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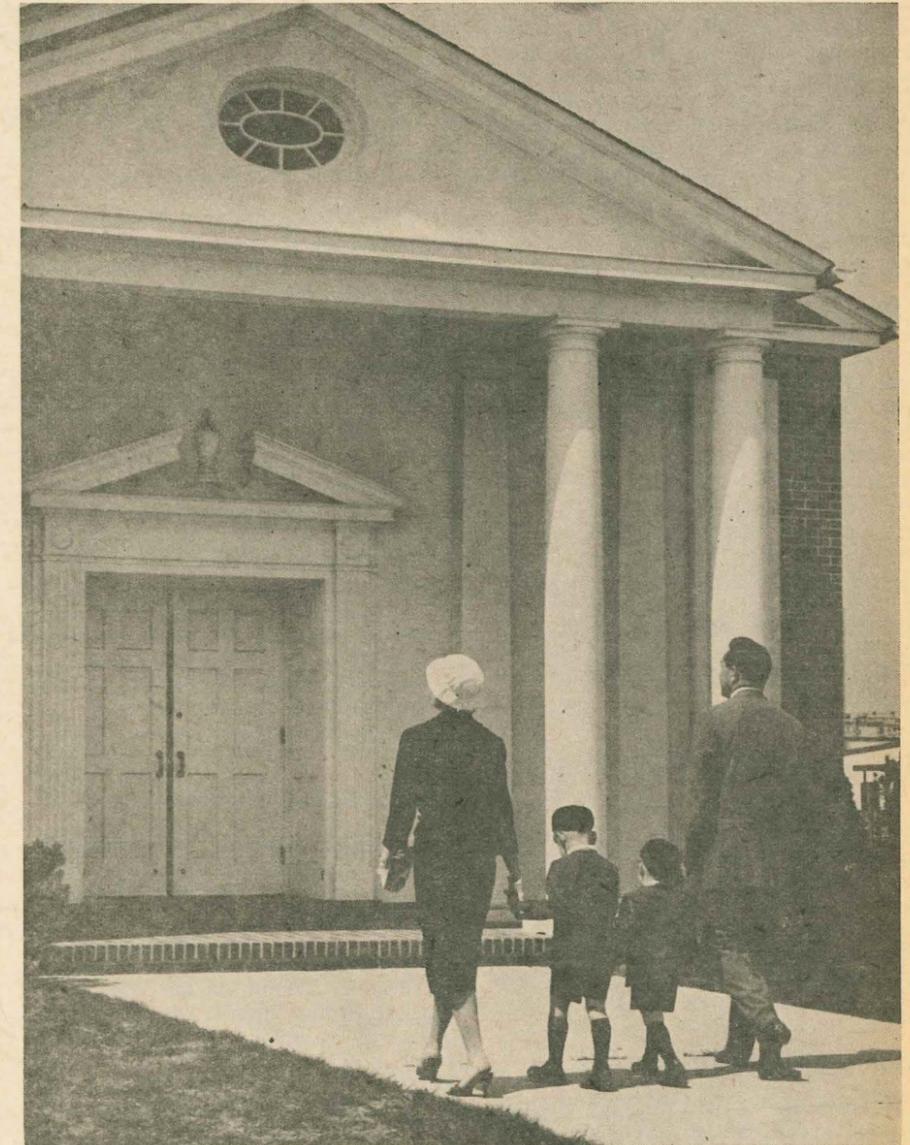
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## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

### Emeritus President Dowell Dies

**Spright Dowell**, president emeritus of Mercer University, died at Macon, Ga., February 24, at the age of 84. He was head of the Georgia Baptist School during 1929-53; and was later called back as acting president between the administrations of the late **George B. Connell** and the current **President Rufus C. Harris** during the term of 1959-60. His funeral was in the First Church of Macon, and burial was at Penfield, Ga., first home of Mercer, where he was buried along side of **Jesse Mercer**, founder; **Billington M. Sanders**, Mercer's first president, and **Dr. Connell**. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.

### Mrs. Chatham Going to Japan

**Mrs. Don Chatham**, organist of the First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, is planning to participate in the "Japan New Life Movement," in April of this year. She will be the accompanist for Mrs. Cecelia Ward, mezzo-soprano with the New York Opera Company, also a Southern Baptist. All participants in this effort will underwrite their own expenses as well as contribute their services. Many from the United States will be going, including Billy Graham, Billy Souther, New Life assistant coordinator, Pastor James Wood of Russellville, and many others. Among the 98,000,000 people in Japan, only 14,000 are Baptists.

### M. B. Whitt Dies at West Liberty

**M. B. Whitt**, 75, a Baptist preacher and county court judge in Morgan County, died February 22, according to word received from West Liberty, Ky. He was one of the organizers of the West Liberty Baptist Church, and for several years was district probation officer for Eastern Kentucky counties. He was buried at Wrigley.

### West Virginian is Ordained

**Wayman Hayes**, a third year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church where he has recently gone as pastor. Reginald W. Johnson, missionary in Bracken Association, gave the charge to the pastor while Albert Bryant, pastor of Ewing

Baptist Church, gave the charge to the church. Charles H. Johnston, pastor, Germantown, preached the ordination sermon. Deacons of the Mt. Olivet Church on the ordaining council were Calvin C. Henson, who served as moderator; Marvin H. Houchens, clerk; Andrew J. Woodward, J. L. Rankins, Harry F. Monohon, Leslie N. Cooper, Harold E. Smith, W. B. Owens and Forrest H. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, natives of West Virginia, came to Clear Creek from Watersedge Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland.

### Few Claim Tax Exemptions

The records of the business offices of the *Western Recorder* and the *Baptist Book Store* indicate relatively few Kentucky Baptist churches have applied for and received Kentucky sales tax exemption certificates. Churches expecting exemption from this state sales tax should secure the certificates and file their numbers with those from whom they make purchases. Application forms are available from the Department of Revenue, Frankfort, Kentucky, and the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown. The completed application blanks should be mailed directly to the Department of Revenue in Frankfort. Do not expect exemption from sales tax without following the above procedure.

### Mrs. Vallandingham Dies

**Mrs. Tulah Williams Vallandingham**, 91, died in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, on February 23 at 8:15 p.m. She sustained a broken hip as a result of a fall at the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home early in February. She was the widow of the late **J. W. Vallandingham**, the second superintendent of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home (now called Glen Dale) at Glendale, Ky. Her husband died in 1941, and she moved to the Masonic Home in 1948. Since being in the Louisville sector she has been a member of the St. Matthews Baptist Church. Her remains were taken to Wheatley for burial. She is survived by one brother, **T. C. Williams**, West Point, and by one foster son, **Gene C. Carson**, Louisville.

### Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., at Shelbyville

A welcoming reception was held in honor of **Pastor Fred T. Moffatt, Jr.**, and his family at the First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, following the Sunday evening service on February 24, in the church dining room. Brother Moffatt comes to Shelbyville from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Paris. At Shelbyville he succeeds **Raymond Lawrence**, now gone to Corbin.

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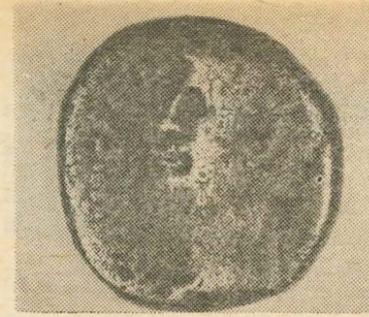
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Coin of Claudius (A.D. 41-54) struck at Beirut (Confer British Museum Catalogue, Phoenicia, page 62, No. 73). This coin is published by courtesy Eisenberg Museum, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Obverse (on left): Claudius looking left, bareheaded. Inscription reads: Ti(berius), Claud(ius) Caesar [Aug(ustus) Germ(anicus) Emp(erator)].

Reverse (on right): Founder, veiled, ploughing to right with ox and cow; Inscription reads: Col(onia) Jul(ia) Aug(usta).



## So You're Going To Beirut!

By Jerry Vardaman, Professor of Archaeology  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

This summer the *Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference* will be held in Beirut, Lebanon. The dates for this conference are July 15-21, 1963. Thousands of Baptists—young people, students, pastors, missionaries, laymen—from all over the world will converge on Beirut, a beautiful, bustling, wealthy, cosmopolitan center of 500,000 people.

Today, Beirut reminds the visitor more of the future than it does of the past. It has skyscrapers, an international airport, luxury hotels, efficient banks, lovely university and seminary campuses, and, in short everything one expects to find in modern American cities. Nevertheless the life of Beirut is rooted deeply in the past.

