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29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be, and she said unto her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favour with God.
30 And she beheld that she conceived with child, and her name was called Jesus.
31 And when she had conceived, she lay in the womb six months.
32 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, for thou shalt bring forth a son.
33 And she shall be called Jesus.
34 And she shall be great, and the Lord shall be with her, and she shall be called the Son of God.
35 And she shall give unto him the name of the father David.
36 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
37 Then said Mary, I know not a man: how shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
38 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
39 And Elizabeth, when she heard of thee, shall also be called the Son of God.
40 And thou shalt be called the Son of God, and thou shalt be called the Son of God.
41 For with God, nothing shall be impossible.
42 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; and the angel departed from her.
43 And in those days, when Mary arose from the country, with haste, she went into the hill country, and came to a city of Juda.
44 And she entered into the house of Zacharia, and saluted Elizabeth.
45 And Elizabeth heard the salutation, and she leaped in her womb, and she was filled with the Holy Ghost.
46 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
47 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
48 For, lo, as soon as I saw thee, the salutation sounded in my womb, and the babe leaped in me, for I have conceived a performance of those things which were told me from the Lord.
49 And Mary said, My rejoicing is that I shall find favour with the Lord.
50 And my spirit hath rejoiced in the Lord.
51 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaid; for, lo, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
52 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things, and holy is his name.
53 And his mercy is on them that fear him, from generation to generation.
54 He hath showed strength with his arm, he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
55 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
56 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent away empty.
57 He hath helped his servant Abraham, and to his seed for ever.
58 And Mary abode with her, these months, and returned to her house.
59 Now Elizabeth's full time was come, that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.
60 And her neighbours and her kinsfolk heard how the Lord had showed his mercy upon her, and they rejoiced with her.
61 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they called him Zacharia, after the name of his father.
62 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called Jesus.
63 And they said unto her, Thy name is Zacharia.
64 And she answered and said, How he would have him called Jesus?
65 And he asked for a writing, and wrote, saying, His name is Jesus.
66 And they marvelled all these things.
67 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue was loosed, and he spake, and praised God.
68 And fear came on all that heard round about them: and all these things were told abroad throughout the hill country of Juda.
69 And all they that heard them, glorified in them, saying, Blessed art thou, O Lord.
70 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
71 And so it was, that while they were thus, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
72 And she brought forth her firstborn child, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
73 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping their flock by night.
74 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone about them; and they were afraid.
75 And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
76 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
77 And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
78 And suddenly their fear was with the Lord, and they said, Let us go and see this thing which is come to pass.
79 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go and see Bethlehem, let us see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
80 And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
81 And when they had seen it, they made known unto them the saying which the angels had said concerning this child.
82 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
83 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
84 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was said unto them.
85 And when eight days were accomplished of the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was conceived in the womb.
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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

Danville Church Has 35th Anniversary

The Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, celebrated its 35th anniversary Sunday, December 9. **Dr. Elroy Lamb**, the pastor, had with him on that occasion two former pastors. **Dr. C. C. Warren**, the first pastor, preached at the morning service, and **Dr. Ralph R. Couey** preached at the evening service. A reception was held Sunday afternoon for Doctors Warren and Couey, and living charter members were recognized. **W. B. Coleman** is the only living charter deacon.

Correcting an Error

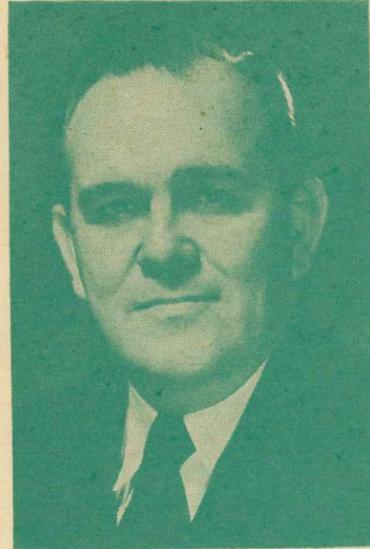
Attention has been called to an error on Page 8 of the *Western Recorder* of November 22. This has to do with one of the 12 items included in the \$12,000,000. This was printed "8. B.S.U. Centers.....6¼%.....\$7,750,000," whereas the amount should have been \$750,000. We regret the error, and are glad to make the correction, though confidentially, we think **Secretary J. Chester Durham** would prefer to leave the item as it was mistakenly printed.

Ellsworth McElfresh Dies

First Church, Maysville, adopted resolutions at its November business meeting on the passing of **Ellsworth McElfresh**. He had been a deacon and the chairman of the deacons; teacher of the Young Men's Bible Class, president of the Brotherhood, and president of the Adult Training Union. "His leadership ability was utilized in every area of church endeavors, his loyalty and devotion to the cause of Christ exemplified in his every action," the resolutions stated, "and his Christian witness felt throughout the entire community."

T. U. Fann Dies in Florida

Thomas U. Fann passed to his eternal reward at his home in Orlando, Florida, on November 15. Fann saw foreign service in World War I, and was called to the Mays Lick pastorate in Kentucky following his discharge from the Army in 1920. He served there until 1923. For a while he conducted a Baptist school at Olympia Springs, in Kentucky. In 1955 he wrote a book, "*Behold the Son of Man*." The study course book was prepared as a thesis for a doctorate. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and four grandchildren.



HAROLD G. SANDERS

Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention, will deliver the opening message at the 1963 State Evangelistic Conference at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, January 14-16. "Conviction" will be **Dr. Sanders'** subject. **Dr. Sanders** will also speak at the closing session on "God Depends on Us." The Conference opens at 6:45 E.S.T. The Conference Theme is "Basic Evangelism."

Henry Lee Jones to Raceland

H. L. Jones has resigned his five-year pastorate of the First Church, Russell, to become full-time pastor of the First Church of Raceland. He has been interim pastor at Raceland for eight months. He led the church at Russell in a world wide mission program through the work of Southern Baptists. From a very small group, the Sunday school attendance is now averaging 180. The church has an active Brotherhood, Women's work, Training Union. More than 200 were added to the church during his ministry there. A new brick parsonage is to be erected at Raceland on lots adjoining the auditorium.

Harley Skirvin Ordained

At the invitation of Young Grove Church, DeWitt, Ky., 13 pastors met November 16 to consider the ordination

of **Harley Skirvin** to the Gospel ministry. Skirvin is a second-year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. Young Grove Church had called him to serve as its pastor and requested his ordination. Questions were directed by **Dr. W. E. Denham, Sr.**, professor of Bible at the Clear Creek School, and the ordination sermon was delivered by **K. S. Clendaniel**, dean of students. The council was composed of these and **Ray Carter, Maynard Head, Raymond Avery, William Hammonds, Lester Maples, Ermon French, Coy Joyner, James Procter, Reed Mills, Harold Dunham** and **George Gurley**. Skirvin is a native of Bloomington, Indiana. Mrs. Skirvin is the former **Rosemary Lincicome**, of Unionville, Indiana. They have three children: Larry, 15; Connie, 12; and Joyce, 8.

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Why Observe Christmas?

This is the Christmas season. And Christmas is all but an international and an universal holiday. No other day is as widely observed as this day. During this month approximately 800,000,000 people—half the total population of the world—will celebrate the birth of Christ. All of us have known of Christmas since we have known anything.

Of course the purpose of Christmas is to commemorate the birth of Christ. And yet we do not know the exact place nor the time of the birth of Jesus. The traveler in Bethlehem is shown a cave or grotto below the altar in the Church of the Nativity in this ancient city where tradition declares the birth took place. But of this no one can be absolutely certain. Nor can we say with certainty just when He was born. We do know that it was not on December 25 in the year 1 A.D. The evidence seems to point to the late summer or early fall of the year 6 or 5 B.C. But we need not be concerned about this.

First Observance

Probably the first observance of the day would go back to that night when the shepherds left their fields and went to see the Babe in the manger and to the day shortly afterwards, when the Wise Men from the East came bringing their gifts to the newborn King. But the Christians did not generally observe the day until sometime in the second century. The first positive observance as a Christian celebration came about 190 A.D. But at this time there was no uniform plan nor time for the celebration. About 350 A.D. in the City of Rome, Christians observed December 25 as the day of His birth. Since then it has come to be the universal date.

