairman a pastor with an enviable stewardship record in his own First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Florida. To the early days of the Commission's life he brought leadership characterized by aggressiveness and vision that will continue to bear fruit for many years to come. He helped to lift the sights and open the doors of a great missionary thrust which would be made possible by the dedicated gifts of self and substance on the part of ten million Southern Baptists. His name is Harold G. Sanders.

Now God in his providence has called him from the pastorate to a denominational position where he can be even more widely used in the building of strong, liberal, mission-minded churches. As executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, he will be challenging the energies and potential of 2,200

churches rather than the single congregation he so nobly served in Florida.

Since his removal to another state necessitates his vacating his position on the Commission, and in recognition of the vision and dynamic enthusiasm he has brought to the Commission in its first months of service, the Stewardship Commission in semiannual session in Nashville, Tennessee, on this the 22nd day of February, 1962, expresses its unanimous regret at his departure from Commission membership, its sincere congratulations on his new field of service in Kentucky, and its warm appreciation of his service as its first chairman.

Latin Refugee Picture Set Now Available

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists' ministry to Latin American refugees through relief and resettlement is presented in a 35 mm. slide set released by the denomination's Home Mission Board here.

The 14 slides and script, available for \$3 on a share-the-cost basis, were taken recently in Miami where more than 100,000 Cubans and other Latin Americans have entered the United States as refugees.

The pictures show those who have fled, loved ones meeting them, Southern Baptists' responses to their needs and suggestions for others to help.

The slide set is available from the division of education and promotion, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

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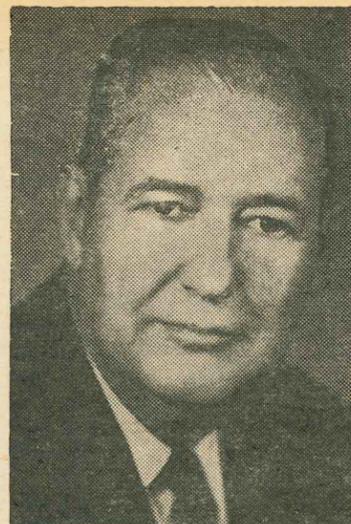
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Preston L. Ramsey

Preston L. Ramsey, Former Somerset Pastor, Dies in Jackson, Tenn.

The funeral of Dr. Preston L. Ramsey, 59, retired Baptist pastor, was conducted by Pastors Wayne Dehoney, and William S. Bates and Dr. William Cooke Boone at the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Tenn., on February 27 at 3:00 o'clock.

Dr. Ramsey died at his home, 715 Highland Avenue, Jackson, Tenn., on February 25, at 3:45 a.m.

His last pastorate was that of the First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky, where he served from 1945 to 1958. He resigned there in the latter year because of failing health, and has since lived in retirement. His previous pastorates had all been in Tennessee, namely, Henning, 1926-29; Ridgely, 1929-34; Fayetteville, 1934-38; and Covington, 1938-45.

He was a native of Gibson County, Tennessee, where he was born October 15, 1902. He was a son of the late Agnes Alley and Robert Ramsey. He was graduated from Dyer High School, Hall-Moody Institute and Union University. He was ordained to the ministry by the First Baptist Church, Martin, Tenn., in 1923, and was married in Martin to Miss Audrey Ivey the following year.

Dr. Ramsey had been asked to preach convention sermons in both Tennessee and Kentucky—at Kingsport in 1947 and at Paducah in 1955. He had been a member of the Board of Trustees of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., had served on the Boards of Missions in both Tennessee and Kentucky and of their executive committees, and on the Board of Directors of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Board of the Temperance League of Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, already

A 20th Century Miracle

By Gil Stricklin, Fort Worth, Texas

Do you believe in twentieth century miracles? Milton Wood and his wife do for they have seen one in their daughter Sadonna.

A year ago Milton was pastor of a small country church in the backwoods of north Georgia. Sadonna was suffering with a rare disease and debts seemed unsurmountable. Today he is a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Sadonna is on the road to recovery; and bills have almost dwindled to nothing . . . truly a twentieth century miracle.

The miracle began when a friend offered to take care of existing debts if Milton would begin his seminary training. "Four seminaries were closer than Southwestern but God led us here," he said.

"It was difficult to leave the Georgia countryside I had known from birth, to leave friends and most of all to leave Sadonna's doctors," he added.

The seminary doctor examined Sadonna and sent her to the Carter Blood Center. Tests revealed a low platelet count of 40,000 (250,000 to 300,000 is normal) caused by the blood tumor on her knee technically called Thrombocytopenia.

Only 50 or 60 cases of this rare disease have ever been reported. After diagnosis, X-ray therapy began. The tumor, originally 22 inches in diameter was reduced by one-half after only 8 treatments. Doctors believe the tumor will go away and that her platelet count will reach normal levels.

Wood believes his little brown eyed, brown haired "darling" would not have recovered had they not followed God's leadership to Fort Worth.

"Prayer was perhaps the most effective weapon, including President Naylor, my Greek class and many students," Wood reflected.

"Sometimes you have a tendency to question God, especially about a little girl suffering, but great lessons of faith are to be learned when God miraculously heals," he said with a tone of sincerity. "Now I can preach on Christian faith with a lot more meaning than ever before in my life because of this experience."

There will probably always be a scar on her knee, even after skin grafting. The scar will only be a reminder to her, as her daddy tells her many years from now, about God's twentieth century miracle.

mentioned; by two daughters, Mrs. King Jamison, Jr., Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. Clarence Gover, Jr., Jackson, Tenn.; and by one son, Robert Preston Ramsey, Memphis, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and by one brother, Glenn Ramsey, Sheffield, Ala. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery.