Phoenicians lived in this city many centuries before the birth of Christ (Beirut is mentioned in the Tel El Amarna tablets) and from its picturesque harbor their ships sailed out all over the Mediterranean world. Since the Phoenicians had abundant natural resources but insufficient land on the coast, they naturally took to sea and became merchants and traders, and Beirut was no exception.

By the Hellenistic period the city minted coins, and around the time of Christ, when it was established as a Roman colony in 15 B.C., its coins frequently depict portraits of the Roman emperors. During the "Apostolic Age," Claudius was Emperor and the early Christian disciples doubtless handled numerous coins which were struck under his authority like the one shown here.

Beirut was a logical place for the apostles Paul and Peter to visit on their

way north to Antioch (cf. Acts 15:2, 3; 18:22; Gal. 2:11). This is so, whether they went overland or by sea as Beirut was on the direct route to Antioch either way (inscribed milestones inform us that the Romans built the Coastal Road in the time of Nero [54-68 A.D.]. See Avi-Yonah, *Map of Roman Palestine*, p. 42. This road of Nero, however, must have followed an older route).

Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century, tells us that in many ways Beirut was closely involved with Jewish life at this time. This is shown by the gifts which various members of the Herodian family conferred upon the city. According to Josephus, Herod the Great built a marketplace at Beirut (*Wars of the Jews*, 1.21.11); Herod Agrippa I built a theatre, an amphitheatre, baths, porticoes, etc. (*Antiquities* XIX.VII.5); Herod Agrippa II also built a theatre and conferred upon this city numerous artistic statues and much food. Actually, Agrippa II was so liberal towards the people of Beirut that his own citizens despised him for it (*Antiquities* XX-IX.4)! Beirut was at the same time, a center for training in Roman law and was the home of the famous philologist, Probus who flourished circa A.D. 60. Though the name "Beirut" is not mentioned in the Old or New Testaments it seems to be a perfectly good Semitic name meaning "wells" (some scholars have sought to see a reference to Beirut in the Berothai of II Sam. 8:8 or the Berothah of Ez. 47:16).

If you are planning to attend the Baptist Youth Conference at Beirut and have never been outside the limits of the United States, you perhaps will find

the following suggestions helpful as you carefully contemplate your trip to Europe, Beirut, and the Near East in general.

### I. Documents Needed:

1. *Secure your passport as soon as possible.* Go to the Federal Building in your community (usually located in the Post Office). Take your birth certificate and two recent, glossy, bill-fold size photographs of yourself. If you are married, take a group picture of your family and children to save on passport fee (usually \$9.00). Allow three weeks for your passport after filing application.

2. *Let your tour group leader assist you in securing your visas for Arab countries.* It is wise to have visas in proper order before arrival in Lebanon, Egypt, or Syria. This expedites your entry. Allow plenty of time (at least two weeks) for visas—which should not be secured until you have your passports in hand. It is no longer necessary to pay for a visa to Jordan. This can be secured upon entry to this country and usually does not require much delay (at most, an hour). Do not get a visa beforehand for Israel if you go there; and, if you go there first, ask for the detachable white slip which will be inserted in your passport and can be removed upon leaving Israel. It is a grim fact but national tensions between Israel and the Arab countries can easily upset your whole schedule in the Near East!

3. *Get your vaccinations early.* You should start these shots no later than the time that you apply for your passport. Pick up the yellow health card from the passport office and ask which vaccinations are necessary or wise. Let your physician counsel with you and administer the shots (smallpox, typhoid, tetanus, etc.). After your physician signs it, secure the local, specified health authority's stamp on the yellow card which certifies you have taken the necessary precautions. Staple this to your passport so that it will not be lost. You cannot re-enter the United States without this certificate (especially, the smallpox requirement).

4. Ask your pastor for a letter certifying that you are a Christian.

### II. Practical Suggestions:

1. *When abroad* and your free time permits you to shop or leave the company of the group for any reason, *travel in pairs wherever possible.* Do not travel alone unless absolutely necessary—especially at night. Even "well-protected cities" can deceive you. In an emergency, you will have someone to advise you and to help you. Stay with the group in airports, cafes, on tours, etc.

2. *Be on time in meeting schedules.* There is nothing quite so irritating to

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TABLE OF 1962 S.B.C. STATISTICS

	1962	1961	Change	Percent Change
Churches .....	32,892	32,598	294	0.9
Membership .....	10,193,052	9,978,488	214,564	2.2
Baptisms .....	381,510	403,315	-21,805	-5.4
Sunday School Enrollment .....	7,570,455	7,506,846	63,609	0.8
Training Union Enrollment .....	2,747,581	2,724,369	23,212	0.9
W.M.U. Enrollment .....	1,489,352	1,496,634	-7,282	-0.5
Brotherhood Enrollment .....	628,063	628,087	-24	*
V.B.S. Enrollment .....	3,176,559	3,088,721	87,838	2.8
Choir Enrollment .....	791,477	715,104	76,373	10.7
Church Property Value .....	\$2,567,836,860	\$2,385,175,418	\$182,661,442	7.7
Total Gifts .....	\$ 540,811,457	\$ 501,301,714	\$ 39,509,743	7.9
Mission Gifts .....	\$ 91,433,845	\$ 84,434,006	\$ 6,999,839	8.3

\*—Less than —.01.

The Record Speaks

The game of statistics has double-crossed Southern Baptists. Depending upon our impressive numerical gains during the past years to prove our greatness, we now have to re-evaluate ourselves in light of the unimpressive 1962 statistical record. This record for last year indicates we have gained significantly in only one or two areas, about held our own in others and actually lost in the most important area of all.

Known as the fastest growing evangelical group in America, Southern Baptists have to face the fact that in 1962 we had almost 22,000 fewer baptisms than in 1961. Under such circumstances it is small consolation that we have passed the Methodist Church in numbers and now are the largest non-Catholic group in America. Baptists have always considered their supreme task to be leading the lost to Christ and thus a decline in baptisms means failure by our own standards.

In Sunday School and Training Union we have slowed down almost to a halt. We have to go back to the 1940's to find as few gains as were registered in 1962 in Sunday School and Training Union enrollment. This is disturbing when we remember how many more workers and educational buildings we have now than we had in the 1940's.

Our 1962 gain in new churches was only 294. This does not sound encouraging for what was supposed to be one of the peak years in the period for beginning 30,000 new churches and missions. In Brotherhood work we held our own while the W.M.U. actually showed losses in enrollment in 1962.

The one significant enrollment gain was in choirs. This is probably due to the fact that organized choir work for all ages in Baptist churches is relatively new

and many churches are just now putting emphasis on a graded choir program.

Southern Baptists showed significant gains in 1962 in only three other items and these were all in the area of money. Total giving increased 7.9%; mission giving increased 8.3% and church property value increased 7.7%.

What does it mean that Southern Baptists slowed down everywhere else but spurted in finances? It probably means we are reaping what we sowed. Where the treasure is there the heart is also. How many of our churches in recent years have majored in budget raising and minored on evangelism? What can we expect when we spend eight weeks in the Forward Program of Church Finance and one week once or twice a year in revival efforts? We talk about perennial evangelism in clinics but practice perennial stewardship emphasis in our churches. This does not mean that stewardship emphasis is wrong. It does mean that when it takes precedence, we can expect gains in contributions and losses in baptisms.

Another explanation of why we get more money than men is that the man finds it easier to give money than himself. For example, it's less trouble for a man to make a pledge and pay it than it is to join the Brotherhood and give himself in service.

One gratifying part of our giving record is that an increased amount of our gifts is going for missions. This reflects a growing feeling on the part of many Baptists that we have kept too much at home. Our growing special offerings helped make possible this record though these very offerings could pose a danger for our other work. We still kept enough at home to spend on our buildings to show a 7.7% increase in church property value.

Can any good come from our record of decline in

1962? It depends upon how we react to it. If we find excuses for it while claiming we still are God's greatest people and plunge into doing in a bigger and better way only what we are already doing, the records ahead could be worst. If, on the other hand, we realize that we are among God's most wretched people and that only by His inscrutable will and unfathomable grace have we done anything for Him, we could be reborn for more glorious service. If we admit that we may be 10,000,000 weak instead of 10,000,000 strong, we might find spiritual strength. If we could become concerned to count for more than to count more, our record with God would improve. If we would take our eyes off goals long enough to get them on God, we might meet his goals for us.