Present Day Observance

Our present-day observance is a strange mixture of various practices, many of which came from pagan festivals. Among the people of north Europe the latter part of December, when the season turned and the days began to lengthen, was regarded as a time for new hope and general belief in better conditions. The ancient Yule festival of the Norsemen came at this season. It seems certain that the present observance of December 25 was associated with this feast.

We have our Christmas trees. Prior to the birth of Christ, the Romans had a custom of decorating the evergreen tree for a festive occasion. It is mentioned in the classic Latin writings. Likely our Christmas tree came from this custom.

Santa Claus, unfortunately the best known element in our present observance, dates back to the ancient Saint Nicolas of the Russians. From this we have our St. Nicolas—changed to our Santa Claus. For many centuries it has been customary to exchange greetings and gifts at the Christmas season. But

the exact origin of this practice is not known. Today we sing Christmas carols. For centuries this aspect of the Christmas celebration has been prevalent in European countries. But England has given us our best carols.

We decorate our churches and home with evergreens, holly and mistletoe. This too, is an ancient practice, the exact origin and purpose of which is somewhat obscure.

As early as the fourth Christian century Christian peoples prepared and presented elaborate programs in the churches in the forms of pageants, cantatas and music festivals at the Christmas celebration. The purpose of this is evident. Certainly this practice is in keeping with the real spirit of Christmas.

So the observance of Christmas is complex and far-reaching. Should this custom be continued? Some say no. Not long ago a man expressed to the writer the desire to see the observance of Christmas discontinued. He argued that the abuses of it in our day are so great that it ought to be discarded.

Serious Abuses

All of us must admit that there are serious abuses. For one thing, we have over-commercialized the Christmas season. In our day this has come to be the season of big business. Even before Thanksgiving Day merchants and other business men begin to advertise and specialize on Christmas selling. Hundreds of millions of dollars exchange hands. Overworked employees, weary clerks, nervous "shoppers" and dense crowds are all about us. For many it is a season for money-making and personal profit. And it goes into nearly all kinds of business. Consider the types of "Christmas Gifts" suggested to the public in every form of advertising. Consider the amazing development in the kinds and complexities of Christmas toys. Even dolls are mechanized. So it becomes easy to lose the real spirit of Christmas in the modern rush of Christmas business.

A few days ago in one of the so-called elite magazines one saw the picture of Santa Claus delivering a bottle of a certain brand of whiskey to the fireside of a well-to-do home. Could anything be further from the Christian conception of Christmas? Then, too, for many people Christmas means an occasion for gratifying their baser appetites. Some think of it only as a time to eat a big meal, and worse still some can see in it only an opportunity for "celebrating" with drink, whether this "celebrating" is to be done in the barroom, in the living room or at some party makes no difference. Those who thus indulge are desecrating the very spirit and purpose of Christmas.

But granting that there are abuses,

shall we discontinue it? Those who profess to believe in doing away with the celebration of Christmas evidently have not considered seriously the benefits of the season. Its values far outweigh its abuses.

Happy Affirmatives

Christmas time is a season when home is foremost in our thoughts. Motherhood, innocency of childhood, the family circle, the fireside reveries, memories of home, all come to the front during this time. Christmas cannot be dissociated from childhood. What is Christmas without a child? Christ came as a child. God could have worked out his redemptive purpose in some other way, but he chose to send His Son into the world as a babe.

It is a time for family reunion. During the next few days, by bus, automobile, trains and planes from every part of the land, thousands will be traveling back to the old home. Loved ones will be brought together, family ties will be renewed. Home will be a joyous reality. This one fact will more than justify the observance of Christmas.

Christmas is also a time for music. Think how much of our best music—hymns, carols and oratorios—center around the birth of Christ. How bare and poverty stricken our lives would be without Christmas music.

Again, Christmas reminds us of the supremacy of love in our world. We live in a world all but saturated with suspicion, fear and hatred. Is there such a thing as love among us? Yes. God is love, and Christmas reminds us of this. Love is responsible for Christmas. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son." If the men of earth could pause to think and could catch the spirit of the Prince of Peace, hatred and war would disappear.

Another blessing of the season is what we call the "Christmas Spirit." When this spirit possesses a man he forgets himself. Others, particularly the unfortunate and the underprivileged receive first consideration. Many thousands of poor families in our nation will be "adopted." Flagging spirits will be revived. Lonely and desolate sufferers will be cheered and comforted. And this is the real spirit of "Him who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." There's a new life in our steps, and a new light in our eyes, and a new spirit in the air at Christmas time.

Shall we dispense with Christmas? I think not! Our world needs it today. We recognize the truth expressed in the words of one of the best loved Christmas carols:

"Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light,
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight."

—The Spire, Midwestern
Baptist Theological Seminary
Kansas City, Mo.
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Take Some, Leave Some of Christmas

Once a year about this time many of us talk about putting Christ back into Christmas, but very few ever do much about it. Caught in the clutches of a materialistic culture which counts everything in terms of the dollar mark, we go along with the rest of the world, letting our mild protests ease somewhat our consciences.

To be sure, all elements of our modern Christmas observance are not bad. There is much good that is left in Christmas, and this we ought to cling to while sifting the rest.

Some things about our modern Christmas celebration surely should go. Chief among these is the crass commercialism which has taken Christmas for its own with no regard for the true meaning of Christ. Once upon a time no one thought of Christmas until after Thanksgiving, but now it is difficult to think of Thanksgiving for the Christmas decorations and displays. At the present rate, before many years, the Christmas bells of commercialism will be ringing before the echo of the liberty bells of July 4 dies away.

Maybe the time is also come when Santa Claus should be left to the very small children and the commercialists. There are some who rule out Santa altogether, but there's something about him that is hard to give up. It is doubtful, however, if he has any place in church Christmas activities. At least this was the opinion of most Baptists asked about it in a recent poll.

There was a time when the only Santa children saw was one at the Christmas tree at school or church. Gone are these days. What child from the remotest place hasn't seen Santa in one of the thousands of Christmas parades, in some department store, or even land in a helicopter fresh from the North Pole? After all this, it is quite superficial to bring him to church programs to hand out hard candy to already overstuffed children.

The time is far past for eliminating drinking and other excesses in Christmas celebrations. If Christmas is a Christian observance, such things are completely out of place. The notorious Christmas parties of office workers where the presence of drink and the absence of inhibition and modesty flow together are a reproach upon decency not to say anything about the birthday of Christ.

Christians, at least, should seek a Christmas spirit void of the expectation of receiving gifts. The true spirit of the first Christmas was the giving of a Saviour to the world. God received nothing but gave all. We are not like Him when we exchange gifts

carefully, spending about the same on each other lest one get cheated. Exchanging is not giving.

But there's much life that's good about Christmas, and these things should be emphasized. For one thing, there is the spirit of awe and wonder. The thought of Christmas is exciting, and so was it from the beginning. Let's just remember the excitement was not over a new shiny bike but over a baby who was God in human form, come to save a lost world.

The gathering of a family and friends at Christmas-time in the glow of the hearth and the warmth of love should ever be a part of Christmas. Every child, no matter how far from home and parents, should be home for Christmas if possible.

Finally, what is Christmas without a gift—giving one, that is? In making a list for Christmas gifts, who should head the list? Who is responsible for all of it, anyway? It all began with the gift of Christ to us. Shouldn't He be on the top of our list?

Many churches wisely use the idea of a Christmas gift to Christ. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions affords a perfect opportunity to express our love to Christ. May your Christmas be made merry by a heart of love for the Christ of the first Christmas!

From Us to You

One of the liveliest traditions of Christmas is the expression of gratitude and love to friends. This makes Christmas cards meaningful, and many such expressions have already made happy this editor's heart and home.

On behalf of all of us who have the joy of trying to produce the *Western Recorder* each week, let me thank all of our readers. We live and labor for you, and for the glory of our Lord. You make our joy possible through your support of the paper.

This has been another good year for the paper. Materially and spiritually we have been blessed. The print shop workers, those of us in the offices and our directors join the editor in sending greetings in our Saviour's name. Forgive us for our many mistakes this year and pray for us as we begin another year with a determination to do better.