George L. Balentine, Miss Blanche Groves, and Gilbert Thomas

Hymn by Beaver Dam's Johann Yang Is Sung for Missionary Blanche Groves

The choir of the First Baptist Church of Hope, Arkansas, in a recent School of Missions surprised the missionary speaker, Miss Blanche Groves, by singing a Chinese hymn, "Jesus Gives Me Peace," arranged by Mr. Johann Yang of Beaver Dam, Kentucky. Miss Groves served as a Southern Baptist missionary for many years in Peking, China, and it was there that Mr. Yang knew her before coming to this country. Mr. Yang is now minister of music and education at the First Baptist Church in Beaver Dam and has written and arranged a number of songs published by the Broadman Press. While in the seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, the Yangs were personal friends of Dr. Balentine, now pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hope. Upon hearing that Miss Groves was to be in the Hope church, Mr. Yang sent his greetings along with the hymn. Following the service a copy of the hymn was presented to Miss Groves.

Walter Pope Binns Retiring July 1

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)—Walter Pope Binns will end 19 years as president of William Jewell College (Baptist) here when he retires July 1.

The 66-year-old educator has also been active in religious liberty and church-state separation movements among Southern Baptists.

He plans to move to Falls Church, Va., near Washington, to live. He hopes to continue to speak before denominational meetings and to supply pulpits in Baptist churches.

College leaders asked him to help find his successor.

Binns is a native of Washington, Ga., who graduated from Mercer University (Southern Baptist), Macon, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Life Commitment To Be Emphasized

NASHVILLE—Many Southern Baptist churches will observe Life Commitment Sunday April 8 to emphasize "calling out the called."

Basic plans for the day are given in the Youth Week pamphlets (available from state Training Union secretaries) and in the article, "Tools for Life Commitment Sunday," in the March issue of "Church Administration Magazine."

Materials concerning Life Commitment Sunday are not being supplied to pastors and other church leaders by direct mail. Rather, suggestions and resource materials are given in various state and Convention-wide publications. The April issue of "The Baptist Program" gives a listing of all publications carrying articles on vocational guidance.

This is the second year that Life Commitment Sunday has been sponsored as a part of the vocational guidance program delegated to the Baptist Sunday School Board by the Southern Baptist Convention. The program seeks to aid churches in exploring opportunities in church-related vocations and in adding the Christian dimension to all areas of vocational choice.

Through Life Commitment Sunday the congregation can share in decisions made and can participate in providing guidance and nurture.

Texas Board Refuses Action Against Book

DALLAS (BP)—The Texas Baptist executive board turned down a request to submit a resolution asking the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco to oppose "The Message of Genesis," a book by a professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

The action came after K. Owen White of Houston, chairman of the 192-member board, read a letter from the El Paso Baptist Association asking the executive board to submit the resolution to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The executive board instead passed a motion asking the El Paso Association to write directly to the Midwestern Seminary board of trustees with any grievances, or to present any resolution themselves to the convention in San Francisco June 5-8.

In making his motion to the board, B. J. Martin, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church of Pasadena, Tex., said that he doubted the wisdom of the Texas executive board's going on record on the controversial matter, adding that the board was not the proper agency to deal with such questions.

Earlier Chairman White, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Houston and author of a widely-circulated article

criticizing the book by Professor Elliott, offered to resign as chairman if the board felt his personal stand would hinder his service as chairman.

By silent consent, the board took no action on his offer to resign.

White told the board that his criticism of the book was done as an individual Southern Baptist, and that he hoped he had not involved the executive board or his church in Houston.

Still later in the meeting, H. M. Ward, district missions secretary for District Two of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, rose to ask the board to give a vote of confidence in Chairman White for his opposition to the book.

White told the board he did not feel such action was needed and would prefer that the board take no vote of confidence.

The board of trustees at Midwestern Seminary had voted their confidence in Professor Elliott as a consecrated Christian, promising scholar and teacher, and a loyal servant of Southern Baptists.

Baptists Raise Largest Amount Ever Raised for Kentucky Southern College

Baptist churches of Louisville and the Long Run Association have raised more than \$600,000 up to the present writing for the Kentucky Southern College. Matched by the two-for-one offer of the V. V. Cooke family, this means that the Kentucky Southern College will have available soon the sum of more than \$1,800,000 as a result of the gifts made in the last several months. It is reasonable to assume that there will be additional amounts reported later, which will push this campaign even higher.

This is the largest sum of money ever raised by Louisville Baptists or even by the Baptists of the whole State of Kentucky for any cause in such a short time.

President Rollin S. Burhans called Mr. V. V. Cooke over long distance at his winter residence in Delray Beach, Florida, and told him the good news. Mr. Cooke was highly pleased with the generous response of the churches and the people.

Missionaries' Child Dies

Mark Vernon Oliver, 15-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Oliver, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, died early Thursday morning, February 22, at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill., where he had undergone heart surgery the previous day. Funeral services will be held in Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Oliver is the former Susan Pyles, of Louisville; Mr. Oliver is a native of Tampa, Fla. They have four other children. The Olivers may be addressed c/o Wendell Pyles, 202 N. Birchwood, Louisville 6, Ky. Their field address is 98 Kami Arata Machi, Kagoshima, Japan.