Our 1962 record then means that it is not a time for pride, excuse making, or despair. Rather it's a time for repentance. Only a life of daily repentance for Southern Baptists will please God. Then and only then will others see our good works and glorify our Father, instead of seeing our statistical records and pity us for our secular standards of spiritual success.

Binkley Brings Bright Day

The selection of Dr. Olin T. Binkley as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, makes for a bright day in Southern Baptist theological education. Southeastern Seminary will profit most from his ministry, but all Southern Baptists will feel the good effects of his labors.

Binkley takes over the Southeastern reins in a critical hour in Southern Baptist theological education. Ill-times have befallen our seminaries. Helpful and responsible criticism has been replaced in many instances by irresponsible criticism and blanket charges.

Southeastern Seminary has her own particular problems. Probably no man alive is more fitted to cope with these problems than President-elect Binkley. As a teacher and dean of the faculty for several years, he knows more about the actual situation than any outsider could know. He is a man of rare intellectual acumen. This combined with a most profound religious

experience gives him the genuine compassion and a sense of fairness and firmness needed for the task. All of this was recognized by alumni, faculty and trustees who were unanimous in his choice as president.

In accepting the invitation extended by the trustees, Binkley approaches the task with the same spirit and commitment our Lord demonstrated in the Father's assignment to Him and will come as close as any man in walking as the Lord walked. No one expects Binkley to fill his predecessor's shoes. Only Sydner Stealey's feet fit his shoes. The feet of Binkley, however, will lead in a path that will continue Southeastern toward her destined place in Southern Baptist theological education.

In Stealey's retirement as Southeastern president, one moves to the sidelines who will still be greatly needed by Southern Baptists if we play the game successfully. The longer this and coming generations look at Stealey, the more his statue will increase. Few, if any, living Southern Baptists have clearer perception of the place we now occupy and what direction we should take. We will do well to seek and follow his counsel as long as he is around.

As a teacher at Southern Seminary, Stealey taught his students more by accident than some teachers did by trying. He had been on the battleline of the pastorate where too few of the other teachers had been. He knew his church history, but more than that, he knew now to apply the lessons of history to contemporary issues and problems. Students always left his classes with more than notes, and his counsel saved them from many a heartache once they were in pastorates.

As the first president of Southeastern, Stealey in twelve years gathered around him a faculty which will compare favorably with any theological faculty in America. Two of his professors have been granted American Association Theological School grants for next year, and another will study in India with a Fulbright Scholarship. His relationship to his faculty has been not only that of president and teacher but also father and son. He has proudly watched his faculty members grow, and they have responded as grateful sons should.

With Binkley as president, Southeastern's future promises to be as bright as its beginning.

Ghanaian Student Applies At Mercer

MACON, Ga. (BP)—A young Ghana ministerial student, won to Christ by Southern Baptist missionaries, has applied for admission to Mercer University, Georgia Baptists' senior four-year college here.

If admitted, he will be the first person of his race to enroll in a Georgia Baptist school.

Mercer President Rufus C. Harris would make no comment regarding his application pending a report from a special committee appointed by the Georgia Baptist Convention last November to study the matter of integration of Georgia Baptist institutions.

A special committee from the Mercer

Board of Trustees is working with the convention committee in the matter.

The Ghana boy, 22 years old, was led to Jesus by Harris Mobley of Savannah, Ga., a 1955 graduate of Mercer, now on furlough from missionary service in Ghana. The Ghanaian is a graduate of an English-speaking school with exceptionally high grades. He wants to study for the ministry.

The Christian Index, Georgia Baptist Convention weekly newspaper published in Atlanta, announced the application in a news story-editorial calling for his admittance "without any quibbling."

John J. Hurt, editor of the Index, said, "If this young Ghana student qualifies for admission, as every indication promises he will, Mercer University must admit him without any quibbling. We

either admit him or we should have the courage to call home all of our missionaries and go out of the business. We either admit him or we are in greater need of missionary preaching than Ghana."

Hurt said, "Mercer University must separate the application of a Ghana student from the issue of admitting Negro students now being considered by a special committee of Trustees. They are not one and the same."

He said, "There are some who will insist on merging the issues. There are some who protest and pledge to withhold their support, financial and otherwise. The decision must be confined to what is right. If it is otherwise then be assured others will protest and withhold their dollars."

# Tax Reforms Should Be Studied Carefully

WASHINGTON (BP)—Church leaders should proceed with caution in their reaction to the Kennedy Administration's proposals for tax reduction and tax reforms, according to a Baptist leader here.

"If the churches go to the public saying that their programs cannot exist without the aid of a tax policy which encourages people 'to give', the churches would be declaring their dependence rather than their independence of the government's powers," he said.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in a study of Baptist Principles and Tax Revision, neither supported nor opposed President Kennedy's tax proposals. He did, however, caution the churches about becoming "the unwitting tools of particular economic interests" in the current political and economic debate in the nation.

A number of Baptist leaders requested a study of President Kennedy's proposed tax plans, Carlson said, and the president of the Southern Baptist Convention asked the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to explore the facts. In making his statements the Baptist executive said that they "represent no convention resolutions or official positions." "They may not even be the writer's last thoughts" on the subject, he added.

After careful examination of the proposed adjustments in tax rates and of the proposal to establish a five per cent floor for deductions, Carlson said "These issues are primarily questions of tax policy rather than of church-state relations."

He explained that the proposed five per cent floor for deductions had been widely misunderstood and misinterpreted. The proposal would allow those deductions which are more than five per cent of adjusted gross incomes. This includes all deductions, not just church contributions.

Carlson pointed out that under the new proposed five per cent floor on deductions, the five per cent would be reached in many cases by involuntary expenses such as taxes, interest and other items. This would place church and charity giving above the five per cent floor.

Another administration proposal is that persons with high incomes who now can give up to 91 per cent of their incomes to charity tax-free will have the percentage reduced to 65 per cent. Many church institutions fear that this will cut heavily into their support from big gifts.

Carlson predicted that the result of such a reduction in non-taxable percentage income of wealthy persons

would be minimal as far as church institutions are concerned. He gave three reasons: (1) The number of such persons is very small; (2) Many of those that exist are in the habit of giving to foundations or projects which they and their families control; and (3) Often their giving consists of properties which are valued at high market value even though they were acquired at lower costs.

The Baptist leader adopted an optimistic attitude toward giving on the part of church members. He said that if the Federal Government refrains from collecting \$10,200,000, one could presume that the people would have more money with which to contribute to the churches.

"To assume that the reduction in the tax rate would reduce people's motivation for giving to the churches would be to indict our people's religious commitment beyond evidence or reason," he said.

He continued, "Baptists have a long heritage of emphasis on free commitment to God, and on voluntary stewardship to God. These should relieve denominational apprehension regarding the quality of stewardship among us. It is the writer's opinion that if the Baptist people have more money, they will also give more money, and that most of them do not give for the sake of reducing their taxes."

## Fred S. Roth Called to Church

Dr. Fred S. Roth has been called as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Place, Kentucky, in Lynn Camp Association. Roth is also professor of religious education at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. He received the Doctor of Religious Education degree in January from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Roth is now in his third year at Cumberland. Before coming to Kentucky he served churches in Mississippi, Florida and the Canal Zone. He has served as interim pastor of several churches in southeastern Kentucky.

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## Forty Additions at Raceland

There have been forty additions to the First Baptist Church of Raceland, in Greenup Association, since Pastor Henry Lee Jones went there from the First Baptist Church of Russell last December. He had been at Russell for the last five years. The church has also experienced a reorganization of the Woman's Missionary Society and the youth groups.

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other members of the group as one who holds up the party. Follow instructions from the group leader regarding schedules for meals and travel appointments.

3. *Cooperate with customs officials and group members.* Do not grumble when asked to open your bags for inspection. Customs officials are your friends and a cooperative spirit will speed you on your way as well as serve as a testimony for the glory of Christ. It is easy to have a sharp tongue and a drooping spirit on a long, tiring trip. Be sociable, kind, alert, and cooperative.

4. *Be prepared medically.* Chances are excellent that you will contract some ailments peculiar to Americans in the Near East, such as dysentery or sunburn. Take an extra supply of medicine if you are following a doctor's prescription. Halazone tablets are useful to have in case you need to purify water before drinking. Also have your favorite remedies for colds, eye-strain, or fatigue. Have your physician prepare a small first-aid kit for you. Avoid fruits sold on the streets. The gardeners in the Near East do not follow American methods of hygiene and fertilization of crops.

