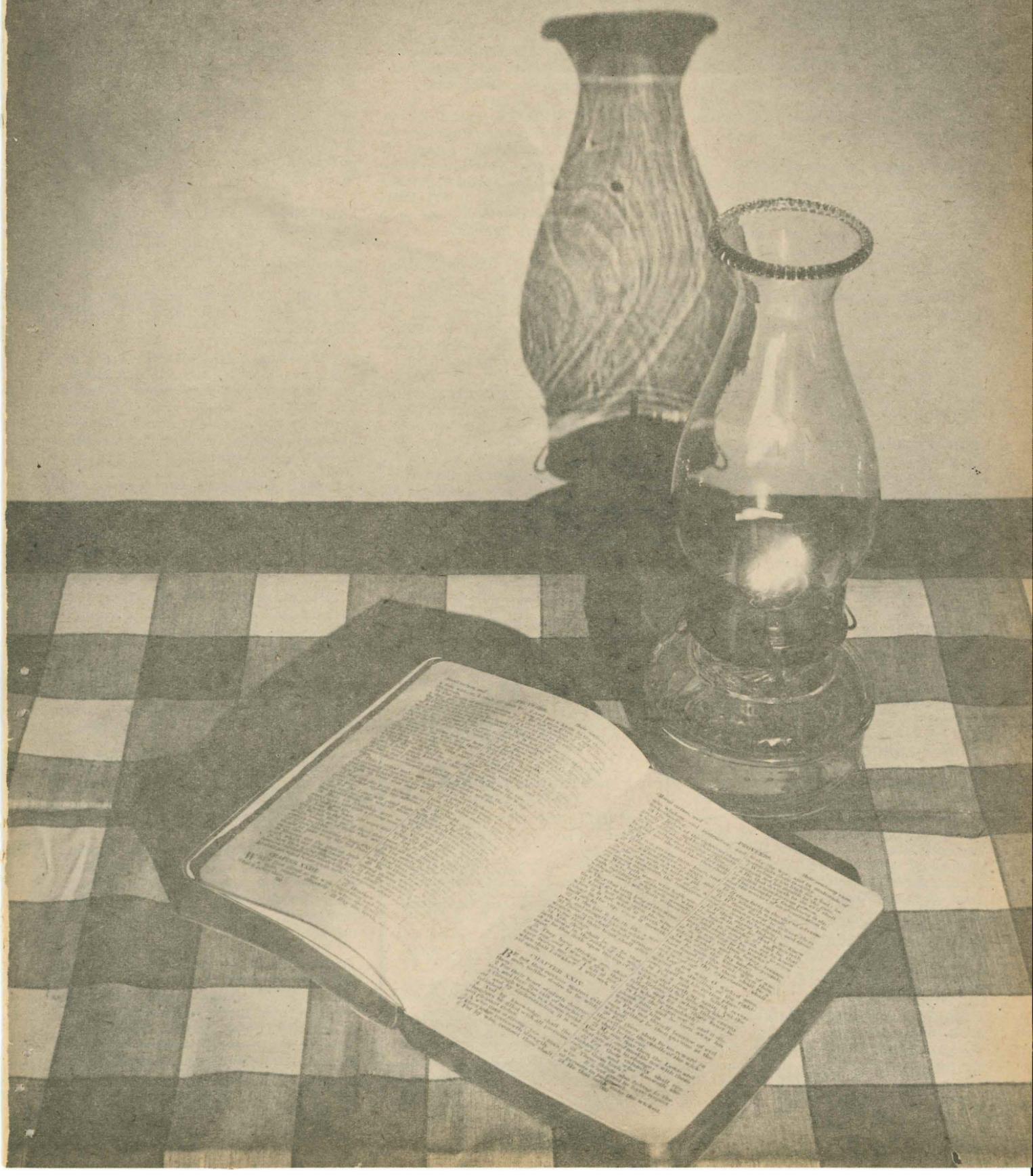


WESTERN RECORDER





GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

JAMES LONDON, a native of Kentucky and pastor of the Oak Hill Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, died July 7. He was buried at Central City, Kentucky. He was a graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville.