Please let this be our Christmas card. It would be next to impossible to send greetings any other way. Even our more intimate circle of acquaintances will be passed up this year so far as the traditional Christmas letter is concerned. Like many others are doing, we're giving the cost of Christmas cards this year to the special Christmas foreign mission offering.



A "Peculiar" People

Dear Editor:

I have heard more than one Baptist minister proclaim rather pridefully that we Baptists are a "peculiar" people in answer to the Biblical command. Recent events would cause one to affirm that we are peculiar indeed—though it is perhaps not in the Biblical sense. Given below are some of the recent events which point up some of our peculiarities.

With what seems to me to be a bit of self-righteous aloofness we Southern Baptists declined to play even an observing role in the current Ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church. We tell ourselves that the thing we like least about the Catholic Church is its principle of papal infallibility. So rather than contaminate ourselves with papal infallibility we remain at home and practice our own collective type of infallibility, our presumably unerring "Pope" being: the majority of the leaders of the 1962 Convention in San Francisco; the Board of Trustees of Midwestern Seminary; and every minister and professor who remains silent at the dismissal of Professor Ralph Elliott from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Professor Elliott was dismissed for giving expression to honest conclusions based upon serious study, which is the essence of teaching.

Here is another peculiarity we Southern Baptists have shown in connection with Professor Elliott. Governor Barnett of Mississippi, a Southern Baptist, while proclaiming his love for the state and its people, also declares to the entire world that there is a difference between the white man and the colored man other than color of skin. As this Baptist would have it, the white man is superior in every way and the Negro has his own lowly place to fill. As far as I am able to ascertain there has been no public censoring of Barnett's stand, certainly not Convention-wide, by the Church.

Now let's have another look at Professor Elliott's case. Professor Elliott voiced an honest opinion based upon serious study (an opinion which the majority of Biblical scholars agreed upon long, long ago). For this honest opinion Professor Elliott has been censored to the point of being dismissed from his position as teacher.

Considering the response which Southern Baptists have made to the actions of these two men, Elliott and Burnett, are

we or are we not peculiar? Peculiar we are, but hardly in the Biblical sense of the term.

Sincerely yours,
Danville, Ky. Sloan Lister, Jr.

More Cooperative Program, Less Special Offering

Dear Editor:

The Executive Board of Anderson Baptist Association, in regular session on October 20, voted unanimously to reaffirm their belief in the principles of the Cooperative Program, and resolved to give increased support to the cause of Christ through this channel.

The board, however, expressed a growing apprehension—especially among the laity—of the trend toward special offerings. Both laymen and pastors felt that insistence upon giving through special offerings hinders rather than helps the progress of denominational endeavors.

The members present favored the setting up of local church budgets that would serve as a challenge to increased and more intelligent giving, and that offerings for special causes should be discouraged.

This body expressed approval of efforts to support and improve our institutions, and to expand our work both at home and abroad.

Belief was expressed that other groups throughout our state convention share the opinion that a well-understood and well-supported Cooperative Program is sufficient to meet the challenge that confronts as we seek to promote the cause of Christ.

Sincerely,
J. Alvin Hardy, Moderator
Forest Wyatt Shely, Clerk
Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Resolution of Laurel River

Editor:

Since no one from Laurel River Association was able to be a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention at San Francisco, we wish to take this means of expressing our approval of the Convention's action in asking our Seminary Trustees to bring the teaching of their schools more into line with our Declaration of Faith. We realize that human interpretations of the Bible contain an element of error, but nevertheless, we believe the rule of a free majority is better than a creed or than absolute freedom. The majority can change their Declaration when greater light comes. But until the Declaration

is changed, we believe that denominational servants in official utterance should practice their academic freedom only in fields not covered by the Declaration. The majority interpretation of the Bible should be propagated by those serving the denomination.

Also we wish to commend the Trustees of Southern Seminary for recognizing their obligation to the current Declaration of the Convention (1925 Articles), the Trustees of Midwestern Seminary for seeking to obey the instruction of the Convention, and Dr. Robert E. Humphreys for his lucid explanation in the *Western Recorder* of this effort. We are alarmed not only by certain views of inspiration and preservation of the Scripture being taught in our seminaries, but also by views of Adam, which according to Paul's own analogy in Romans 5, reflect upon the work of Christ. We deplore the modern de-emphasis of the doctrine of imputation, which in our opinion is the heart of justification by faith. We trust that other seminaries will follow the example of Midwestern.

By action of the Executive Board of Laurel River Association, December 1, 1962
Sherman Adams,
London, Ky. Clerk of Ex. Board

On Dr. Elliott's Dismissal

Dear Editor:

I think that the recent firing of Dr. Elliott was one of the wisest decisions that the Midwestern Theological Seminary ever made.

According to your article of December 6, 1962, Mr. Vaughn says that this was uncalled for.

I agree with the decision of the trustees because I think that the Southern Baptist Convention is liberal enough on young people and the Baptists if not too liberal.

God gave us the Bible as a guide in our lives and for us to study. When God did this he expected us to use it.

I would like to commend the trustees for the stand that they took for the Master when they fired Dr. Elliott.

I think that Southern Baptists have awakened and realized that if they were going to take a stand on things that they were going to have to do it at a time like this.

Young people today may not want to stand for the conservative ideas of past generations, but if the Southern Baptists of tomorrow are going to remain on stand that they now believe they are going to have to follow the past generations and the Bible.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Arnold Moxley
Bethel College

Editor's Note:

This letter will serve to end the discussion for the time being of the Elliott affair. The editor regrets that all opinions expressed on this matter cannot be used in the limited space of the *Western Recorder*—C.R.D.

*Yours
and
His*



Merry, Merry Christmas

In the most personal way you can do it, please accept this column as your Christmas greeting from "Yours and His"!

I get sentimental about Christmas. I get as excited as a child, as fluffy as an angel, and as hopeful as the Master who said, "I will draw all men unto Me." I might as well confess, Christmas is something special to me. I love all the fine aspects of it—carols, outdoor nativities, sidewalk Santas, Christmas trees, church pageants, oratorios, holly and pine and candles and candy. I cringe a little at commercialization, but I also glory in the fact that the Birth of Jesus Christ makes a Jewish merchant spend thousands of dollars on the Christmas theme and fills the air of the marketplace with angel choirs singing "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace"!

I think the church should capture the climate of Christmas, should build its services, lead in benevolence, sing at the homes of the lonely, the aged and the infirm, proclaim the greatest fact of history: "CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR, IS BORN!" I dare hope that 1963, "World Missions Year," will see a world come to Christ!

I like the home next, with love, joy, peace, children's eyes sparkling with new toys and tummies bulging with nuts, fruits and candy, stockings filled with good things. I like singing carols around the piano, reading the Christmas Story from the Bible, talking about the King becoming King of All Kings.

The sweetest little carol may be sung to the tune of Brahms' Lullaby:

"Long ago there was born in the City of David,

A sweet holy child who was Jesus our King;

Angels sang at His birth, 'Lullaby, peace on earth';

Angels sang at His birth, 'Lullaby, peace on earth'.

"Jesus came, as a child, from His Father in Heaven,

To show us the way to be loving and king;

While the stars sang above, 'God is love, God is love';



CLYDE T. FRANCISCO

Clyde T. Francisco, professor of Old Testament interpretation, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will bring the Bible Study at the five sessions of the 1963 State Evangelistic Conference in Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, January 14-16. Dr. Francisco's subjects are "Job and His Friends," "The Wishes of Job," "The Faith of Job," "The Sin of Job," and "The Repentance of Job."

Southern To Conduct Woman's Career Classes

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here will offer next year new classes for coeds wishing to enter Woman's Missionary Union careers.

Dean Allen W. Graves announced the courses, a part of the school of religious education, result from the seminary's merging with Carver School of Missions and Social Work in 1963.

The new missions education leadership course and studies are primarily for women who will fill administrative, field work and editorial positions for women's missionary organizations in this nation and at Southern Baptist foreign missions stations.

Approximately 150 women now have career positions in Southern Baptist and state Baptist convention Woman's Missionary Unions.

Ministerial students' wives and other women students studying as missionary volunteers and for church-related vocations can also take the missionary education leadership course.

While the stars sang above, 'God is love, God is love'."

Try it! Merry Christmas!
Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders

Music Department Reorganized

NASHVILLE—The church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board has been reorganized into two major areas of work, editorial services and field services. This reorganization, effective November 16, was announced by Dr. W. Hines Sims, department secretary.