### III. Check list:

1. Provide a transformer if you use an electric razor. It is better to take a safety razor, and include an extra package of blades.
2. Take a reasonable number of rolls of film for your camera (at least 7 packages. Keep an extra roll on your person at all times. Film is much more expensive (usually twice as high) abroad.
3. Keep your money and passport in a money belt (or a purse which you can carry securely). Use traveler's checks but ask for small denominations—some \$5.00; mostly \$10.00; a few \$20.00 units. Carry at least \$50.00 in American money in \$1.00 bills. Have enough money extra for shopping and emergency.
4. In the event of trouble, consult the nearest American Consulate.
5. Carry your own accident and baggage insurance. Term or flight insurance are wise precautions. Mail the policies to those who are protected so that they will be aware of the policies.
6. Do not overload your baggage. Normally, flights allow 44 pounds (equals 20 kilos. One kilo equals 2.2 pounds). Leave some room to bring back purchases. Chances are that you will take too much clothing or the wrong kind. No raincoat will be needed during your short stay in the Near East—it is the dry season! Take drip dry clothing and at least one nice suit. Hotels can give quick service on cleaning. Take a pair of dark glasses, and, if you have an extra pair of regular glasses, take them along for an emergency. It is useful to

have a pair of binoculars. A swimming suit, flashlight, and diary are items that come in handy also. Take a watch along that is cheap—leave your good one at home. For ladies, a pair of comfortable walking shoes is a must.

7. Take along a Bible and a favorite book—you can exchange reading materials with other friends and have, in effect, a circulating library among yourselves.

8. Leave your itinerary with your relatives and office so that you can be contacted in emergencies and so that you can receive mail as you travel. Ask relatives and others to allow a week for letters to reach you and inform them that the most economical and efficient way to reach you is by "air letter" forms (@ 11c).

9. For the most out of your trip read specialized materials on the Holy Land beforehand. Listed here are only a few of the hundreds which will prove to be helpful:

*Light from the Ancient Past* by Jack Finegan. Princeton: University Press, 1959. Excellent treatment of the archaeological materials for both O.T. and N.T.

*The Antiquities of Jordan* by G. L. Harding. London: Lutterworth Press, 1959. Fine treatment of the most interesting and important sites in Jordan; especially full where archaeological work has been carried on. Harding served as the director of the Antiquities Department of Jordan for many years.

*Guide to Israel* by Zev Vilnay. Jerusalem: Central Press 1958. Comprehensive and up-

to-date on the sites in Israel, by an experienced guide who has lived in Israel for many years.

*Sacred Sites and Ways* by G. Dalman. New York: Macmillan Co. 1935. A most authoritative and scholarly treatment of the geographical setting of the Bible. Deals particularly with the N.T. places.

*Bible Atlas*. Emil G. Kraepling. New York: Rand McNally and Co., 1956. Considers the history, geography, and archaeology of O.T. and N.T. sites in the order of the Biblical books. Useful maps.

*The Historical Geography of the Bible*, G. A. Smith. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1931 (26th edition). Long a standard work, but in need of much revision, as are Baedeker's Guides to Palestine and Syria, Egypt, Turkey etc.

*Map of Roman Palestine*, Michael Avi-Yonah. London: Oxford University Press, 1940 (2nd edition). Excellent, though brief, discussions of N.T. places and full bibliographical references guiding the readers to more technical discussions. For the careful-type student.

10. For other help and a reservation blank contact: Robert Denny, Chairman, Youth Department, Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

11. For plans and prospects of the conference, see especially, Mrs. Robert S. Denny, "Our Baptist Youth in Beirut" *The Young People's Teacher* (February, 1963) Nashville: Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, pp. 18-20.

I wish to thank my teacher, James Kelso of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for some of the suggestions given in the body of this article.

## "Behold, This Stone Shall Be A Witness



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**"My Achin' Back!"**

I have joined the ranks of the aching backs—The ABC (Aching Back Club). With President Kennedy, I'll get me a Boston Rocker and think how good God was to pull us through the operation at Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Friday, February 15. They removed the ruptured portion of the disc located between the lumbar fourth and fifth vertebrae. No bone fusion.

They wheeled me into the operating room on the sixth floor and Dr. Fred A. Sawhill, anesthesiologist, got my hand vein ready for a needle filled with sodium pentothal. "Dr. Sanders, you are going to go to sleep right away." The needle sank, I felt the anesthetic moving quickly up my body and said, "Yes, Doctor, I feel it coming up . . ." That's all! The next thing I knew was to look up into the lovely face of Nurse Mrs. Ted C. Gilbert in Recovery Room three hours later. (Her husband, Dr. Gilbert, is chairman of our Christian Education Committee.)

I was wheeled on my own bed back to Room 272. Dr. and Mrs. Rollin S. Burhans had been with June (Mrs. Sanders) and left as I returned from Recovery. I was conscious of a big dull pain in my lower back, but I was so grateful for the doctor's report that all is well. The crisis over, June and I began the long convalescence which should keep me in the hospital until March 1, and at home until March 15. Standing by all through this experience was my own brother, Leslie, and his wife, Phyllis. He is the new pastor of West Broadway, Louisville.

Once the herniated disc was removed, the intense pain of the sciatic nerve from hip to heel quit. But to take its place was "My achin' back". For the first week, I didn't leave my bed or sit up.

This all began on the second-week tour of our state for the Kentucky Baptist Conferences. I began to feel the sciatic pain the first week going from Harlan (over Pine Mountain in the snow) to Ashland, but kept on to Ft. Thomas, Hopkinsville, Paducah, Owensboro, and Bowling Green. Unable to stand much more, my beloved friend, Dr. Paul Parks, First Church, Bowling Green, told me what was wrong, gave me skelaxin and darvon pills and said, "Stay in bed ten days." I had to miss

the last two conferences—Elizabethtown and Louisville (Beechmont). I stayed home for eight days with no improvement, so Dr. Grover B. Sanders put me in Kentucky Baptist Hospital. You know the rest.

The hospital staff continues to be wonderful to me. Administrator H. L. Dobbs and Chaplain B. B. Hilburn regularly check on and pray for me. The supervisors, nurses, student nurses, aides, orderlies and housekeepers do their duty beautifully and with a Christian spirit so meaningful to me.

While the "No Visitors" card was on my door, many have gotten in—President E. Keevil Judy, Henderson; Vice President G. David McClure, M.D., Walnut Street, Louisville; past President Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown; Missionary Buell T. Wells, Elizabethtown; J. Chester Badgett, Campbellsville, chairman of our Administrative Committee; and Secretary Lewis C. Ray. Many local pastors and laymen—Dr. Sam D. Weakley of Crescent Hill and eight pallbearers from West Broadway Church! My Middletown department heads kept vigil in turns the second day. My pastor, Dr. J. R. Claypool, and assistant, Mahan Siler, have been quite faithful. My beloved deacon friend of Highland Baptist Church, Farris A. Sampson, makes regular visits to cheer me with his faith, prayers, flowers, and candy.

I have received many flower tributes from the Baptist Building and agencies, and friends. Cards and telegrams have cheered me greatly.

Continuing a short list of the fine Baptists and others on the hospital staff who have meant so much to me, I mention Student Nurses Sandy Carter and Kitty Brooks (Walnut Street); Norma Hampton (Crescent Hill); Marilyn Adams (Crescent Hill and First, Princeton); Diana Hitch (Amity, Covington); Dodie Beard; Barbara Tuggle, Alton; and Julia Anne Boone, New Albany.

Other fine aides are Mrs. Bertha Cox (Third Avenue, Louisville); Dee Crady (Lebanon Junction); Kitty Simrall (St. Mark Episcopal); Mrs. Cecelia Hamilton (St. James Catholic); Mrs. Bessie Netherton (Vine Street Baptist, Louisville, formerly Taylorsville); Mrs. Louise Wilson (Valley Station); Mrs. Lona Lawrence; Mrs. Betty Oller; Ola Elizabeth Stinson; Bernice Dare; and Mrs. Elsie Kollenberg (West Side); Mrs. Iva Arnold; Mrs. Florence Hoffman (Walnut Street); and Mrs. L. Sellers.

Wonderful nurses serving me were Mrs. Maude Timmons (St. Agnes Cath-

olic); Mrs. Jean Allen, L.P.N. (Valley Station); and Mrs. Daisy Zettler; Mrs. Marie Krupp; and Mrs. Virginia Pet-schauer.