R. E. Humphreys to Lexington

Evangelist Robert E. Humphreys, Owensboro, is to be in a series of meetings with Pastor H. B. Kuhnle at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, April 22-29. Immanuel is now looking forward toward entering their new building on Tate's Creek Road at Rebecca, near Lexington.

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Focus Week at Bethel College, Hopkinsville

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Activities included special services at chapel, a visiting speaker for noonday services, three seminars each afternoon, and an inspiration service each evening.

Featured speakers for the chapel program and the evening services included Herbert C. Gabhart, president, Belmont College, Nashville; H. Curtis Erwin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greenville; Warner Bumgardner, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville; and Denzil Dukes, pastor, Twelfth Street Baptist Church, Paducah.

The visiting speakers for noon day services and afternoon seminar leaders included Patsy Middleton, B.S.U. secretary, Austin Peay College; John Wood, pastor, First Baptist Church, Russellville; Wesley O. Hanson, pastor, Hartford Baptist Church, Hartford; Darrell C. Richardson, pastor, Auburn Baptist Church, Auburn; and Don Long, pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

Administration Left To Agency Trustees

NASHVILLE (BP)—It's up to trustees of a seminary, not the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, to handle doctrinal questions and other matters of seminary administration.

This, in effect, was the vote of the S.B.C. Executive Committee here. The group acted on a request coming from the First Baptist Church of Recreation Acres, a suburb of Houston, Tex.

The church asked the Executive Committee to investigate the trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City because the trustees gave a vote of confidence to one of their professors.

A book written by Professor Ralph H. Elliott has been undergoing strong criticism for its viewpoint on historical accounts found in the book of Genesis.

The Executive Committee said:

"It is the privilege of any church or individual to present a matter or resolution to the Executive Committee or any of the Convention agencies."

Under a Convention bylaw, "The Executive Committee is to act for the Convention *ad interim* in all matters not otherwise provided for."

"The charters of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention provide that the employment of all personnel is the responsibility of the agencies; therefore, we recommend that communication to the Executive Committee of any sponseible trustees or directors."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MARCH 11, 1962

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut Street	1318	3	294
Missions (3)	299	--	135
Covington, Calvary	987	--	--
Louisville, Carlisle Avenue	972	2	304
Missions (2)	91	--	64
Hopkinsville, Second	959	--	209
Madisonville, First	942	5	253
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	934	--	188
Owensboro, First	918	--	174
Owensboro, Third	913	--	303
Mission	900	--	52
Mayfield, First	53	--	234
Mission	113	--	--
Louisville, Crescent Hill	873	4	213
Missions (2)	128	--	47
Lexington, Calvary	856	7	220
Mission	70	--	--
Murray, First	817	--	123
Mission	42	--	--
Bowling Green, First	813	2	190
Mission	108	--	--
Newport, First	805	7	205
Lexington, Grace	786	--	--
Mission	18	--	--
Lexington, Immanuel	727	--	180
Louisville, Buechel Park	711	2	187
Somerset, First	698	--	208
Mission	96	--	28
Glasgow	695	1	199
Mission	22	--	--
Louisville, Beechmont	671	--	171
Missions (2)	306	--	83
Covington, Latonia	659	--	248
Louisville, Beechland	659	2	146
Missions (2)	276	4	122
Lexington, Rosemont	623	1	179
Louisville, Victory Memorial	602	6	136
Georgetown	602	3	207
Henderson, Immanuel	578	--	105
Missions (2)	186	--	--
Frankfort, First	571	1	120
Mission	65	--	46
Louisville, Rockford Lane	566	2	205
Shelbyville, First	552	--	112
Lexington, Trinity	546	1	177
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	546	3	220
Florence	529	4	133
Mission	162	--	65
Louisville, Green Acres	528	1	187
Louisville, Beth Haven	515	1	207
Russellville, First	507	--	108
Mission	58	--	--
Louisville, Hazelwood	597	3	97
Owensboro, Hall Street	492	--	188
Louisville, Shively	489	--	129
Lexington, Porter Memorial	488	3	102
Louisville, Southside	477	1	94
Louisville, Farmdale	475	--	130
Corbin, Central	472	--	106
Mission	106	--	30
Central City, First	468	--	165

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Winchester, Central	468	--	111
Louisville, Bethany	466	3	134
Mission	53	--	--
Franklin, First	458	--	152
Mission	79	--	38
Ludlow, First	453	2	100
Greenville, First	451	2	204
Walton, First	450	10	213
Louisville, Eighteenth Street	445	15	119
Nicholasville	443	1	112
Mission	18	--	--
Louisville, Third Avenue	442	--	110
Covington, South Side	438	4	44
Louisville, High View	436	--	128
Louisville, Ralph Avenue	433	--	144
Ashland, Unity	428	--	111
Hodgenville, First	428	--	129
Corbin, First	426	--	129
Morganfield, First	416	1	102
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	415	--	158
Lebanon, First	412	--	91
Bellevue, First	404	1	100
Mt. Washington, First	391	1	102
Mission	73	--	34
Louisville, Shawnee	384	2	93
Bardstown	384	4	65
Hazard, First	384	--	84
Lawrenceburg, First	373	--	50
Mission	84	--	--
LaGrange	--	--	--
DeHaven Memorial	371	--	84
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	370	--	117
Louisville, Valley View	359	--	111
Barbourville, First	326	5	188
Missions (3)	199	--	--
Earlington, First	322	23	129
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue	316	1	122
Middletown, First	315	3	130
Hopkinsville, Edgewood	310	5	103
Stanford	303	--	112
Mission	30	--	--
Glendale, Gilead	298	--	213
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	292	--	106
Cold Spring, First	281	--	114
Dawson Springs, First	279	--	68
Falmouth	279	--	37
Mission	32	--	--
Owensboro, Yellow Creek	273	2	77
Frankfort, Memorial	268	--	99
Marion	253	--	60
Louisville, East Audubon	251	4	55
Taylorsville, First	243	--	96
Independence, Hickory Grove	235	--	66
Hazel	230	--	--
Louisville, Fourth Avenue	228	1	83
Taylorsville, Kings	218	--	116
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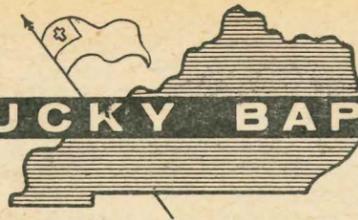
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Benediction