Dr. Loren R. Williams has become director of field services, which includes services to churches, associations, states, conventions and special projects. In this section, C. A. Holcomb has become associational music consultant. Also associated with Dr. Williams in this area are Dan C. Hall, Robert L. Snead, Paul Bobbitt, Saxe Adams and Samuel W. Shanko.

Dr. William J. Reynolds has been named director of editorial services, which includes all publishing, magazines, recordings, study course books, pamphlets, music, music supplies and music resources. Associated with Dr. Reynolds in this area of work are Bill F. Leach, Mrs. Nettie Lou Jones, R. Paul Green, Mrs. Novella Preston and Mrs. Alta C. Faircloth.

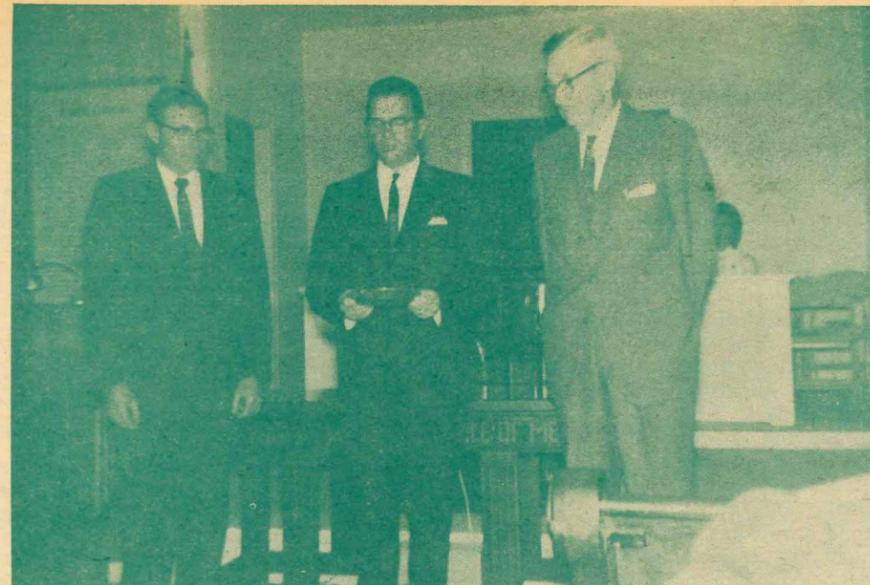
Dr. Sims said that this reorganization is the result of a long period of study to enable the department to function more efficiently and serve Southern Baptist churches more effectively.



No Western Recorder Next Week

In accordance with a custom of many years, there will be no issue of the Western Recorder the last week in the calendar year—which is next week. This will allow a little break in our round-the-clock, week-in-and-week-out, month-after-month activities in the Western Recorder office and print shop, thereby permitting our staff to take off Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Our next paper will bear the date of January 3, 1962.

WESTERN RECORDER



Participants in the note burning ceremonies at the Evergreen Baptist Church, Frankfort, are, left to right: James Hoskins, treasurer, William Y. Sanders, pastor, and C. T. Jordan chairman of deacons. The ceremony marking the completion of the payment of the church debt was followed by a new challenge to the church from Deacon Chairman C. T. Jordan.

Caudill Cites Progress In Letter From Cuba

ATLANTA (BP)—"The Lord leads us one step at a time," reported Herbert Caudill of Havana to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Caudill, superintendent of missions in Cuba, was summarizing the past year's work on the island. His report listed lessons learned from recent experiences.

This was the third year for Caudill to miss the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board and to submit his report in writing.

He and five other Southern Baptist missionaries in Cuba have not left the island for fear of being unable to return. They constitute the largest Protestant mission force still in Cuba.

"We have suffered losses," Caudill said. They came primarily from the numbers fleeing Cuba. He pointed out, however, that "Others have come along to fill the breach."

The board budgeted \$230,000 for work in Cuba next year, a reduction of \$30,000 because of the decrease in workers, who have left the island.

Southern Baptists are also providing relief and resettlement for many of the 150,000 refugees who have left Cuba. Mission forces in Miami report 111 families with 285 people resettled, mostly since August. The board set aside \$50,000 for this task next year.

AID Says It Gives No Help To Churches

WASHINGTON (BP)—Agency for International Development (AID), the United States agency for foreign aid programs, says that "AID does not provide assistance to churches." Also Fowler Hamilton, retiring administrator, says, "it does not provide aid to advance any religious teaching."

These assertions were made in a new policy statement by AID giving guidelines for U. S. foreign aid programs through religious affiliated institutions. The new statement was set forth in a letter from Mr. Hamilton to Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D., N.M.), a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

At the same time, AID released a study of current foreign aid projects and contracts that involve religious institutions and agencies. There was no information on past programs. It is the position of AID that it is carrying out policies spelled out in legislation passed by the Congress every year since 1947.

After outlining tests for every foreign aid project, Mr. Hamilton added two more tests for projects that might be "necessary or appropriate" through church agencies. These conditions are:

1. United States foreign assistance funds may not be provided for the advancement of sectarian religious purposes, and

2. No funds may be expended, nor any project undertaken, without prior assurance and built-in guarantees that there will be absolutely no discrimina-

tion on religious grounds in the matter of who will benefit.

"In some foreign countries schools and colleges founded by missionaries or having some connection with a religious body, are the only resource through which to work," Mr. Hamilton explained.

The problem faced by United States assistance programs in some countries is that of "working in a society without our tradition of separation of church and state," he stated.

However, the AID administrator continued, "No assistance will be provided to public institutions of this kind without guarantees that anyone may attend and that no one is forced to take part in religious practices objectionable to him." He added, "Where additional guarantees seem advisable, these will be secured."

In the 1962 distribution of surplus foods to foreign countries 70 per cent was handled by agencies with religious affiliations. These include Catholic Relief Service, Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Assemblies of God, Unitarian Service Committee and Hadassah.

Uncle of BWA's J. F. Soren Dies

Ernest A. Filson, 83, an uncle of Dr. John Filson Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the president of the Baptist World Alliance, died in the McDowell Hospital of Danville, Ky., on December 1. He resided at 2604 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville. A native of Roanoke, Va., in earlier years he was a businessman at Warsaw, Ky. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Dr. John R. Claypool, of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, at the Herbert C. Cralle Funeral Home, and burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery. Mr. Filson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Olive Tague Filson; and a sister, Mrs. Jane Filson Soren of Rio de Janeiro (mother of the Baptist World Alliance president); and by one brother, Claude H. Filson, 2009 Maryland Avenue, Louisville.

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L. B. Gilbert

Highland Hills, Ft. Thomas, Calls Chaplain Gilbert

The Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, has called L. B. Gilbert as pastor. Gilbert began his duties on November 11.

The new Highland Hills pastor has been with the Veterans' Administration for the past 17 years. He has served as chaplain in several veterans' hospitals and retired November 10 as chaplain of the V.A. Hospital in Ft. Thomas.

He is a graduate of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and all of his pastoral ministry has been spent in Texas. He is a veteran of World Wars I and II.

Harris Says Baptist Colleges Threatened

DALLAS (BP)—The president of Mercer University in Macon, Ga., predicted here that church-related colleges will not survive another decade if present education trends continue and financial support does not improve.

Mercer President Rufus C. Harris, in a major address at the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools meeting here, said that Baptist schools must not follow the trends of state schools towards bigness, secularization, or else they are doomed to destruction.

The hope for the survival of the church-related college lies in strengthening the liberal arts education program and being distinctly "Christian" in its purpose and task, he said.

"The adequacy of education at a Christian college is determined by the available physical resources and the competency of the faculty," Harris said.

The best teachers are going to state-supported schools where salaries are

Elliott Counts Out Kansas City Pulpit

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Ralph H. Elliott, former professor at a local Baptist seminary, said he is not a candidate for the pulpit of the city's Calvary Baptist Church.

Elliott began an interim pastorate at the church while teaching Old Testament and Hebrew at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was dismissed later during the controversy over his book, "The Message of Genesis."