DR. JAMES M. WALKER, of the Religion Department of Cumberland College, was recently granted a scholarship for a special course of study in the area of sociology of religion at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

LOUIS W. STANGER, pastor emeritus of the Greensburg Baptist Church, and Mrs. Stanger were honored by the church on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, June 23. Pastor E. N. Clark performed a wedding for the couple which was followed by a reception in the church.

HOWARD R. COOK has assumed his duties as minister of education at the Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, on June 23. Thomas H. Shelton is pastor.

CHARLES YOUNG, third child and first son of Charles and Elizabeth Evans, Southern Baptist missionaries to East Africa, was born June 11. They may be addressed at Box 488, Kitale, Kenya, East Africa. She is the former Elizabeth Young of Balkan, Kentucky.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM A. COWLEY, missionaries to Nigeria, have been on furlough. They returned to Nigeria on July 4. He is a native of Meade County, Ky.

DR. GEORGE A. CARVER has recently become associated with the J. Ashby Miller Company as a real estate broker and salesman. Dr. Carver has served as a Southern Baptist Foreign Missionary, and for a number of years has been a faculty member of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, having served for a time as acting president of this institution.

J. C. RAIKES has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Morehead, Kentucky, effective July 31, and will become the pastor of the Dayton Ave. Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio.

PASTOR AND MRS. ELDRED TAYLOR, serving the First Baptist Church, Somerset, were honored by the church on the occasion of their fifth anniversary.

Words of appreciation were expressed in the morning service of July 7 and Mrs. Taylor was given roses.

DENNY BURCHETT, pastor of the Middleton Baptist Church, Franklin, for the past five years, has moved to Franklin, Tennessee, where he will be pastor of the Walker Memorial Baptist Church. His new address is 521 Eastview Drive, Franklin, Tenn. He is a graduate of Southern Seminary.

THE FIRST Nation-wide Evangelistic Conference for Southern Baptists was attended by nearly 10,000 persons in Dallas, Texas. The conference set the stage for concerted revivals in 1964, a year in which Southern Baptists will try to win 600,000 persons to Christ.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Bowling Green, has put a new plan of receiving new church members into operation. Rather than receive new members immediately, the "candidates" will be referred to the New Member Committee where there will be a frank discussion of the Christian experience and church responsibilities. The plan was approved unanimously by the church. Othar O. Smith is pastor.

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JON GILBERT, who for the past three and one-half years has served as minister of music and education at the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, has resigned to accept a similar position with the First Baptist Church, Wauchula, Florida. The church held a farewell reception for the Gilbert family on July 14.

SHAFTER COUCH, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Combs, Kentucky, has suffered another stroke. He is now in a nursing home at Dry Ridge, Ky.

ELMER HYDEN has resigned as pastor of Cedar Point Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT of the Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, will present a two-hour drama on Sunday, July 28, 1963, at 5:00 P.M. "A Dream of Queen Esther" will take the place of Training Union that day. M. D. Morton is pastor.

JAMES DOUGLAS has resigned as pastor of Muncy Creek Baptist Church in Three Forks Association. He has accepted the pastorate of Dwarf Baptist Church and will live at Air Port Gardens.

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE has passed a bill allowing—but not requiring—secular courses in religion to be taught in Florida public schools. The bill passed both houses with only one dissenting vote. The practical effect of the measure would be to allow individual county schools to decide if they wanted such a course in their schools.

A HUMAN WELFARE Association for Southern Baptists was planned in a recent meeting in Nashville. The first of its kind, a constitution and by-laws will be approved in September.

BOB COUCH, pastor of the Florence Baptist Church, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of the Paoli Church, Paoli, Pa. Couch began his ministry in the new Pennsylvania pastorate on July 21.

Couch leaves one of the fastest growing congregations in Kentucky. Every phase of the church work has made rapid strides under the ministry of Couch. The Paoli congregation has 35 members and is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Editors Agree with Supreme Court

by Nona Saturday

Baptist editors, in recent editorial comments, agreed with the United States Supreme Court in its ruling declaring "required" Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools as unconstitutional.