The fine orderlies who have served me most are Phil Brown (Eighteenth Street); Ed Bloomer (Auburndale); Mr. Vance; Edward Canada (Third Avenue); and Stan Green; Phillip Robey; and housekeeper Benny Price (Immanuel Baptist).

This morning the supervisor of aids, Mrs. Della Kennedy, of Vine Street Church, came in threatening to hug me for the nice things I said about aids last week.

I am sure others have served me during the night or moments of great pain whose names have escaped me (particularly X-ray) but their service has not escaped the eye of the Great Physician, in whose name I acknowledge my gratitude.

When you read this I will be convalescing at home. Praying that your church had a wonderful observance of the March Week of Prayer and offering, I am

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**Religious News In Review**

**In Kentucky**

►The First Baptist Church, Madisonville, has evangelistic services scheduled for March 10-17. **Dr. C. Y. Dossey** of the Southern Baptist Department of Evangelism, Dallas, Texas, is the visiting evangelist.

►**Dr. Paul M. Stevens**, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas, was the preacher for the revival services at the First Baptist Church, Mayfield, February 24-March 3. **Bill E. Anderson** of Johnson City, Tennessee, was in charge of the revival music.

►The Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, observed the ninth anniversary of **Pastor Elroy Lamb**. The weekly bulletin carried a list of the notable accomplishments of the church during the ministry of Dr. Lamb.

►The First Baptist Church, Frankfort, expressed appreciation to **Herman Marx** for fifteen faithful years as pastor of the First Baptist Chapel in Frankfort.

►The Maskrafters and the Music Department of **Georgetown College** will combine talents to produce the musical "Little Mary Sunshine" March 7-15.

►A rural church conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will be conducted at **Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville**, on April 12. The program is under the direction of **Dr. Lewis W. Newman** of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and **Dr. J. W. Lester**, Clear Creek faculty member.

►The **Nicol Museum of Biblical Archaeology** at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was formally dedicated on March 5. Special speaker for the occasion was **Dr. G. Ernest Wright** of Harvard University who is one of the Mullins and Norton lecturers for 1962-63.

**Baptists Elsewhere**

►The **Ruhama Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama**, will celebrate its 144th birthday on March 24. Former Ruhamans are requested to contact the church at 7901 Second Avenue South, for detailed plans of the occasion.

►The trustees of **Union University, Jackson, Tennessee**, have passed resolutions of appreciation for the 17-year ministry of **Dr. Warren F. Jones** as Union University president.

►The new **Southern Baptist Convention Building** in Nashville, Tennessee, was dedicated on February 20 in impressive ceremonies. Southern Baptist Convention **President H. H. Hobbs** was the principal dedication speaker. The auditorium in the new structure has been named in honor of **Austin Crouch**, first executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. The portrait of **Dr. George W.**

**Truett**, first chairman of the executive committee, will also hang in the building.

►The business and financial plan of the Southern Baptist Convention should not be changed to allow the Southern Baptist Convention **Annuity Board** to provide money for loans to churches, according to a decision of the Executive Committee in its winter meeting in Nashville.

►**Jacksonville, Florida**, will be recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention as the site for the 1968 convention. The Jacksonville site was chosen over several others by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

►Two spokesmen for national organizations challenged the position taken earlier by the **Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference** in reference to federal aid to parochial schools. **Mrs. F. L. Bull** expressed the viewpoint of the National Congress of Teachers and **Gerald E. Knoff** spoke for the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. Both speakers advocated public funds for public schools.

►**Bill Pinson, Jr.**, and **Thomas Urrey** have been elected assistant professors on the faculty of the School of Theology of **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**, Fort Worth, Texas.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 24, 1963**

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut Street	1008	2	269
Missions (3)	305		140
Louisville, 9th and O	907	1	400
Mayfield First	871		224
Mission	87		
Madisonville, First	848		221
Mission	13		
Covington, Calvary	775		
Murray, First	711		104
Mission	44		
Bowling Green, First	705		195
Mission	705		195
Mission	59		
Louisville Crescent Hill	705	5	211
Missions (3)	174		46
Paducah, Immanuel	646		212
Harrodsburg	644		157
Mission	33		36
Lexington, Calvary	626	4	183
Mission	51		
Lexington, Grace	597		
Mission	11		
Louisville, Beechmont	594		154
Missions (2)	218	1	92
Louisville, Bethlehem	519	3	214
Newport, First	515		129
Lexington, Rosemont	512	7	156
Louisville, Valley Station	505	2	131
Erlanger	504		147
Glasgow	503		104
Mission	20		
Campbellsville	492		189
Missions (3)	93		43

Louisville Green Acres	497	4	187
Louisville, Beth Haven	489	2	225
Louisville Beechland	476		135
Shelbyville, First	470	1	112
Ashland, First	427	3	124
Missions (2)	110		51
Corbin, Central	422		85
Winchester, Central	410		124
Louisville, Rockford Lane	407	1	122
Harlan	398	1	98
Missions (2)	68		
Lexington, Porter Memorial	395	2	132
Louisville, Hazelwood	394		88
Owensboro, Buena Vista	393	2	113
Nicholasville	393		100
Franklin, First	370		126
Missions (2)	72		32
Middlesboro, First	372	3	78
Greenville, First	355		132
Central City, First	354		169
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave.	346	1	116
Ashland, Unity	343		90
Bellevue, First	342		85
Corbin, First	342		82
Lebanon First	342		103
Louisville, Third Ave.	341		111
Bardstown	330		53
Louisville, Ralph Avenue	329	1	41
Louisville, Fairdale	325		114
Versailles	325		92
Lexington, Trinity	318	5	78
Hodgenville, First	314		112
Louisville, West Broadway	302	3	108
Lawrenceburg, First	299		40
Mission	55		32
Bowling Green, Glendale	296	2	147
Mission	47		26
Walton, First	291	1	150
Louisville, Immanuel	279		63
Henderson Audubon	274	2	78
Louisville, Chapel Park	268		103
Louisville, Clifton	268		93
Mission	58		31
Louisville, Shawnee	266		86
Mt. Washington, First	266	4	72
Mission	55		25
LaGrange, DeHaven Memo.	266		87
Ashland, Pollard Ave.	264	2	118
Mission	62		
Radcliff, Stithon	263	5	89
Lancaster	255		48
Campbellsville, South	252	3	134
Louisville Ridgewood	252		97
Lexington, South Elkhorn	249		114
Barboursville, First	241		89
Missions (2)	65		
Louisville, Valley View	236	2	83
Marion	234		65
Madisonville, Second	224	2	105
Frankfort, Memorial	221		90
Middletown, First	213		107
Owensboro, Yellow Creek	210		46
Frankfort, Crestwood	200	1	59
Shepherdsville Kings	199		117
Louisville, Fern Creek	194		71
Owensboro, Seven Hills	177		54
Louisville, Fourth Ave.	145		53
Cave City	132	1	46
Florence, Greenview	118	2	77
Ft. Thomas, Highland Hills	109		51
Mission	15		
Albany, Stony Point	103		53

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## Stewardship

### Free Envelopes Still Available

By Robert J. Hastings

Listed below are additional churches which have secured free envelopes for 1963. Write the Stewardship Department at Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Ky., for full details on how your church might still qualify for this free offer.

Baptist Church	Address in Ky.
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Guston	Guston
Grove	Kings Mountain
Middleburg	Middleburg
East Barbourville	Barbourville
Russell Heights	Campbellsville
Round Top	Elizabethtown
Antioch	Barlow
First	Mousie
Goshen	Siani
First Creek	Bonnyman
Caneyville	Caneyville
Cumberland	Cumberland
New Salem	Vine Grove
McKinney	McKinney
Sand Run	Hebron
Caney Chapel	Mousie
First	Wooton
West Side	Berea
McVeigh	McVeigh

## Woman's Missionary Union

### Sharing Christ With the Whole World

By Miss Rosa Fiechter

The headline above is the theme for **Queen's Court** which will be at **Georgetown College**, March 15-17, as well as being the theme for **World Missions Year**. The week-end will offer Queens of Girls' Auxiliary missionary information, a challenge to true queenliness as members of Christ's Kingdom, and a vision of how they can "share Christ with the whole world".

Those girls and adults planning to attend **Queen's Court** will be interested to know the missionary speakers. Miss Delia Ruth Smith is serving with the Home Mission Board in the Baptist

Center in Lexington, Kentucky. She served in the Good Will Center in Louisville before going to Lexington. Miss Smith will have interesting experiences to share with G.A. Queens.