Writing a front page personal statement in weekly church bulletin Elliott said, in part:

"Serving as interim pastor at Calvary has been a blessed experience. My contribution to the church has been small, and much needed service has gone unfulfilled because of my involvement and responsibility elsewhere. For what ever time may be left in this interim period, I should like to fulfill more of these needs. . . .

"From time to time, a number of you have been kind to request my services and to recommend my service here on a permanent basis.

"Thus, in order that there may be no misunderstanding, and in order that the pulpit committee may hasten without interruption to its task, I would emphasize that I feel it would be a mistake for the church to consider me or for me to consider the church on a permanent basis. My best service to the Lord and to His Kingdom can, I believe, be rendered in a different environment. In the perspective of a long-range view,

higher, he said, and the crisis is getting worse, not better.

"This requires so much more money than Baptist colleges have and can get that it poses a terrific problem," Harris told the educators. He asked where they should turn for the needed funds, but posed no answer.

"Some have suggested," he said, "that church-related colleges should surrender to the state and let the state do everything in education. But this would be tragic."

Citing the tasks of a church-related college, Harris said that Baptist schools must help the denomination keep in focus the center of Baptist faith. "Scholars must be allowed the freedom to investigate and publish."

The Georgia college president called for a closer relationship between Baptist colleges and the denomination. "The college and church are ancient allies in the educational process and their alliance should strengthen both," he said.

A Baptist school must support and encourage the denomination, he said, but it must not be a mimic, echoing the denomination and providing nothing creative."

I believe the church can better be served by a fresh leadership, unencumbered by such circumstances as have surrounded my ministry. . . .

"In short, I am not a pulpit candidate for Calvary Baptist Church."

Conrad R. Willard resigned as Calvary pastor in March to accept the pulpit of Central Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., and Elliott has been interim pastor since then.

Elliott said he would remain as interim pastor until either the church secured a new pastor or he (Elliott) moved away from Kansas City.

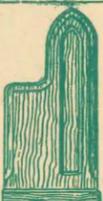
Five New Deacons, Calvary, Somerset

Calvary Baptist Church of Somerset ordained Alvin L. Hudson, Kenneth Presley, B. H. (Jim) Gilbert, Samuel Meece and Collas Simpson as deacons on November 10. In addition to these five, Calvary has one other deacon—A. W. (Wes) Chaney. They had their first meeting on December 4, and Alvin L. Hudson was elected chairman and B. H. Gilbert, vice chairman. The pastor at Calvary is Earl H. Oglesbee.

Baptist Hour Sermons for January

The sermon subjects of Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs on *The Baptist Hour* during January 6—"The Highway Into the Unknown" (Joshua 3:4); 13—"The Highway To Oblivion" (Proverbs 14:12); 20—"The Highway of Happiness" (Genesis 24:27); and 27—"The Highway That Leads Home" (John 14:6). Watch local newspapers for nearest radio stations for time of *The Baptist Hour*.

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Religious News In Review

The Kentucky Scene

►Ten \$1,000 scholarships, known as the **Luther Rice-Adoniram Judson Scholar Awards**, will be presented 10 enrolling students at Southern Baptist Seminary next fall. Applications from students in Kentucky are now being received by the dean of students' office. Deadline for receiving applications is January 15.

►**Jesse A. Hatfield**, pastor, First Baptist Church, Barbourville, recently assisted his brother, **Edgar E. Hatfield**, in a revival at the Buena Vista Baptist Church, Owensboro. Jesse and Eddie are both products of the Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville.

►The progressive and energetic Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, was a recent front page feature article subject in the **Daily Middlesboro News**. The article, describing the success of this Brotherhood, was done by the Middlesboro News Editor **Ellis Easterly**.

►**Miss Gladys Hopewell**, a native of Hopkins County, Kentucky, has ended her furlough and has left the states for her Southern Baptist mission post in Formosa. Her address is 43/1 University Road, Tainan, Taiwan.

►**Dr. and Mrs. Wesley A. Hardison**, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines, have moved from Iloilo to Manila. Both are natives of Kentucky, he of Warren County and she, the former **Frances Lee Leathers**, of Nelson County.

►The Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, recently observed the 12th Anniversary of **Pastor Thomas Hicks Shelton**. The Latonia Church was also engaged in a recent revival, featuring the husband-wife evangelistic team, **Al and Ivy Walsh**.

Baptists Elsewhere

►Thirty-seven professors of Bible and religion from eight Southern Baptist Colleges in the southeastern states have issued a joint statement on the controversy at Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, charging that the board of trustees of that institution obeyed an "authority . . . which is in opposition to the authority of Scripture". The charge was made over the dismissal of **Professor Ralph Elliott** on October 25, 1962, because he refused to refrain voluntarily from republishing his controversial book, **The Message of Genesis**.

►Six new missionaries to western, mid-western and southern states were of-

ficially commissioned by the **Home Mission Board** of the Southern Baptist Convention at the board's December meeting. New Mexico will be the field of service for four, while Kansas and Mississippi will be areas of work for the others.

►"**Matthew's Message**," a new Broadman Press filmstrip, is a learning aid for Southern Baptists' 1963 January Bible study emphasis on Matthew. It is available through Baptist Book stores and other audio-visual dealers.

►The first summertime **Southern Baptist Youth Conference** is scheduled for June 13-19, 1963, at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly. The conference is aimed at reaching 15 and 16-year-old intermediates, young people (age 17-24) and workers with these age groups.

►Attendance at the **6th Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, Lebanon**, next July probably will exceed the goal of 3,000 originally set by its Baptist World Alliance sponsors, according to **Robert S. Denny**, youth secretary of the Alliance.

The **Home Mission Board** of the Southern Baptist Convention has postponed for further study the starting of mission work in Puerto Rico, and island commonwealth of the United States in the Caribbean.

►A \$5,000 endowment to the library at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary from the will of the late **Mrs. Everett Gill, Sr.**, is one of the several gifts the seminary has received during the fall semester. The endowment is to buy mission books in the memory of **Dr. Gill**, who died in 1958.

►"**Upward**," illustrated weekly for Southern Baptist intermediates, will become a monthly magazine in color in October, 1963.

►**Typhoon Karen**, which struck Guam on November 11, rocked the temporary building of the English-language Calvary Baptist Church off its pillars and badly damaged the house and furnishings of **Pastor and Mrs. Harry A. Goble**, Southern Baptist missionaries. The roof was blown off the Goble home, and the Gobles spent 10 hours on the bathroom floor, sheltered from the rain by a piece of board.

►**Miss Frances Whitworth**, for 18 years director of junior work for the Baptist Sunday School Board's Training Union Department, has resigned effective December 31. She will enroll at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, to complete work toward the Specialist in Education degree in elementary education.

Report From India: Missionaries Remain Despite China-India War

VALLEY FORGE, PA., USA—(BWA)—Reports reaching the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies indicate that American Baptist mission work in Assam, India, was continuing as usual on November 8, although some of the Chinese invasion troops were less than 50 miles away. Nineteen missionaries of the American Baptist Convention and 21 missionaries of the Baptist General Conference (Swedish) were at their regular posts and continuing their regular work.

It was announced that, as a routine precautionary measure, a plan has been drawn up that would provide safe accommodation for missionaries to other parts of India should evacuation from Assam become necessary. The plan also provides that in such an event national Christian leaders will stretch current responsibilities to cover work now carried by their missionary colleagues.

Insecurity is not new to missionaries in Assam. American Baptist missionaries were living among head-hunting people 125 years ago, before the British Colonial Government ever entered this mountain territory. Missionaries have continued their work through local wars, insurrection, World War II, independence, and recent strife. Nothing short of a full-scale invasion of the heartland of Assam, the 100-mile-wide Brahmaputra Valley, is thought likely to affect the residence or work of missionaries, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies' report said.

Corrections

Several corrections have been noted in the Receipts for the Kentucky Baptist Convention as published in the issue of October 4, 1962:

Booneville Association—New Home Church should have been credited with \$24.00 for Cooperative Program, instead of being listed under **Miscellaneous**.

Breckenridge Association—Goshen Church, \$255.52 for Cooperative Program, and \$43.30 for designated objects. This item was omitted completely from the list through error.

Laurel River Association—Laurel River Church should have been \$190.13 for the Cooperative Program and \$266.50 for designated objects; and Slate Hill Church gave \$114.65 to the Cooperative Program; and \$158.61 for designated objects, in lieu of the figures as printed.