Sunday School

Transfer of Awards

By Francis R. Tallant

Many churches have sent in requests for transfer of awards and have not as yet received their records. This has been a tremendous task for the Awards Office of the Sunday School Board in Nashville. Even with extra help the Awards Office personnel has not been able to catch up. However, the picture is brighter for they are now working on request for transfer dated October, 1961.

SEND IN THOSE AWARD REQUESTS

The number of awards granted in Kentucky has shown a slight drop. Perhaps some teachers or churches are holding up request for awards, after a

study course, thinking these cannot be sent in until the transfer is made. If so, let us urge you to send these in now as you do not have to wait until your old awards are transferred. All requests should be sent in within TWO WEEKS after the school is finished.

CATEGORY I COMPLETED IN '62

Eight books in Category 1 are now available. The other two books in this category should be released sometime this year. They are 0101—*The Nature and Functions of a Church* and 0105—*Church Organizations*. This means that it will be possible for a large number to receive their gold seal by the end of the year.

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Church Music

Regional Music Festival

By Eugene F. Quinn

Regional Music Director Wesley McCoy announces the festival for Junior and Primary age choirs, hymn players, and other events to meet on Saturday afternoon, March 31, at Shepherdsville Baptist Church. The festival is for all churches in Central Region which extends from Bedford to Leitchfield, and from Louisville to Hodgenville.



Wesley McCoy

Registration, and requests for further information, should be sent to Mr. Wesley McCoy, 4574 South Third, Louisville, Kentucky.

EIGHTH REGIONAL FESTIVAL AT MURRAY, APRIL 6-7

Southwestern Region's Music Festival will conclude the eighth Regional Festivals for 1962 by meeting on April 6-7 at Murray. Choirs and other participants from ages 13 and above will meet on Friday night, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. Younger participants will meet on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Former Kentuckian Paul Bobbitt will serve as judge and director during the festival. Registration and further information should be sent immediately to Mr. William B. Williams, First Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky.



Paul Bobbitt

Brotherhood

President Sydnor L. Stealey To Be on Ridgecrest Summer Assembly Program

By Forrest R. Sawyer

Sydnor Lorenzo Stealey of Wake Forest, N. C., a seminary president, will lead a seminar on "The Layman as The-



Sydnor Lorenzo Stealey

ologian" June 26 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

The seminar is one of five planned during Brotherhood Week, June 21-27. Other conference features include daily depth studies of great Bible doctrines and sessions on Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador leadership methods.

Stealey, who is president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has an extensive teaching background. He was principal of William Jewell College and professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary before assuming his present assignment.

Stewardship

West Kentucky Association In Cultivation Program

By Robert J. Hastings

F. E. Howard, pastor of the Bardwell Baptist Church, writes that West Kentucky Association has voted to put on



W. H. Curl

the Stewardship Cultivation Program this year. Recently the pastors met for a supper meeting to study the Program, and later the association adopted it. West Kentucky Association has no missionary, and this is all the more reason to congratulate this association on this forward step.

Taylor County association, also without a missionary, has scheduled a Cultivation Program.

We would like to take this opportunity to commend to our churches a man who has been widely used in stewardship promotion before his retirement. He is W. H. Curl, now living at 1531 Arcade Avenue in Louisville.

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His telephone is EMerson 8-3218. Although retired, he is still able to accept limited engagements. Churches needing help in starting a budget for the first time, a stewardship revival, etc., would do well to contact him.

Training Union

State Winners To Be Selected at Madisonville

By James H. Whaley, Sr.

One of the most thrilling features of any Baptist program is to witness a state Junior and Intermediate Bible Drill and Young People's Speakers' Tournament. These events will be featured at the State Training Union Convention and Drama Workshop. A winner will be declared in each event.



J. H. Whaley

The participants for the state drills and tournaments were selected at the Regional Training Union Events and Conference. Each region will have a participant. The winner in the Intermediate Sword Drill and Young People's Speakers' Tournament will represent Kentucky in the Southern Baptist events to be held at Ridgecrest during the Training Union Youth Conference July 5-11. The winner of the Junior Memory Work and Bible Drill will receive an all-expense paid week at the Training Union conference at Cedarmore August 6-10.

The purpose of the Junior Memory Work and Bible Drill and Intermediate Sword Drill is to stimulate interest in Bible study and to help the Juniors and Intermediates become proficient in the use of the Bible. The purpose of the Young People's Speakers' Tournament is to help the young people grow into Christian maturity.

Space is still available in Madisonville for those who desire reservations in homes. Please write the Home Reservations Committee, First Baptist Church, Madisonville. This committee must receive your reservation by April 2.

If you desire commercial reservations write directly to the hotel or motel of your choice. A list of the motels and hotels has been mailed to your Training Union director.