Mrs. James F. McKinley, Jr., has served, with her husband, as Southern Baptist missionary in East Pakistan since 1958. Mrs. McKinley will tell us how they share Christ in East Pakistan.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Culpepper, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, will have many wonderful experiences to share with us on how they share Christ in Japan. Dr. Culpepper will have charge of the Worship Service on Sunday morning, using the theme "Sharing Christ With the Whole World".

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## KENTUCKY STATE WMU MEETING SPEAKER

By Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

Dr. Robert S. Denny, associate general secretary and youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D.D., will speak on Wednesday morning. Dr. Denny has occupied his present position since January 1, 1956. He has traveled extensively in most every country of the world, has attended and directed several Baptist World Youth Conferences and is now preparing for the Sixth Baptist World



Dr. Denny

Youth Conference to be held in Beirut, Lebanon, this summer. He will have a very informative message especially appropriate to this World Missions Year.

Dr. Denny is a native of Kentucky, was reared and educated in Lexington, being graduated from the University of Kentucky and having received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Georgetown College. Prior to coming to his present position he served as an Associate in the Department of Student Work at the Baptist Sunday School Board and as BSU Director at Baylor University and Louisiana State University.

He is a brother of Mrs. Edgar Heathman, WMU President, First Church, Lexington.

Watch this column next week for more STATE MEETING news.

## Brotherhood

### How It All Worked Out At Beaver Dam Church

By Forrest R. Sawyer

The following is a report of the observance of Baptist Men's Day held at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church as reported by President William E. Jones, Ohio County Associational Brotherhood, of Beaver Dam:

"It all started in a Brotherhood planning meeting, but this excellent idea didn't die, as many are allowed to. It was cultivated in several meetings. Yes, the seed that was planted grew, and on February 3, 1963, it bore fruit.

"Actually, this Men's Day began Saturday night at the regular Brotherhood meeting with 43 men and boys meeting for supper and orientation.

"In Sunday School many of our laymen gave their testimonies in the departments. Then at 11:00 a.m., forty and more men marched in, filling the choir loft before a filled auditorium. The program was directed by the Brotherhood president, Eldon Hoxworth, the music by the men, the messages by two fine laymen, offering and ushering by the R.A. boys, also prayers by the men. At this fine service there was one decision made public, but we feel that many are known only to God and the persons involved.

"Truly God's hand worked in this Baptist Men's Day, because at the evening services with a tremendous Sunday night congregation from Beaver Dam, Central Grove Church, and Davis Memorial Mission, Bro. Carroll Mosely was ordained into God's ministry. Ordination sermon by Associational Missionary D. L. Barnett, charge by Pastor Arnett Williams, and the Bible presented by Pastor D. L. Zuberer.

"With inadequacy and humility, we of Beaver Dam Baptist Church truly say again God has demonstrated His power and revelation unto this His people. Yes, a ray of hope has become a reality, a particle of faith leavened. Another demonstration of how God works through and blesses devout and determined followers of Christ."

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Reports on the observance of Baptist Men's Day in churches all over the State indicate a renewed interest on the part of the people called Baptists as it relates itself to the importance of such a

day being observed in the churches. Numerous churches have reported breakfasts for the men, some reported group watching of **The Answer**, others reported all-night prayer services, others made and carried out plans for extensive personal evangelism efforts, some of the laymen who were program personalities in their churches used the day to slant each message toward words of appreciation for the leadership of their pastor, on and on. . . . Personally, I feel that the greatest value accruing to churches as a result of their observance of the Baptist Men's Day stems from "some thinking on their own" as it related itself to the projection of "their" own men into the needs of their own church.

## Church Music

### New Festivas Director Named For Central Region

By Eugene F. Quinn

Gus Kalos, new minister of music of Beechmont Baptist Church in Louisville, will direct the Regional Music Festivals for Central Region in March. Mr. Kalos replaces William K. Medlock who has recently resigns as minister of music of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown to accept a similar position in Lake Worth, Florida.

The new director will supervise the Adult and Youth Choir Festival at Eastern Parkway Baptist Church in Louisville on March 22 at 7:00 p.m., as well as the Children's Music Festival at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown on Saturday afternoon, March 30.

## COVINGTON CLINICIAN

A valuable clinician at the Covington Clinic March 28-29 is Dr. Ellis M. Bush. He is Co-ordinator of Family Life Education for the Family Life Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Dr. Bush will bring a major message on "The Home and the Music Ministry" on Thursday afternoon. On Thursday night he will conduct a rich conference entitled "Harmony in the Home", which will be of interest to every member of a Christian home.



Ellis M. Bush

## Christian Education

### "Religion, Morality And Knowledge"

By Doak S. Campbell

Many people seem to think there is no place for religion in the total scheme of education. Freedom of worship they would interpret as freedom from worship. Because of our thorough commitment to the separation of church and state, they leap to the conclusion that basic religious concepts must be divorced in all respects from our schools. Such people confuse the issue of sectarian support by public taxation on the one hand, with the process of inculcating basic moral concepts that are essential to the existence of our form of government, on the other.

A broad concept of education was envisioned by the founders of our Nation who frankly recognized Almighty God in all their deliberations. Next to our Constitution, there is perhaps no finer expression of the minds of those who fashioned our Republic than that found in the famous Northwest Ordinance of 1787. In Article III we find these words:

*"Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."*

We are thankful that there are multitudes who believe that effective education must include in justifiable proportion each of the basic components named in this statement. It is to this concept of a well-rounded objective that our Christian schools are dedicated.

If our Baptist institutions are to provide an acceptable quality of education thus conceived for the youth of our land, they require the prayers and the financial support of every loyal Baptist. Even more, they need on their campuses the fine young people from your homes and churches throughout the state.

## Student Union

### According to the Missionary Appointees

By J. Chester Durham

Once again we consider what foreign mission appointees have to say about the contributing influences that led to their mission commitment:

**Jack Eldon Tolar, Jr., M.D.—Appointed August 16, 1962, for service in Nigeria**

"Though I worked in the Christian Church teaching Sunday school and singing in the choir and was active in young people's work, I found myself drawn to First Baptist Church for spiritual nourishment under the powerful preaching of Harold Fickett, Sr. Also I

was soon involved in B.S.U. fellowship at the Medical Branch. Student directors Earl Glen Rose and Tom Lutner (and his wife Polly) added much to my life, as did the fellowship and influence of such notables as Sam Cannata, Bud Doshier, and Bob Rapp. I was drawn to the Southern Baptists through theology, fellowship, finally through specific prayer and guidance, but I hesitated. After internship in Austin (Bob Rapp was intern roommate), and part-time attendance at Hyde Park Baptist Church and University Christian Church, I returned to Galveston for the first two years of surgery residence at John Sealy Hospital.

"By this time I was a Southern Baptist in everything except church affiliation. B.S.U. director Bill Hailey and his wife Chris, Pastor John Salzman and the fellowship of First Baptist Church were essential ingredients to my life. Brother Pat (next to the youngest), with his wife Shirley, was in med school, and they were faithful and active members of the Christian Church, and I hesitated to make the change, wondering how it would affect them. But in March 1959, I stopped struggling against what I knew was God's will and became a Baptist."

### James Charles Walker—Appointed August 16, 1962, for service In Central Africa

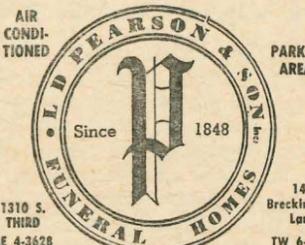
"In the fall (1954) I became associated with B.S.U. through the encouragement of Vern Taylor, minister of music at Calvary. God used B.S.U. to help me grow spiritually through opportunities to speak at noon chapel and Sunday jail services. At B.S.U. I met Charlotte Fulton, God's chosen one for me.

"In the summer of 1955, after Alabama had won the S.E.C. baseball championship, I was able to play semi-professional ball in South Carolina. God gave me a great summer to both bring my baseball 'career' to an end and to show me the better way.

"After returning to school in the fall, a group of us at B.S.U. were led to start a youth revival team, and through this we were able to extend our witness."

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## Training Union Methods And the Regional And State Meetings

By James H. Whaley, Sr.

The week of March 25-29 eight Regional Training Union meetings will be held, with the State Training Union Convention following on April 17-19. Training Union methods will be featured at all of these meetings.

### Regional

An hour's methods conference will be a part of the evening session at each regional meeting. Conferences are being provided for all leadership groups as well as for the members of unions.