Liberty Association—Lonoke Church, giving \$32.13 for the Cooperative Program, was mistakenly listed under Lynn Association. This should have been under Liberty Association.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Evangelism and Stewardship



Announcing

Kentucky Baptist Conferences

Place	Date	Time
Campbellsville, college chapel (youth emphasis)	Saturday, January 19	7:30- 9:15
Georgetown, college chapel (youth emphasis)	Sunday, January 20	2:30- 4:15
Lexington, Porter Memorial	Monday, January 21	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Williamsburg Cumberland College chapel	Tuesday, January 22	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Harlan Baptist Church	Wednesday, January 23	10:00-12:00 1:15- 3:30
Ashland, 1st Baptist	Thursday, January 24	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Ft. Thomas, 1st Baptist	Friday, January 25	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Hopkinsville, 1st Baptist (Lay emphasis)	Sunday, January 27	2:30- 4:15
Paducah, Immanuel	Monday, January 28	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Owensboro, 1st Baptist	Tuesday, January 29	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Bowling Green, 1st Baptist	Wednesday, January 30	10:00-12:00 1:15- 3:30
Seminary chapel, Louisville	Thursday, January 31	10:05-10:35
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	Thursday, January 31	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45
Louisville, Beechmont	Friday, February 1	2:30- 5:00 7:00- 8:45

Attend one nearest you

Dr. Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary, and team, including Evangelist Don Brandeis, will launch 1963 World Missions Year in these conferences.

Woman's Missionary Union

Christmas Greetings To All

By Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

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Sunday School

January Bible Study

By Roy E. Boatwright

January Bible Study Week has become more popular each year until it is considered a regular part of the program in a great many of our churches. Last year more churches observed this study than ever before. It is one of the best opportunities for Bible knowledge for the average lay member. Your plans should be complete for this study. If not, complete them now and join the thousands who will be studying the following books, January 7-11:

- Adult-Young People—"Studies in Matthew"
- Intermediates—"Growing in Bible Knowledge"
- Juniors—"This Is My Bible"
- Primaries—"God's Care In Autumn and Winter"
- Nursery—"Animal Friends"

These books should be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

Training Union

New "M" Night Record Is Predicted

By Stanley Howell

Kentucky Baptists, blessed with unusually pleasant weather and riding the "Owensboro Crest," turned out in record numbers in many associations to Mobilize for Training Union. Of the 68 associations reporting at this date 43 reported an attendance increase over the previous year.

The top five associations are: Long Run, 4,025; Daviess-McLean, 1,073; Little River, 1,050; West Union, 930; Elkhorn, 885. Last year Long Run was the only association in the state that reported over 1,000 in attendance. Five associations that did not have "M" Night last year have reported or scheduled the meeting this year. They are Irvine, North Concord, Pine Mountain, Ten Mile and Union.

Listed below are the associations that reported by press time:

Association	Associational Director	Attendance
Allen		
Anderson—C. F. Marlowe		80
Bell Co.		
Bethel—Kenneth Bond		* 401
Blackford—Charles R. Riggs		* 221
Blood River—Harold Lassiter		* 375
Boone's Creek—Bill Eckler		142
Booneville—Jim Langdon		230
Bracken—Eugene Snapp		* 300
Breckenridge—A. T. Couch		* 98
Caldwell—Merlin Alsobrook		170
Campbell Co.—William G. Crawford		* 496
Casey Co.—David McFarland		264
Central—Ralph Benningfield		* 587
Christian Co.—James W. Nixon		* 801
Crittenden—Norman Ferguson		117
Daviess-McLean—Charles McKinnis		* 1,073
East Lynn		
East Union		
Edmonson—Richard Keffer		* 86
Elkhorn—William H. Mitchell		* 885
Enterprise—William Humphrey		128
Franklin		
Freedom—Guy Bowlin		* 180
Fulton		
Gasper River—Louis Lee		* 175
Goshen—William L. Cook		60
Graves Co.—Ralph Alexander		* 725
Green Valley—Floyd J. Gaines		* 731
Greenup—Farrell Brown		* 634
Henry County—Mason G. Smith		* 140
Irvine—D. A. Cole		* 43
Jackson Co.		
Laurel River—Steve Day		* 200
Liberty—Marvin Doyle		* 145
Lincoln Co.—Paul Lawson		* 383
Little Bethel—Guy S. Buchanan		* 750
Little River—Jackie Guerin		* 1,050
Logan Co.—Carl Lee Carpenter		321
Long Run—Bill Tucker		4,025
Lynn—William L. Wilson		151
Lynn Camp		
McCreary Co.—Lewis Linville		* 68
Mercer		
Middle Fork		
Monroe—Clyde England		* 58
Mt. Zion		161
Muhlenberg		535
Nelson		
North Bend—James R. Armstrong		670
North Concord		
Ohio County—Francis Barnett		190
Ohio River		
Ohio Valley—George Chandler		197
Owen County—O. V. Jones		215
Pike—Bob Hopkins and Robert Lamb		285
Pine Mountain—Robert E. Yaden		* 210
Pulaski Co.—Verner Barnett		* 489
Red River—James Rose		* 195
Rockcastle—Cornelius Horn		90
Russell Co.—Guy Owens		68
Russell Creek—Estil Curry		303
Salem—Forrest Curl		415
Severns Valley—Billy Hancock		* 824

Shelby Co.—Hugh Riddell	* 655
Simpson—James O. Hatter	271
South Concord	
South District—Leon Greer	294
South Union	74
Sulphur Fork—E. G. Freeman	* 221
Tate's Creek—Ronald Kerr	453
Taylor Co.	
Ten Mile	
Three Forks—Jesse Bourne	325
Twin Lakes	
Union—Tom Kemp	* 77
Upper Cumberland—C. A. Cornelius	* 436
Warren	
Wayne County—Robert Trueblood	* 231
West Kentucky—R. P. Hocker, Jr.	* 232
West Union—Harry Hollis	* 930
Whites Run	

*Attendance larger than last year.

Campbellsville College Uses Homecoming For Groundbreaking

Campbellsville College has broken ground for two buildings within eight days. A groundbreaking ceremony for a student activities building was held in connection with the annual homecoming on December 8. Groundbreaking exercises for a new science building were conducted on November 30.

Other homecoming events included a parade of 19 floats through the business section of Campbellsville, a president's reception at the home of President and Mrs. John M. Carter, an alumni banquet and a basketball game.

The basketball game was at the City High School gymnasium and pitted Campbellsville against Centre College. An added feature for the homecoming basketball game was the crowning of one of the nineteen nominees as Homecoming Queen.

Grant Editorial Raises Reapportionment Issue

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—Smaller states in the Southern Baptist Convention are having a voice in Convention affairs out of proportion to the number of Baptists in these states.

This is the argument advanced by J. Marse Grant, Raleigh, editor of the Biblical Recorder. The Recorder is the official weekly publication of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The North Carolina convention, with 923,297 members of affiliated Baptist churches, is the second largest state in the SBC in membership.

"As the SBC has expanded to the Far West, the Northwest, and the Northeast, it has changed. New states have come in (as soon as they have 25,000 members in their churches). When this membership figure is reached, a state has full representation on all Convention boards and committees," Grant said in an editorial.

"For example, the powerful Committee on Committees is made up of two members from each state. Let's see how this works out:

"North Carolina, with 923,297 Bap-

tists, has two members on the Committee on Committees. The nine smallest states in the Convention, with a total membership of 657,619, have 18 members on this strategic committee. These states gave \$971,643 through the SBC Co-operative Program last year while North Carolina gave \$1,370,000," the editor argued.

"It is true that the SBC Executive Committee is on a membership basis, but the make-up of many boards and committees is based on one or two members from each state regardless of size," he added.

The Committee on Committees and the Committee on Boards, referred to by Grant, nominate those who will direct the affairs of the Convention's agencies and special and standing committees each year.

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Morton Memorial Fund And Mary Ann Logan Fund Continue to Grow

By A. M. Vollmer, Exec. Sec'y.-Treas.

Two funds now being administered by the KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION, which were established as memorials to departed loved ones, continue to grow.