Sixteen state Baptist paper editors expressed their views, either prior to or just following the Supreme Court's decision. Though some voiced doubts and concern, most were in agreement with the court's opinion.

In an 8 to 1 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that required reading of the Bible and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools are unconstitutional because they violate the prohibitions of the First Amendment. The ruling was produced by two cases, one from Maryland and the other from Pennsylvania.

The court said that government has no business invading the religious life of the people, that the home, the church and the individual heart and mind are an "inviolable citadel" of religion.

"We have come to recognize through bitter experience," the court said, "that it is not within the power of government to invade that citadel, whether its purpose or effect be to aid or oppose, to advance or retard. In the relationship between man and religion, the state is firmly committed to a position of neutrality."

In the *Western Recorder*, Kentucky Baptist paper, Chauncey Daley said that to such groups as Baptists and Methodists, reading certain Bible passages and praying the Lord's Prayer are not sectarian. However, to "Moslems and Buddhists who are gradually increasing in America . . . and who pay taxes and attend public schools, any religion recognizing God or Jesus Christ is discriminatory."

"Religious liberty in the strict sense not only allows one to choose any religion he prefers but also allows him to choose no religion," Daley continued. "To require school attendance and to require Bible reading in schools puts the state in the business of sponsoring religion."

The decision of the Supreme Court strikes at the core of our religious heritage, according to Lynn M. Davis, editor of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger*. "It strikes in such a way," he said, "that the far-reaching implications of the decision protect Baptists as well as others from governmental favoritism of religion . . . our position as Baptists has been strengthened by the court's decision."

Marse Grant, in North Carolina, said the Supreme Court decision, far from "interfering with religion," helps to

"guarantee it."

Reuben E. Alley, editor of Virginia's *Religious Herald*, stated that on several occasions the Baptist General Association of Virginia has "made pronouncements in unmistakable opposition to compulsory Bible reading and formal prayers in public schools."

The court's decision did not violate human rights, Alley said. Rather it "serves as an additional protection for the individual in his right to worship

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ROYAL AMBASSADORS:

"--the boy in today's World"

by John T. Walsh

This is, indeed, a high moment in my life. I feel very humble and most unworthy of this privilege—but very proud—to speak in behalf of the quarter of a million Royal Ambassadors who are a part of our Southern Baptist Convention.

As I try to express what the Royal Ambassador program has meant to me, please keep in mind that I speak not just for myself but for all the boys who now hold membership in chapters from Texas to Alaska and from New York to Hawaii, and that I also speak for thousands of dedicated men—missionaries, ministers, denominational leaders and laymen—who have belonged to Royal Ambassadors in the past and now undergird the entire program of our great denomination.

Being a Royal Ambassador has brought me face to face with the glorious realization that God has a purpose for my life and a definite responsibility for me to assume in His world.

The Advancement Plan which I have followed in my Royal Ambassador Chapter has not only provided interesting activities, but has been a means of stabilizing my Christian faith and has given me a broad vision of the Christian's world mission task.

These Royal Ambassador activities have helped me to be a better citizen—in my chapter, my community, my state,

Editor's Note: This speech was delivered by John T. Walsh at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. John is the 16-year-old son of the Baptist minister in Missouri. The National R.A. Congress will be held in Washington, D.C., August 13-15.

The Cover

The Psalmist declared, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

John concluded "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. . . . That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

nation and world. I am a better informed Baptist because of what I have learned in the R.A. program. I understand the work of my church and my denomination. I have learned that as I give my time, talents, and money, I help to carry the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world. I know now—even before I reach the age to enter the Brotherhood—that the Cooperative World Mission Program is surely the greatest instrument ever initiated by Baptists to carry out Christ's world mission program.

In Royal Ambassador camps and meetings I have had the opportunity to know and mingle with boys of other races and nations. Sharing Christian fun and experiences with fellows like George Wautannabe of Hawaii and Nabih Assal of Israel has been a major joy in my life. They have helped me realize that I am linked through Royal Ambassadors with thousands of other boys around the world who are committed to Christ, the King.