### State Convention

Dr. Phil Harris, secretary, Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead an excellent staff of workers to conduct methods conferences at the State Convention at Somerset. This staff will consist of Dr. Harris leading General Officers; W. C. Dudley, secretary of the Training Union Department of Ohio, leading Adults; Mrs. Phil Harris, Nashville, Tennessee, leading Young People and Counselors; Miss Margaret Sharp, Training Union Department in Nashville, leading the Intermediate section; Mrs. John Hammatt and Mrs. Wendell Romans leading the Junior section; and Miss Mickey Martin of the Kentucky Training Union Department directing the Nursery, Beginner and Primary section. Miss Martin will be assisted by Miss Marie Hedgecoth, editor of Beginner Lesson Materials, Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, along with other workers. Bob Wayne, associate, Kentucky Training Union Department, will direct the section for Associational Officers.

### Kentucky Baptist Foundation

## Bequest Received From An Unknown Friend

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

Many of the people who leave funds or property in their wills to the KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION are people with whom the secretary of the Foundation has counseled. Some of them are people whose names are on the Foundation prospective list, to whom letters and literature are sent. In most cases they are people who have been contacted by the secretary of the Foundation.

Last week, however, the FOUNDATION received a check for \$8,461.90 from the

estate of Mrs. Mallie Vallandingham, who lived in Owen County. She was a friend whose acquaintance we never made. We do not know how she learned of the KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION. It may have been through reading the *Western Recorder*, or in conversation with friends, or at a denominational meeting.

We wish we could assure her of our gratitude. But this, like similar expressions we would like to make, will have to wait until we meet her in that city not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Until then, the directors of the KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION will strive to be faithful in their stewardship of the trust she has placed in them in making this bequest.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14:13.

## Girls' Auxiliary Meet To Be Doubleheader

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—The first nationwide Girls' Auxiliary Convention will be a doubleheader!

Convention No. 1 had been planned all along for June 18-20 at Memphis. Registrations ran so heavy that Woman's Missionary Union officers here have had to schedule a second meeting.

The second meeting for the Girls' Missionary Group will begin at Memphis on June 20 and run through June 22. The same program outline will be used in the second gathering.

"We are overwhelmed with the enthusiastic response of the girls and their counselors," said Miss Betty Brewer of Birmingham, director of the Girls' Auxiliary Department for the Southern Baptist Convention Women's Auxiliary.

"By having two conventions, we will be able to give about 12,000 girls the

opportunity to be a part of the first conventionwide gathering of Girls' Auxiliary members," she continued.

Convention No. 1 will end at noon Thursday. Convention No. 2 will begin that night and carry through Saturday noon.

"We have 6,500 reservations for the first convention," it was reported from the union's office here. "This is a full house." Hundreds of unconfirmed reservation requests were on hand when decision came to have two conventions.

The nationwide gathering will commemorate the fiftieth birthday of the Girls' Auxiliary.

Another 6,500 girls are expected to attend the second convention.

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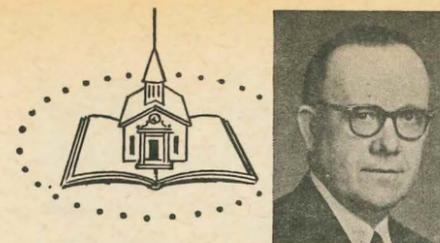
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## JESUS DEMONSTRATES HIS AUTHORITY March 17

After Christ had demonstrated His authority over demons, diseases and death, He returned to Jerusalem and went at once into the temple. With keen and loving interest He surveyed the temple, which was the center of the religious life and activity in the city. He scanned every corner of the sacred courts and nothing escaped His searching vision. He "looked round about on all things" to see what was going on there. It was the look of One Who had a perfect right to investigate. What He beheld caused Him to grieve deeply. That evening He went back to Bethany and spent the night there with His disciples.

### I. The Indignation of Christ. Mark 11:15-18.

On the following day Christ and His disciples returned to Jerusalem. He went immediately to the temple, which was the center of the religious activities. Due to the conditions which prevailed there, our Lord did not begin to teach. Obviously the ruling motive of the noisy hucksters was that of covetousness. The very purpose of the temple had been sacrificed to the greed of gain. All that the temple stood for was destroyed by the noisy traffic and by the disputing of the money-changers. These traffickers had turned the house of prayer into a market place, profaning the holy things for their own financial gains.

When Christ saw this desecration of His Father's house, His soul flamed with righteous indignation. He determined to stop the practice of carrying on such business as these verses describe in the temple for which He had great reverence. He drove out those who were violating the purpose of the temple, and He turned over the tables, so that the coins of the money-changers rolled in every direction. He thoroughly cleansed the temple of all that unholy traffic. He also forbade the further use of the precincts of the temple as public streets.

This incident should teach us that it is not right to use a place for secular matters that has been dedicated to the worship of God. God's house is a place of prayer, and not a market place. What would our Lord do if He should enter

some places of worship today? In the places where He would find sales, bazaars and festivals to raise money for His work, He would clean house forthwith. God has ordained that His work shall be supported with the tithes and offerings of His people, and other schemes and methods meet with His disapproval and do without His blessing. God wants His house to be used as a place of worship, preaching and teaching, and not for purposes of material gain or worldly entertainment.

Christ boldly and bluntly accused the people of turning the house of prayer into a den of thieves; of turning communion with God into commerce with men; of turning the place which was to be used for God's glory into a place for man's material gain. By His actions and His words Christ condemned the scribes and the chief priests for their unholy traffic. Instead of turning from their evil ways, they were incensed by His action and they resolved to destroy Him Who had given them an additional proof that He was the Messiah.

### II. The Insincerity of the Critics. Mark 11:27-33.

In all probability a sizable number of those who disapproved and resented Christ's action in cleansing the temple spent considerable time in scheming and planning an open attack on Him. Upon His return to the temple area, where He resumed His preaching to the people, a group of organized enemies, including chief priests, scribes and elders, approached Christ with the hope of discouraging Him, of bringing His ministry into contempt with the people and of preventing the repetition of His recent actions. They boldly challenged Christ's authority in cleansing the temple by driving out those who had defiled it with their merchandising of birds and animals, which had been inspected and approved by the priests, and by their offering to change foreign money into the currency of the Jews upon the payment of a fee for same. They challenged His commission and the authority under which He had acted by asking, "By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?" This double question

dealt both with the nature of His authority and the source from which He obtained it.

These rude and bitter inquisitors thought that they had succeeded in ensnaring Christ, regardless of how He answered them. If He should say that God gave Him the authority to do these things, they were prepared to charge Him with blasphemy, believing as they did that it was highly presumptuous and blasphemous for anybody to claim to be sent directly from God. If He should assert that His authority was from men, they would deny that He had ever received it from them, who alone had the prerogative of saying who should perform in the temple, so they would brand Him as a usurper.

Christ answered their challenge of His authority by asking His insincere and antagonistic questioners a counter question, thereby escaping the snare which they had laid for Him. He assured them that if they would give Him a plain and pointed answer to the very reasonable question He was about to ask them, He would readily tell them the nature and the source of His authority. He asked them by what authority John the Baptist had administered the ordinance of baptism. He wanted them to state whether or not John the Baptist had acted on divine authority when he had baptized people.

After conferring privately about the matter, they realized fully that Christ's pointed question confronted them with a real dilemma. They knew that if they acknowledged that the authority of John's baptism and ministry came from heaven, then they were compelled to recognize Christ as the true Messiah, to which fact the Baptist had borne faithful witness. On the other hand, if they should reply that his authority was merely human, the numerous admirers and followers of John the Baptist would most likely rise up and stone them to death. Even though it was extremely embarrassing and humiliating to them, they decided to incur the reproach of ignorance by giving Him the answer, "We cannot tell." So, because of their false reply Christ refused to answer their questions. Our Lord reasoned that, since John the Baptist preached and baptized without their authority or approval, there was no reason why He should not do likewise, for He was not accountable to them.



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## West Broadway, Louisville, Calls Leslie E. Sanders

Leslie E. Sanders, pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, since 1954, has accepted the pastorate of the West Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville. The new pastor is a brother of Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists.

A native of Missouri, Sanders is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri, attended William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, graduated from Texas Christian University with a B.A. degree, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Th.M. degree and has completed his residence work for a post-graduate degree at Golden Gate Theological Seminary in California.