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SOUTHERN SEMINARY TRUSTEES ACCEPT CARVER SCHOOL AND DEFEND MOODY

By Leonard Holloway, Louisville, Ky.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Board of Trustees in annual session voted here March 14 to accept a proposed merger of the historic Carver School of Missions and Social Work and approved a subcommittee report on Professor Dale Moody accused by an Oklahoma Baptist Pastors' Conference and a Baptist Association of teaching doctrine inconsistent with Baptist beliefs.

In a joint meeting, the Carver School trustees made a formal offer to merge the 55-year-old institution with Southern Baptists' oldest seminary.

Subject to Southern Baptist Convention approval, the seminary trustees gave their executive committee authority to "make such arrangements and contractual agreements as necessary to effectuate the merger."

Long operated as a Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Carver now consists of three buildings on ten acres adjacent to the seminary and has 55 students.

If the merger is approved, Southern Seminary trustees pledged themselves to continue the institution's purposes of training students in church social work and advanced missions studies.

Answering a resolution from the Baptist Pastors' Conference of Oklahoma County and the Oklahoma Osage-Delaware Baptist Association, trustees accepted a subcommittee report which found that Dr. Dale Moody's beliefs on security of the believer not inconsistent with the Articles of Faith adopted by the 1925 Southern Baptist Convention.

After addressing an Oklahoma Baptist Bible Conference during the past summer, a pastor's conference and Baptist association requested Southern Baptist seminaries to determine if their professors were teaching doctrines as defined by the Articles of Faith.

Group Discusses Theological Crisis

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—An informal gathering of pastors, denominational officials, and laymen from eight states of the Southern Baptist Convention, met in Oklahoma City March 8-9 to discuss the current theological crisis within the denomination.

Coming at their own expense, men from leading churches spent several hours sharing information concerning the infiltration of liberalism within the denomination's theological life. Particular attention was given to the recently published controversial book, "The Mes-

In correspondence with Southern Baptist Seminary officials, the groups accused Dr. Dale Moody, Christian Theology professor, of believing it is "possible for a person once saved to be lost."

A special committee composed of three Seminary trustee officers and Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant, School of Theology dean, met with Dr. Moody on February 1, 1962, to discuss the charges. At the meeting, Dr. Moody stated that he was in complete agreement with the 1925 Articles of Faith.

In addition to interviewing Dr. Moody, members of the committee read transcribed manuscripts of addresses given at the Oklahoma meeting.

A trustees' statement to the Oklahoma groups expressed "regret" from the trustees and Dr. Moody that the "addresses should have given offense and hope that the brethren of Oklahoma and Dr. Moody will join with us in prayer that no permanent harm will prove to have been done our beloved fellowship."

Dr. Moody, now doing study at Oxford University in England, was back in the states for a series of lectures when he met recently with the special committee. He will be in England until the summer of 1963.

Dr. O. Norman Shands, Atlanta, Ga., West End Baptist Church pastor, was re-elected board of trustees chairman. Dr. Franklin P. Owen, Lexington, Ky., Calvary Baptist Church pastor, was elected trustees' first vice-chairman; and Dr. W. L. Ball, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Fernwood Baptist Church pastor, second vice-chairman.

Trustees approved promotions for Dr. Ernest J. Loessner from associate to professor of religious education; Dr. David L. Mueller, from assistant to associate professor of Christian Theology; and Dr. John N. Sims from assistant to associate professor of Church Music.

sage of Genesis," by Ralph H. Elliott, professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri.

Among other actions of the group, sufficient funds were raised to send the BAPTIST CLARION to a cross-section of convention pastors, that they might be informed about the issues. The CLARION is a new Baptist publication edited by M. E. Ramay, pastor for 27 years of the First Baptist Church of Edmond, Oklahoma, and a past president of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention.

The states represented were: Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. No permanent organization was contemplated or projected by the group.

The meeting was bathed with a spirit

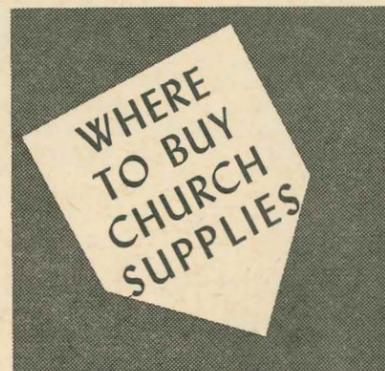
of humility and concern over resolving the difficulties within the denomination's organizational framework. It closed with these men on their knees in prayers of dedication.

NOTE: This press release was prepared by the group and handed to Jack L. Gritz, editor, BAPTIST MESSENGER, Oklahoma, for distribution to the state Baptist papers.

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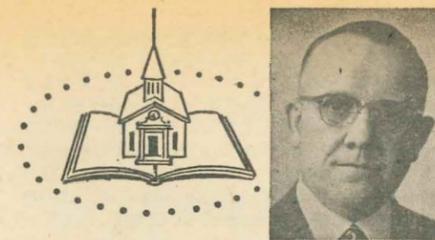
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

CHRIST - CENTER OF OUR FAITH April 1, 1962

Paul was the human channel through which the gospel of Christ was communicated to Timothy, resulting in his salvation. Thereafter they were very near and dear to each other. There is always a strong tie of love between a Christian and those whom he has introduced to Christ. Later Timothy became one of Paul's traveling companions. After they had been separated for some time, Paul wrote this young man, whom he loved so dearly and devotedly, and expressed his earnest desire that he might receive three wonderful blessings from God—grace, mercy and peace.