The oldest of these funds is the *Mary Ann Logan Mission Fund*. This was set up by Mr. and Mrs. S. Duncan Logan, the parents of Mary Ann, who met death in an elevator accident at the Louisville General Hospital. This fund originally totaled \$16,000.00 in 1958. It now totals \$25,649.56; some \$707.00 of which was received during the past week. The income from the investment of this fund is used to aid medical students preparing themselves for Mission service on the Foreign Field.

Another Memorial Fund with the Foundation, the corpus of which is continuing to grow, is the *Richard Eugene Morton Memorial Fund*. This was set up by Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Morton, in memory of their son, Richard Eugene, who lost his life in the Pacific while in the service of his country. This fund was begun with \$200.00. Many of the friends of the Morton family became interested and made individual gifts until the fund now totals \$4,500.00, \$500.00 of which was received this past week from one of the employees at the Kentucky Baptist Building. The income from the investment of this fund will provide scholarships for needy students at Kentucky Southern College.

Both of these funds are open for additional gifts and the Foundation welcomes additional funds, such as these described above.

Gifts to the KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION are worthy Christmas gifts and are deductible for income tax purposes.

Ringin' Golden Wedding Bells

A group of friends surprised Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Elsey at their home on Alton Road in Shelbyville on November 26 by descending on their premises and conducting an informal open house. This bit of intrigue was plotted to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

They were married at the home of Mrs. Elsey's sister, Mrs. R. C. Prewitt, at Lexington on November 26, 1912. Since their marriage Dr. Elsey's work has taken them to three places—to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Cynthia; to the presidency of Cumberland College at Williamsburg; and to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Shelbyville. Since his retirement from the last named work in 1957, he and Mrs. Elsey have continued to

reside in Shelbyville, in which city they have lived since March, 1926.

Their ancient skepticism about money not growing on trees was just about liquidated when they found that a gold Christmas tree transplanted into their home had money on most of its branches, put there by the loving hands of friends.

Mrs. Elsey is the former Birdie Gibson Young. The "mischief" at the "emeritus pastorium" was aided and abetted by the ladies of the Sunday school classes which Mrs. Elsey has taught throughout the last 36 years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, DECEMBER 9, 1962

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Louisville, Walnut Street	1304	7	234
Missions (3)	308		120
Madisonville, First	986		200
Mayfield, First	981		218
Mission	136		
Louisville, Crescent Hill	957	1	203
Missions (3)	177		33
Hopkinsville, Second	946	2	199
Owensboro, Third	918	2	327
Mission	62		53
Louisville, Carlisle Ave.	878		275
Missions (2)	101		44
Elizabethtown	869		229
Owensboro, First	850	8	139
Murray, First	836	3	97
Mission	59		
Covington, Calvary	829		
Bowling Green, First	818		169
Mission	75		
Lexington, Calvary	809		232
Mission	64		
Lexington, Immanuel	696		212
Louisville, Bethlehem	674	7	263
Newport, First	674	1	136
Louisville, Beechmont	661		169
Mission	140		56
Somerset, First	661		197
Mission (2)	112		30
Paducah, Immanuel	652	2	237
Glasgow	652		116
Mission	18		
Glasgow	652		116
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Lexington, Rosemont	626	28	227
Erlanger	613		141
Louisville, Beth Haven	600	4	234
Frankfort, First	575	1	71
Mission	71		33
Louisville, Valley Station	553		108
Louisville, Green Acres	552	2	235
Georgetown	559	2	158
Mission	39		
Campbellsville	577		165
Missions (2)	81		56
Louisville, Valley Station	553		108
Louisville, Green Acres	552	2	235
Louisville, Victory Memorial	520	1	135
Louisville, Rockford Lane	513		150
Florence	502		119
Mission	141		
Winchester, Central	490	1	127
Lexington, Porter Memorial	486	2	188
Jeffersonton, First	486		145
Owensboro, Hall Street	486		176
Ashland, First	475		137
Missions (2)	160		77
Henderson, Immanuel	471		86
Mission	144		
Louisville, Hazelwood	466	1	93
Shelbyville, First	458	1	102
Franklin, First	447		141
Missions (2)	94		37
Lexington, Trinity	447		142
Louisville, High View	436		110
Central City, First	426		181
Winchester, First	425		102
Missions (2)	112		
Nicholasville	418		106
Louisville, Farmdale	414	1	130
Ludlow, First	413	1	75
Greenville, First	409	2	127
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	400	1	179
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Bellevue, First	393	3	88
Middlesboro, First	393	3	61
Walton, First	390	3	180
Mt. Washington, First	388		105
Mission	95		34

Bowling Green, Glendale	387		165
Mission	45		30
London, First	387		67
Louisville, 18th Street	384		111
Mission	42		19
Versailles	376		115
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Louisville, Ridgewood	355	5	127
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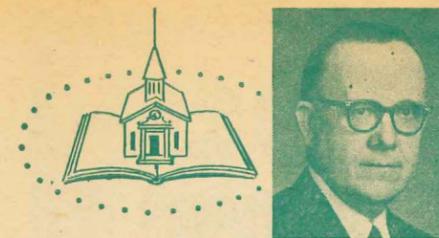
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DISCIPLESHIP

The Epistle to the Ephesians has two general divisions—doctrinal (1:1-3:21) and practical (4:1-6:24). The first division explains our inheritance, and the second teaches us how we should conduct ourselves. The divine order is always instruction in the truth first and then practice in accordance with that truth afterwards. In chapter four, from which this lesson is taken, with great tact Paul proceeded from the doctrines to the duties. In doing so he did not change his subject, for the "heavenly calling" demands the "heavenly conduct." Duties are always based upon doctrines, creed determines character and belief is expressed in life.

I. The Plan for Discipleship. Ephesians 4:11-12.

Regeneration is the beginning of discipleship. A disciple is a learner. The term "disciples" is usually applied to the followers of Christ. Christian discipleship is expressed best within and through the fellowship of a church. According to Christ's plan, church members are to be instructed, indoctrinated and trained for service. It is His desire that every one of His followers have a part in the work of the Lord and the advancement of His cause.

Christ makes numerous and various gifts to His disciples. "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ" (verse 7). His gifts are bestowments of grace and are never measured by the merits of the recipients. Here we have an enumeration of Christ's gifts to His churches: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Apostles are those who are called, separated, endowed, ordained and sent forth as ambassadors for Christ. Prophets are men who have had a peculiar insight into the will of God and have received a definite commission to speak for Him. Evangelists are those itinerant preachers who go into regions where churches have not been established and proclaim the gospel to those who have never heard it, introduce them to Christ, and then establish churches. Pastors and teachers two functions of the same office) have the oversight of churches and seek to give spiritual guidance and instruction. Each of these is given a

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responsibility which he should regard as a sacred trust.

These gifts are for a specific purpose according to verse twelve. They are not just for our personal enjoyment or for the glorification of man, but they are to equip the saved to introduce the lost to Christ, to edify the believers and to serve the Lord effectively. It is His desire that through the lips of Christians unbelievers may learn of His death in their stead, and that in their lives others may see such a clear manifestation of His love that they may be constrained to receive Him as their Saviour and to live for His glory. Believers in Christ are to be instructed, equipped and trained for Christian service in order that the body of Christ may be enlarged and strengthened. Growth in grace and the edification of the saved can be accomplished only through the faithful preaching and teaching of God's Word.

II. The Purpose of Discipleship. Ephesians 4:13-16.

While it is obvious that the ideal set forth in verse thirteen will not be fully realized until we enter the presence of our Lord in glory, too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that every child of God has a definite work to do for Him on earth. Have you discovered what He wants you to do? Are you doing it? Strive to do your best for Him who gave Himself for you.

It is distressing when one fails to grow physically, but much more so if one remains for years only a babe in Christ. What a pity that so many church members are such stunted and undeveloped Christians! Would that something might be said or done to cause them to escape from protracted childhood spiritually! It is important that God's children grow into spiritual maturity and be established in the truth, so as to avoid being disturbed or swayed by any false teachers. Hearing and speaking the truth are means by which this may be accomplished. But the truth must be proclaimed in love rather than in contention.

III. The Precepts of Discipleship. Ephesians 4:25-32.

Inasmuch as the believer in Christ is a new creature, he is under obligation to put off the ways and habits of his former life. It is his duty to:

1. Put away lying. Verse 25.
There is no place for a spoken or an acted falsehood in the life of any Christian. Every believer must be truthful in word and in deed.