Summer camps, assemblies and congresses have enriched my life almost beyond expression. The spirit and fellowship of other boys who have pledged themselves to the same Royal Ambassador objectives that I have accepted as my own, has strengthened by Christian life and increased my determination to turn my back on habits and actions that are contrary to the will of Christ. I have learned that God wants me to keep my body clean and useful that it might be a temple for His spirit.

Conversing with the missionaries, listening to their inspiring messages and reading about their experiences in our magazine, Ambassador Life, and other

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Habitual Criminals in Kentucky

Occasionally there is a news report concerning someone who is convicted as a habitual criminal. This is one who has been caught breaking a law so frequently as to have exhausted the patience and mercy of the judge or jury.

In Kentucky there is a number of habitual criminals in the matter of the Sunday closing law. In Louisville and Jefferson County the same businesses have been handed citations for illegal Sunday business week after week. Until recently nothing has come of these citations. One judge who did not agree with the court rulings on the constitutionality of this law even filed away case after case.

Now this judge has begun to hand out small fines while other judges have started giving maximum fines to persistent violators. This crack-down on these habitual offenders is to be commended.

How we feel about the law against unnecessary Sunday business is not the point. This writer happens to believe such laws have a place, not to enforce religious observances but for the public welfare and to protect those who do want to worship on Sunday.

The fact is that the courts all the way through the Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court have declared that this law is constitutional. As the law of Kentucky then, it should be enforced. Not to do so is to set an example of disregard and disrespect for law and order.

Furthermore, the penalty should be stiff enough to make it unprofitable to break the law. A fine of \$2.00, as reported in some cases for keeping a business open on Sunday, is ridiculous. This is less than the profit on one insignificant sale of a Sunday business house. Such fines merely become license fees to break the law.

If business as usual on Sunday is the will of most Kentuckians, the General Assembly should pass a law providing for Sunday business or repeal the present law against unnecessary Sunday business. Until such time, the law should be enforced, and those who persist in flouting it should be regarded as habitual criminals.

Association Time Is Here Again

That time is here again. The 83 Baptist associations in Kentucky meet from July 24 through October 24. Once the district association was the only organizational body beyond the local church in Baptist life. Now though overshadowed somewhat by the state

convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, the local association is more important than either of these when it comes to help to the local church.

Associational time is still a time of great fellowship and food. In many places improvised tables from flat bed farm wagons have replaced the old fashioned picnic tables under the shade trees of the church yard, but the bountiful baskets of chicken, old ham, potato salad, green beans, roasting ears and sliced tomatoes are just like those of mother and grandmother.

It's a time for preaching and praise. Preachers designated to preach the annual sermons usually put on their Sunday best preaching, and those who attend these meetings hear some of the best sermons of this generation. The worship side of these meetings ought never be relegated to a place of insignificance.

Association time is also a time to hear first hand of the work being carried on through the cooperative efforts of Baptists. Statistical reports are often bypassed to give time to speakers who come from the Baptist Building, our Baptist colleges, hospitals and children's homes.

Sometimes moderators and program committees are hard put to find time for all the guest speakers who show up. Realizing this problem and also trying to save some traveling costs, the Baptist Building is offering this year to the associations which want them, teams of speakers to represent all our cooperative work. The team will visit the association together.

The plan is for each team to have three members. One will emphasize the Cooperative Program, another will stress Christian education because of our current emphasis in this area, and the third member will cover the rest of our work such as the *Western Recorder*, Baptist hospitals, and our children's homes.

The *Western Recorder* is cooperating with the team idea where it is requested. This means, however, that the *Western Recorder* will provide the third team member for only some of the associations since the hospitals and children's homes also furnish some of these team members.

What about the associations where the *Western Recorder* does not provide a team member? In these, the third team member will give some emphasis to the state paper, but it is not expected that this speaker could stress it as would a special *Western Recorder* representative.