I Timothy 1:12-17

Earlier Paul had been so bitterly opposed to the followers of Christ that there were no limits to his persecution of them. While on a journey to Damascus to arrest Christians and return them to Jerusalem for trial and punishment, he was dazed and smitten to the ground by the brightness of the light which shone round about him. In the blazing light of the glory of God, he was convicted of the truth of the gospel which he had despised, of his sin in opposing it and persecuting its messengers, and of the fact that Christ was the true Messiah. He received Christ as his Saviour and was saved. He never ceased to be grateful to the Lord for saving him.

From that day Paul counted it a joyous privilege to relate his Christian experience. He never failed to marvel at God's emancipating and enabling grace which had saved him, called him into the gospel ministry and equipped him for a great work in spite of the grievousness of his previous sins and the abiding consciousness of his personal unworthiness. He was amazed to think that he, who had said so many hard things about Christ and His followers, had become a minister of Christ and had been given the glorious privilege of speaking well of Him. Paul acknowledged that his terrible sins had been committed in ignorant and stubborn unbelief, but that the Lord had mercifully and graciously forgiven him, for which he was ever thankful. Furthermore, Paul sought to convince others that similar mercy would be extended them provided they would believe on Christ as their personal Saviour. He firmly believed that, if Christ could save a sinner like him, He could and would freely, fully and forever save anybody who would trust Him.

Joyously and repeatedly Paul expressed his gratitude to God for a Saviour Who could save the chief of sinners, which he described himself as being, and give him the glorious privilege and tremendous responsibility of preaching the gospel to others, persecutor and blasphemer though he had been. In all the centuries there has never been a story of such engrossing interest and compelling power as the one about Christ's coming into this world with saving purpose. In speaking of this text Dr. B. H. Carroll once said, "The paragraph 1:12-17 is one of the deepest, broadest, richest and sweetest in the Holy Scriptures."

I Timothy 2:3-6

Paul was exceptionally faithful in his personal prayer life. He knew that prayer must have an important place in the life of any obedient and useful child of God. In writing some earnest admonitions about the scriptural manner of prayer, Paul set forth four types of prayer: supplications, petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings. What a pity that so many pray only as a last resort! Christ prayed about everything, and we shall never be able to improve on His example. We cannot do anything as we should without prayer.

We must not be selfish in our praying. While we need to pray for ourselves and for our families, we must also remember that we have an obligation to pray for others too. Intercession for others—for God's children, for the unsaved, for those who are in authority over us and for all men—is an act in precise conformity with the revealed will of God for us. We are admonished to pray for those who are in authority over us because they wield great power for good or evil, they are exposed to tremendous temptations, and they need more than just an ordinary share of the wisdom and courage God alone can bestow.

It is pleasing to God for His children to pray for all men. According to John 3:16 and II Pet. 3:9, God does not want any to perish, but desires their salvation.

There is but one Mediator between God and sinful men who are at enmity with Him. Christ is this Mediator who brings men to God and reconciles them to Him. His mediation rests upon His great redemptive sacrifice. Christ gave Himself as a ransom for all sorts of

people—those of every rank and station, of every state and condition, of every age and sex, of every nation and language; and He is the only One through Whom both Jews and Gentiles have access to God.

I Timothy 6:11-12

Paul warned Timothy to be on his guard against proud men, who possessed corrupt minds and were destitute of the truth, and who believed that gain and possessions were indications of godliness. To enable him to avert their errors, Paul listed three helpful slogans:

1. **Flee.** "O man of God, flee these things." Timothy is thus addressed as a "man of God," one who has been born of God, who has yielded his life to God, who has been called of God to deliver His messages and to do His work, who is living close to God, and who is seeking to fulfil God's purpose for him. Wearing this title and possessing this character, he is exhorted to flee from the things which have just been enumerated. For his own safety and for the glory of God he must run away from them immediately just as he would from any other imminent danger.

2. **Follow.** As sheep follow the shepherd, so the Christian is exhorted to "follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." The word "follow" is taken from the hunt, and means "to pursue as prey," with all faculties alert and ready to seize the catch as it comes within reach. In spite of disappointments, discouragements and hardships, these six qualities are to be pursued until they become a part of the very character.

3. **Fight.** "Fight the good fight of faith." This fighting may be defensive or offensive. Christians must carry the warfare of Christ into the camp of the enemy. They cannot wait for the unbelievers to come to their camp, but the gospel message must be taken to them. This fight is to be waged personally and as a body of believers. "The Son of God goes forth to war" against evil in our day. Who will volunteer to follow in His train? The Christian life is definitely a fascinating fight. As such, it is intensely real, appeals to the very best that is within us, has important issues, has a superb leader, and results in incalculable good. It is a good fight because it is in a good cause—that of God and His truth, it is under the best general—Christ, it honors the Lord, it does good to others, and it brings a glorious reward to him who fights it valiantly.



PRESS OFFICERS—New officers of the Southern Baptist Press Association, elected at Phoenix, are from left, Leon Macon, Birmingham, president; James O. Duncan, Washington, D.C., vice-president, and Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock, reelected secretary-treasurer (BP Photo).

Frisco Meeting Follows "Sharing Christ" Theme

SAN FRANCISCO (BP)—Five major addresses, one of which will close the Convention at noon Friday, are on the suggested Order of Business for the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention here June 5-8.

The suggested program was released by George Boston of Wichita, Kans., chairman of the Convention's Committee on Order of Business. The theme is "Sharing Christ."