Other pastorates include Golden Gate Baptist Church, Oakland, California, Downtown Southern Baptist Church, Los Angeles, and First Baptist Church, Chipley, Florida. Sanders has also had six years of teaching experience at Golden Gate Seminary, Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, and the Seminary Extension Center in Chipley, Florida.

Mrs. Sanders is the former Phyllis Moore of Mt. Vernon, Missouri. The Sanders family includes two daughters, Sandra and Sharon. The new pastor began his new work at West Broadway February 3.

## POAU Intensifies Education Program

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—An intensified educational program, to meet "the most serious church-state controversy the United States has known for the past 150 years," has been announced by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

POAU President Louie D. Newton of Atlanta said the organization would lend its "strong support" to the efforts of President John F. Kennedy to uphold the First Amendment and the U. S. Supreme Court.

He specifically mentioned the Supreme Court for "so properly and unequivocally interpreting the First Amendment in a way that prevents sectarian inroads on the federal treasury."

Dr. Newton said the stepped-up education program will include "public meetings, church meetings, TV-radio

and press releases and college and seminary dialogs and seminars."

He said, "This program will be vigorously pursued by POAU with special attention to those states where clerical pressures for church school subsidies have been most keenly felt."

He mentioned Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan and Rhode Island as states currently facing serious possible breaches of the wall separating church and state.

Dr. Newton said the determination of Roman Catholic bishops to block any federal school aid which does not include assistance to their private institutions "has precipitated the most serious church-state controversy the U. S. has known for the past 150 years."

He said "It demonstrates the need for a wider and more pervasive program to reach the public with information as to the value and significance of our American tradition in church and state. If we fail in this, separation of church and state may well be buried under an avalanche of government subsidies for church schools."

POAU announced the employment of Edward Terry, Protestant minister of Portland, Ore., as staff associate in the organization field, effective March 1.

Another roganization man and a legal attorney, authorized at the POAU conference in Denver will be announced soon.

## Time, Place, Preacher Committee May Die

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher may draw its last breath at the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention.

Set up at each year's convention, this committee has been asked to recommend the time and place for the convention about five years ahead. It also recommends the preacher for the convention sermon at the next year's convention.

Bylaw changes passed by the SBC Executive Committee at its winter meeting here will be put before the 1963 convention at Kansas City, Mo., in May for adoption.

These changes would do away with the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

The recommendation on time and place of future conventions would thereafter come from the Executive Committee, which already recommends sites to the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

The recommendation on the preacher for the convention sermon at the next succeeding convention would thereafter come from the Committee on Order of Business, which drafts the agenda, or program, for that succeeding convention session.

## Second Church of Russellville Calls John E. Boggess as Pastor

The Second Baptist Church of Russellville has called John E. Boggess to be its pastor. Boggess hails from Greenville, where he has been director of music at the Roland Memorial Baptist Church, and is now a student in Bethel College, Hopkinsville. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Rhea Boggess, his mother being the former Emma Jane Ewing, of Russellville, and he is a grandson of Mrs. G. W. Ewing and the late Mr. Ewing, both of whom were members of the Second Baptist Church of Russellville until he died about 1953.



John E. Boggess

## Mrs. Nellie Hiestand Hord Dies at Campbellsville

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 5—Mrs. Nellie Hiestand Hord, 94, slipped away quietly at her home here on December 17, 1962. This servant of the Lord was the oldest member in years of the Campbellsville Baptist Church, and one of the four whose membership covers a period of 52 years.

In 1911 Campbellsville Church began a mission in the southern section of the city. No one made a greater contribution to it than did Mrs. Hord. From this mission work grew the South Campbellsville Baptist Church which now has a membership of more than 800.

She followed the plan of teaching the Bible book by book, which she did until she was 90 years of age, though she continued in the gatherings for worship until a few weeks before her death.

Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, J. Chester Badgett, assisted by two ex-living pastors, James L. Robinson and Harvey F. Morrison, whose combined pastorates extend over the past 33 years. They were one in their testimony to Mrs. Hord's loyalty and devotion to the work of the Lord, and expressed their thanksgiving to God for her helpfulness in their ministry.

Mrs. Hord is survived by five daughters—Mrs. Aubrey Peterson, Mrs. R. S. Bailey, Mrs. David Mitchell and Mrs. Muriel Lippincott, all of Campbellsville, and Mrs. Charles B. Steger, Sharon, Pa.; and by one son, Admiral Paul Hord, U.S.N., Retired, Borrego Springs, Calif.



Left to right: Miss Geraldine Williamson and Miss Kay Francis, librarians at Gano Avenue Library; Ellis M. Ham, pastor; and Mrs. G. N. Smith, chairman of the Library Committee.

## "NOW WE READ"

"Now we read!" These words became a reality to the people who attend the Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Georgetown, Kentucky, on Sunday, February 3, 1963. On this date the church dedicated its new library.

It all started when it became apparent that in the preparation of programs in various departments of its work there was a deep need for source-material that would supply information and inspiration to challenge the people in the presentation of their beliefs, their practices, and their methods of work. The pastor and the people were also concerned over the fact that his people did not have access to the kind of literature that would make for good, wholesome reading. In order to remedy this condition the church voted to establish a library.

The church requested Mrs. G. N. Smith, a member of Gano Avenue Church, and president of the Elkhorn Association Library Organization, to lead in this effort as chairman of a Library Committee from the church. The church also voted to furnish the funds necessary to the launching of this work.

Many announcements were made concerning the various things needed in getting this movement under way. The members responded in a most cheerful and enthusiastic manner. Individuals

and classes volunteered to purchase the suggested books which the committee felt would be basic to any good church library. After many hours and days of diligent labor the work was completed and the date set for the dedication.

Mrs. Smith, as the chairman of the Library Committee, arranged for an exceptionally fine program. In part the program consisted of Scripture reading, prayer, a skit by four members pointing up the value of the library in providing for helps in all areas of the church life and work. Special music was also arranged and conducted by the minister of music. The pastor delivered a message on the subject: "The Stewardship of Reading."

Open house was held, a social hour, in which refreshments were served in the basement of the church, followed the dedication service. It is with joy that the people of Gano Avenue can say, "Now we read!"

## Mrs. Becham Martin, Sr., Dies in Bowling Green

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—Mrs. Beckman Martin, Sr., a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky, died at her residence on the Glasgow Road, January 14, 1963, after an illness of about three months. She

was born, Katie Morris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Morris of Grayson County, on April 8, 1902, and married Beckham Martin, July 13, 1925.

Becoming a Christian in early girlhood, she was for many years a member of the Smiths Grove Baptist Church where she served her Lord faithfully and well, serving in W.M.U. as Sunday school teacher, president of Baptist Training Union, and as a leader in several youth organizations.

Ben F. Mitchell, superintendent of missions and evangelism in Long Run Association, who served as her pastor for three years in the Smiths Grove Church, conducted the funeral services at the Hardy Chapel on Bowling Green Road, Tuesday afternoon, January 15.

In the First Baptist Church at Bowling Green she served with Pastors H. Franklin Paschal and Otha O. Smith. Until shortly before her death, she taught the Goodwill Class from the time of its organization. She was secretary of the Executive Board of the W.M.U. of Warren Association, prayer chairman of the Mary Noffett Circle, chaplain of the Warren County Garden Club, and secretary-treasurer of the Bristow Home Makers Club. She was nominee for Kentucky Mother-of-the-Year in 1958. A truly radiant and vibrant Christian, it could be truly said of her; "She hath done what she could," and she did it well.

She is survived by her husband, Beckham Martin, Sr.; one daughter, Mrs. Harold Rector of Bowling Green; and two sons, Beckham, Jr., and James, of Smiths Grove; and two sisters, Mrs. C. D. Layman, and Mrs. James Brown of Louisville.

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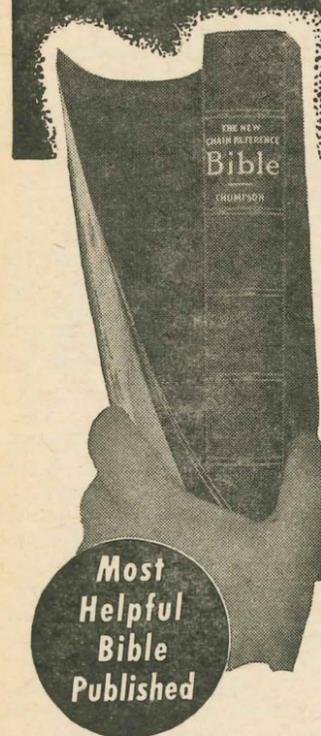
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