In the past the *Western Recorder* has tried to have a personal representative in nearly every associational meeting. We will continue to do this where there is a

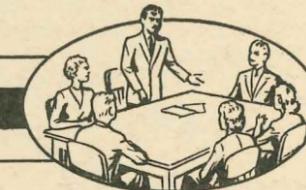
request. In associations when the team of speakers is not used, the *Western Recorder* would like to have a special representative. If the program committee agrees to have a team of speakers and still has enough time for a special representative of the *Western Recorder*, one of us will be happy to come. A letter stating this has been sent to each moderator and a card to return if a state paper representative is desired. Unless the card is returned, we will assume a special *Western Recorder* representative is not desired, and

we await hopefully our time to be the third member of a team.

To the *Western Recorder* the associations are very valuable meetings. We don't want to get in the way, but we want every opportunity to emphasize the value of our denominational paper in Baptist homes.

Let's make the 1963 associations the best in Kentucky Baptist history. Let every church elect messengers who will attend these worthwhile meetings and bring back to the church information and inspiration.

BAPTIST FORUM



A Vote For the Women

Dear Editor:

When I read the letter in the June 20 *Recorder* of Mr. Edward D. Baker I was absolutely stunned to think there was a person who could write such a letter about our Christian women. First of all I would like to remind Mr. Baker that in no way am I contradicting the Bible. It is our authority. I teach Sunday school at Highland Park First Baptist Church. Maybe I should resign according to Mr. Baker. I am wondering just how far our Baptist religion, doctrines, etc., would be if women were as silent as he would have us believe they should be. I would also like to remind Mr. Baker that the words he quoted were not Christ's words, but were Paul's. If Mr. Baker would take time to study the Bible and its background he would get a different view of things. Paul lived in an era when women were literally slaves to men and rarely were outside their home environment.

Now I thought Christ did away with respect of persons. Mr. Baker speaks of New Testament ways. There are many women missionaries at home, and on foreign fields that are taking the gospel to thousands, yes millions of unsaved people, men and women, boys and girls. I am under the impression and conviction that Christ gave the Commission to every saved person. As for not wanting to be seated with our second vice president because of her sex, I want to go on record as saying I am very proud of her, and the men who were farsighted enough to elect her to such a high position in our Southern Baptist Convention. When Christ comes again and says to all Christians "well done thou good and faithful servant"—You may be sure there will be women standing in that glorious crowd also.

Louisville

Mrs. Frank W. Hall

Sad News From the Estes

Dear Friends in Christ:

Some of you have already heard about our son's health problem and have written us most encouraging words of greeting and concern. For those who have not heard, here is a brief summary. Jody, our oldest boy, became lame about four weeks ago and after examining him with X-rays, etc., the doctors diagnosed it as "Epiphysenlosung" (I don't know the English word for it). It is a growing separation of the ball of the hip joint from the socket. They recommend putting screws in the joint, and indicate that he will probably have to have both hips operated on in time. Right now he is crippled only in the right hip.

In view of the possibility of long convalescence, and our general family situation, the Foreign Mission Board has approved our taking an early emergency furlough in the States. By the time you receive this, we will probably be on our way to the States. We don't know yet where we will take Jody, but probably to Louisville.

Naturally, we covet your prayers for Jody and for our whole family. In general, I think I can say that we are accepting the inevitable and trusting the Lord. The long range prospects for Jody's full recovery are, we believe, quite good.

Helen and Joseph R. Estes

Should Dr. King Have Been Invited

Dear Editor:

From news reports I learned with disappointment that Dr. Martin Luther King will speak at the Baptist World Youth Conference currently meeting in Beirut, Lebanon. Why would the Baptists present Dr. Martin Luther King to our Baptist Youth in such a great gathering as the Baptist World Youth Conference? Dr. King is such a contro-

versial figure and causes strife and upheaval among the people.

Excuse me for sending you this complaint, but you are a good person to air-out our differences of opinions. I always read and watch your articles.

Louisville, Ky.