The noon closing on Friday is the earliest closing hour for the Convention in recent years. Sessions have been continuing through Friday night.

The Convention will open at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, following pre-Convention meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary; the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and groups of church musicians and ministers of education.

H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the annual Convention Sermon at the Tuesday night session. Convention President Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City will bring the President's Address at noon Wednesday.

The Convention will skip Wednesday afternoon, normally needed for seminary alumni luncheons and other special group meetings.

Paul F. Geren, former vice-president of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex., and now deputy director of the Peace Corps, Washington, will address the Convention's Thursday afternoon session.

The sermon by E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., and former Convention vice-president, will close the session Friday morning.

G. C. Sandusky in Pioneer Mission Crusade

G. C. Sandusky, Owensboro, joined about 50 ministers and laymen from Mississippi in a recent pioneer mission crusade in Arizona. Sandusky who was former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, Mississippi, was invited to join the Mississippi group.

Sandusky reports that his evangelistic work began on the way to Phoenix. He reports the conversion of a 58-year-old man whose mother was a Mormon and whose father was a Catholic. The first Sunday in Arizona found Sandusky preaching at the Grace Baptist Church in the morning and the Glendale Church at night.

The assignment for Sandusky was to help a needy mission in a copper mining village about 120 miles southeast of

Phoenix. The mission was out of the Hayden (Arizona) Baptist Church. Sandusky stayed in the home of Pastor Rodgers. House-to-house visitation included Roman Catholics and Mormons, and Sandusky reports great indifference was encountered. Visible results of the efforts included one 64-year-old man who made a profession of faith.

Sandusky is high in his praise for the work of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention in the area of the Arizona Baptist Convention which includes Nevada, Utah, and Idaho. The pioneer mission crusade was under the auspices of the Brotherhood and the Evangelism Department of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention in cooperation with the Brotherhood Department of Mississippi.

Convention Housing

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Forgotten what to do about getting reservations for the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention?

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The convention proper and the Woman's Missionary Union will meet in the downtown Civic Auditorium, corner of Fell and Market. A number of major hotels are in the immediate area.

The pastor's conference will meet at Masonic Memorial Temple on Knob Hill, some distance from the downtown area. —(BP).



Mark Lowry

Mark Lowry Is Supplying Bethel College as Its Acting President

By Lewis Lynch
Public Relations Director

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — Dr. Mark Lowry has led Bethel College during the present school year as academic dean and acting president. He has led the college with the firm hand of a disciplinarian. The college is enjoying a revival of strict study habits and a corresponding rise of dedicated spiritual living on the part of faculty and students.

Dr. Lowry has taught in the field of languages for many years and has served as pastor of Baptist churches where he has taught.

He came to Bethel six years ago from Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and Wesson Baptist Church, Wesson, Mississippi. Copiah-Lincoln is a part of the State Junior College system in Mississippi.

Dr. Lowry served as chaplain in World War II seeing service in North Africa and Italy. He earned his A.B. degree at Mississippi College, his Th.M. at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and the Th.D. at New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Along with his teaching and administrative duties Dr. Lowry serves as pastor of the Gracey Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky., near Hopkinsville. He hopes to make an announcement this spring as to who will be the new president of Bethel College.

Church leaders can work closely with parents to assure the fulfilment of God's will and purpose in the lives of youth and to recruit Christian leaders for the years ahead.—Versil S. Crenshaw in April Home Life.

Commission To Employ New Associate Worker

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission voted here to employ a new associate secretary this year or in 1963 to expand its ministry.

Foy Valentine, Nashville, commission executive secretary, said the new associate will serve in addition to Ross Coggins, who was called as an associate last year to develop a writing ministry.

The effective date of the new associate's coming will depend on available finances and on the right man being available for it, according to Valentine.

"Special need is felt for a more systematic cultivation of interest at the level of the state conventions in the cause of applied Christianity," he said. The new associate would mainly be responsible for liaison contacts with Christian life commissions of state conventions.

This new professional worker would also have special responsibilities at the United Nations both in seeking to bring Southern Baptist insights to bear there and in interpreting world affairs to Southern Baptists.

The proposed 1963 S.B.C. Cooperative Program budget includes an increase of \$12,000 in the allocation for the Christian Life Commission.

'Granddaughter' Ordains Its 'Mother's' Son To the Gospel Ministry

PINEVILLE, Ky.—James Howard, a second-year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, was ordained to the Gospel ministry in February by the Muncy Creek Baptist Church.

Muncy Creek Church was organized by the Wooten Baptist Church—a daughter of the 30,000 Movement. So, Wooten Baptist Church is the mother of Muncy Creek Baptist Church; and Muncy Creek is the granddaughter of the 30,000 Movement. Thus a "granddaughter" ordained its "mother's" son to the Gospel ministry.

Howard is pastor of the Muncy Creek Church in Leslie County, and he has been the first member of Wooten Church to answer the call to the ministry.

The ordination sermon was preached by D. Merrill Aldridge, president of Clear Creek School. Others participating in the service were Calvin Fields, superintendent of missions for Three Forks Association; Chester Culver, pastor of Wooten Church; and John Perkins, a deacon in the Muncy Creek Church.