2. Put away anger. Verse 26.
A Christian should be displeased with evil in every form, but he is commanded to refrain from cherishing anger and allowing it to smoulder in him. Anybody who harbors anger and bitterness does himself an irreparable injury, as well as hinders the progress of the Lord's work in which he is engaged.

3. Put away stealing. Verse 28a.
If one has previously indulged in this sin, he must quit it and earn his living by hard work.

4. Put away corrupt speech. Verse 29.
The Christian is to refrain from vulgarity, profanity and foul language of every sort.

5. Put away all that grieves the Holy Spirit. Verse 30.

By their unholly imaginations, impure thoughts, wrong attitudes, sinful words and disobedient deeds, God's children sometimes cause the Holy Spirit acute pain or plunge Him into deep sorrow. He is grieved deeply when Christians neglect their spiritual duties, or ignore Him.

6. Put away all things that are unkind. Verse 31.

Christians must overcome any deep-seated and vicious desire to injure others. One cannot harm another without injuring himself.

Because the Christian is different, it is his duty to make that difference manifest by his manner of life. He is asked to act out what he is by:

1. Overcoming Satan. Verse 27.
2. Working diligently. Verse 28b.
3. Giving generously. Verse 28c.
4. Speaking to edify. Verse 29b.
5. Being kind and forgiving. Verse 32.

In the strength of the Lord Christians can put away these sins and do the things which He wants them to do.

The Lloyds in Argentina

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Lloyd, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, are now associational missionaries for the north Buenos Aires district. Their address is Wineberg 3016, Olivos, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is a native of Louisville, Ky.; she is the former Charlotte Green, of Goree, Tex.



Francis R. Tallant arranging display for the Sunday School Department at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, in the Exhibit Room at the Third Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Guy M. Deane, Jr., Goes From Campton to Morganfield Pastorate

Guy M. Deane, Jr., pastor, Campton Baptist Church and Wolfe County missionary, resigned effective December 9



to assume the pastorate of the Northside Baptist Church, Morganfield, Kentucky. He attended Georgetown College, was graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and has served in the mountain mission work for nine and one-half years. During his two years at Campton an adequate heating plant has been put in to care for the church and the parsonage, the coal house has been connected to the furnace room, complete remodeling and repairing of building, painting the church and parsonage and a new floor has been added to the parsonage upstairs this year.

James Smith, who is a member of the

Mexico Baptist Church Calls A. J. Smith

A. J. Smith, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Christian County, for more than nine years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Mexico Baptist Church, in Crittenden County.

Mr. Smith is also a mathematics teacher at the Crittenden County High School and will continue his duties there until the end of the semester, and possibly longer if a replacement is not obtained.

Smith is a graduate of Bethel College and Austin Peay State College. He is a native of Battle Creek, Michigan, and decided to make his home in Christian County after being stationed in the Army at nearby Fort Campbell.

His new duties at Mexico will begin January 1.

church, a high school teacher, a graduate of Berea College, and who has attended Southern Seminary, is serving as interim pastor at Campton.

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SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED—Mrs. Carl W. Liebert (left) president of the Southern Seminary Woman's Committee, presents the organization's first \$500 scholarship to Miss Margaret Ann Eakin of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, while the Committee's executive secretary, Mrs. Ellis A. Fuller, Sr., looks on.

Seminary Committee Awards Scholarship

LOUISVILLE (BP)—The woman's committee at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here has awarded its first \$500 scholarship.

The award has gone to Miss Margaret Ann Eakin of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Miss Eakin, a 1960 graduate of Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, is presently studying for a master of religious education degree at the seminary. At Middle Tennessee, she majored in English.

Dr. George Green Dies

Dr. George Green, 90, Southern Baptists' first medical missionary to Africa, died Monday, November 26, in Danville, Va. Funeral services were held November 27.

Dr. Green served in Nigeria, West Africa, for 38 years before his retirement in 1945. An ordained minister as well as a medical doctor, he conceived his mission to be first to preach the gospel and second to relieve and heal the sick and suffering, irrespective of creed and social position.

In addition to medical work, preaching, and personal evangelism, he served for many years as secretary-treasurer of the Nigerian Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries

and general superintendent of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. For one year, she taught French and English at Smyrna (Tenn.) High School. She plans to enter Baptist Student Union work after graduating from Southern Seminary.

The woman's committee, established last year as a way for women to participate in theological education at the seminary, plans to award the scholarship annually to a deserving woman student.

At least 50 per cent of the membership dues for those belonging to the committee goes into the scholarship fund. There are over 1,100 members reported in 13 states across the Southern Baptist Convention.

and general superintendent of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

When the British Empire celebrated the 25th year of the reign of King George V, in 1935, both Dr. Green and his wife were given Jubilee medals in recognition of their service to British subjects (Nigeria was then a British colony). Shortly before Dr. Green retired, the king and chief of Ogbomoso, Nigeria, presented him the robe and insignia of the chieftainship of Ba'nise-gun, recognizing him as "chief of the medicine men."

A native of London, England, Dr. Green graduated from Woodstock College, in Ontario, Canada, and from the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond. He also studied at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, Scotland. He was

ordained to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Richmond, in 1906.

Appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in November, 1906, Dr. Green and his wife embarked for Nigeria early the following year. They traveled by ship, train, cart, and hammock to reach Ogbomoso, where they were to begin medical work.

Setting up a hospital and dispensary in the basement of their home, Dr. Green performed surgery on the kitchen table, with Mrs. Green pressed into service as amateur anesthetist. Under these conditions Dr. Green treated more than 2,000 patients during his first year in Ogbomoso. He struggled along with inadequate facilities for 16 years before hospital buildings were erected.

Dr. Green is survived by his widow, the former Lydia Williams, native of Norfolk, Va., and four daughters: Mrs. Lee A. Harley, of Danville, Mrs. N. C. Napier, of Bedford, Va., Mrs. W. W. Anderson, of Austin, Tex., and Mrs. Samuel G. Shepard of Erlanger, Ky. Mrs. Shepard is the wife of the Erlanger Baptist pastor.

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First Baptist Church of Forest Homes, Cottage Hills, Illinois, has just closed a two weeks' meeting in which there were 23 additions, 18 of whom were saved and 5 joined the church by letter. Also there were several rededications. **Sam Dunham**, pastor of Friendship Church of Moreland, Ky., was the evangelist. **Pastor Jay Hollingshad**, of the Forest Home Church, and the visiting evangelist are both graduates of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky.



Three new deacons for the Greensburg Baptist Church are, left to right, Arley Wilson, Richard Shuffett and Udell Sullivan. A council of 24 deacons and pastors from Russell Creek Association assisted in the ordination. Elvin L. Clark, the Greensburg pastor, reports this is the beginning of the deacon rotation plan adopted by the church this year.

Baylor Head Stops Drama Because of Bad Language

WACO, Tex. (BP)—Baylor University President Abner V. McCall ordered the Baptist school's drama department to cancel the remaining performances of "Long Day's Journey Into Night" because of the play's profane language.

President McCall said in canceling the performances that "the language of the play is not in keeping with the university's ideals."

McCall said he had received many complaints about profane language used in the play, most of the protests from laymen.

Baylor Drama Department Chairman Paul Baker said he and his staff were "bewildered and shocked at the order to close the play."

"Never before has my integrity been questioned," Baker said. "In the 24 years I have directed the theater at Baylor, I have selected and supervised an average of 10 to 13 full-sized plays and 25 one-act plays per year. I can't go on selecting plays or productions without full authority to do it," Baker said.

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Mrs. Pattye C. Haynes Dies

The W.M.S. of the Greenwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, adopted resolutions at its November meeting about the loss of a faithful member in the death of **Mrs. Pattye Claypool Haynes** on October 16, 1962. Mrs. Haynes, a former Warren County school teacher, had been sick for several months. She is survived by her only child, **Mrs. Billy V. Morris**; her son-in-law, and two grandsons, with whom she resided. "She is missed in her home, her community, and the Sunday school class and W.M.S., where she was an inspiration to all who witnessed her faithfulness to her church," the resolution stated. "The memory of her dedication remains as an inspiration to the many friends she left."



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