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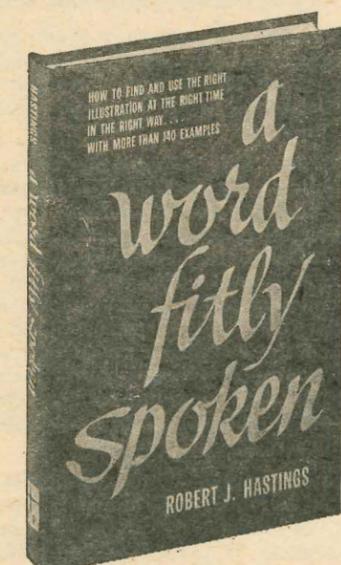
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Religious News in Review

In Kentucky

Two Kentuckians participated in a conference on curriculum materials in Nashville recently. They are **J. Chester Durham**, student secretary for Kentucky Baptists, and **Sabin P. Landry**, associate professor of religious education, Southern Seminary. Under the leadership of **Rice A. Pierce**, editor of Young People's lesson courses in the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, the group prepared study plans for 1963 Young People's lesson material.

Hugh Brooks, pastor, Sand Springs Baptist Church, near Lawrenceburg, has accepted the call of the Scott Boulevard Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia. Brooks has served the Sand Springs Church for 3½ years. The church led in baptisms during two of those years with one baptism for each 3.8 members. Brooks will assume his new duties as pastor of the Scott Boulevard Church on April 22.

A summer religious education workshop is planned at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, June 12-22. Pastors, ministers of education, adult superintendents and directors, teachers of adults and denominational leaders are invited to participate. The workshop will include two-hour morning and afternoon sessions, library research, class sessions and practice sessions in adult learning processes. It will be possible to obtain two hours academic credit from Southern Seminary by completing the assignments of the worship. The workshop will be under the direction of **Drs. Ernest J. Loessner** and **Robert Proctor**, of the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary. Housing will be available in seminary facilities. For further information write **Dr. Allen W. Graves**, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

Miss Blanche Mays, manager, Baptist Book Store, Louisville, is the author of a new book for 3-6-year-olds entitled, "My Book About God's World," containing two-, three-, and four-line verses telling the story of creation, with softly colored illustrations. The volume is bound in hard cover with full-color laminated jacket.

Explanatory Statement

In this column of February 8, it was reported that the **West Broadway Baptist Church, Graves County**, had been organized with eighteen members coming out of the Oak Grove Baptist Church. Through the pastor and the clerk of the Oak Grove Church, the Western Recorder has been informed that Oak Grove did not sponsor this new church and had nothing to do with its organization.

Southern Baptist Convention

Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been

accredited for coverage of the White House through its regional editor in Washington, **W. Barry Garrett**. Of the more than 1,200 correspondents accredited by the White House, only three among religious denominations have been in the group. The White House press secretary's office said accreditation in the Senate and House of Representatives press galleries are required before White House accreditation. Baptist Press achieved Congressional accreditation last year.

The Texas Baptist executive board meeting in Dallas approved two additional education institutions for ownership by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The 192-member board recommended that the Texas convention assume ownership of the **Mexican Baptist Bible Institute** in San Antonio, Tex., and the **Valley Baptist Academy** in Harlingen, Tex. Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting in Fort Worth next November will have final say in the ownership of the two institutions.

The Texas Baptist executive board also named **Cecil E. Sherman**, pastor of the First Baptist Church of College Station, Tex., as staff associate in the Texas Baptist evangelism division. He succeeds **C. B. Jackson** who retired last fall.

Orba Lee Malone, attorney from El Paso, Texas, has been elected chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the S.B.C., succeeding **G. Avery Lee**, New Orleans minister.

A man and wife, identifying themselves publicly only as "friends of **Grand Canyon College**," have offered the Baptist school in Phoenix, Arizona, gifts totaling \$292,000. In addition, they will negotiate and be security for a non-governmental loan of \$150,000 for other college facilities. The trustees of the college and the Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention accepted the offer and the money will be used for such needed improvements on the campus.

A booklet written to help ordained, licensed or commissioned ministers understand the rules and regulations about **Social Security** is available from the **Southern Baptist Annuity Board**, 511

North Akard, Dallas 1, Texas. The booklets will be mailed free to any minister who is planning to apply for Social Security before the April 15 deadline. Any minister who has been ordained for two or more years after April 15 will not be eligible for Social Security coverage.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission, will visit four Latin American countries during a two-week period beginning March 23 for a look at Baptist mission points and to bolster men's work there. The trip will include stops in Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Mexico.

If you plan to take any **young children** to the **Southern Baptist Convention** in San Francisco in June, the local chairman of nursery facilities would like correspondence from you, indicating approximately how long your youngsters will be left in the nursery, their ages and other vital information. It is necessary that the nursery committee get a general idea of how many youngsters they will have to provide for. Address your correspondence to **A. M. Norton**, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, 208 Delores St., San Francisco 3, California.

Baptists Here and There

J. Kelly Simmons, editor of California Southern Baptist, has been named a co-chairman of the press arrangements group for the 1962 session of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in San Francisco, June 5-8. Other co-chairman is **Charles R. Richardson**, Mill Valley, Calif., news bureau director for Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. W. Maxfield Garrott, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, became president of Seinan Jo Gakuin, Baptist girls' school in Kokura, on March 1. He will continue to live in Fukuoka City, base for his various other responsibilities—including teaching in the Japan Baptist Theological Seminary—and will commute to Kokura, an hour's train ride away, two or three days a week. Seinan Jo Gakuin, founded in 1922, enrolls more than 1,600 girls in junior and senior high school and junior college divisions. For about two years it had been led by acting presidents only. Dr. Garrott has been a missionary to Japan since 1934, serving most of the time with the seminary. He is a native of Batesville, Ark.

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