Name Withheld by request

Answer:

I understand Dr. King cancelled his appearance in Beirut because of the press of his activities in America. I do not agree with all of Dr. King's viewpoints but I respect him as a fellow Christian, and admire his faithfulness to his convictions.

As a Baptist known all over the world and a leader of one of the great social movements of history, Dr. Martin Luther King is the kind of voice Baptist youth from 52 nations need to hear. These young people can sift the wheat from the chaff.

Your description of Mr. King as a controversial figure who causes strife and upheaval among the people has a familiar sound to those who read the New Testament. It is almost the same words used by some to describe the Lord and the early apostles.

Editor

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7c a Day For Worthy Causes But 15c For Alcoholic Drink

The average American, according to latest figures, spends \$6.23 a day. Here is the breakdown on his spending: Food, \$1.06; taxes, 79c; household operation, 71c; housing, 66c; transportation, 60c; clothing, 52c; medical, 31c; recreation, 31c; alcoholic beverages, 15c; tobacco, 11c; religious and welfare, 7c; savings, 38c; all others, 56c. (Source, *Quarterly Review*). The inequities stand out glaringly. Can you imagine a nation spending more than twice as much on alcoholic beverages as on religious and welfare causes combined? Or spending 11c for tobacco every time 7c is spent on these worthy projects? Percentagewise, each of us gives only 1.1 per cent of our income to these worthy causes. Little wonder so many families have financial difficulties with a spending ratio like this.—*Biblical Recorder*

Yours and His



You Can Be There!

Have you not yearned in your heart of hearts to be able to tell the whole world how much you love the Lord, and how necessary it is that men the world around know Jesus Christ as Saviour? Yes, we wanted to be in every land and clime; on every continent, country and island of the sea. And, the Lord has told us to do just that—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel" is the great commission to every saved soul. But how? We get frustrated because we are bound by our town, our state; how can we get the Word to the world? Baptists have an answer! The Foreign Mission Board publication puts it better than I can, so listen:

"There is a way by which *you can be there*—sharing the gospel of redemption with multitudes of people through 1,685 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries, appointed to serve in 53 countries.

Through the Cooperative Program of world missions you can be there! You can be there—preaching, teaching, healing—through your missionaries. Their continuing ministry is made possible by your tithes and offerings given to your church for world missions through the Cooperative Program. Thus, you share vitally in the life, service and fruit of every missionary, in every mission ministry, in many lands, every day of the year!

The Cooperative Program is the planned, proportionate, perennial, and personal sharing of the gospel with the world. It enables every Baptist, through his church, to embrace the world in Christian stewardship responsibility.

The Cooperative Program is the financial plan which enables you to be there—in all the world—obeying the command of Christ and the imperative of your personal experience of God's saving grace, entrusted to you that it might be on its way through you to others!"

Will you be there? Your church? We are praying that this "World Missions Year" will find every Kentucky Baptist Church giving something through the Cooperative Program. See that yours is there!

Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders

K. B. C.

W. Warmath Resigns Paducah, First Baptist Church

After one year as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Paducah, W. W. Warmath has resigned to accept the position of vice-president of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. Dr. Warmath was invited to this position shortly after accepting the Paducah church and accepts it now with the belief it is the will of God for his life. He is a graduate of Union, a Baptist school. He assumes his duties at Union University on August 1, 1963.

Herbert Gilmore Accepts Washington Pastorate

Dr. Herbert Gilmore of Louisville has accepted the pastorate of the Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. His duties will begin August 18.

Gilmore is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Carson Newman College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of the Bloomfield Baptist Church in Bloomfield and the Deer Park Baptist Church in Louisville. For the past three years he has been a faculty member of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. While at Deer Park, he taught a course at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Gilmore also served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Marshall, Missouri where he also taught in Missouri Valley College. He is a director of the *Western Recorder* and for several years has served as chairman.

His new pastorate in Washington is considered one of the most strategic in the area. Much of the membership consists of professional people and those in government service.

W. W. Adams Accepts New Orleans Seminary Position

NEW ORLEANS—Dr. William Walter Adams, who has served as professor at three Baptist seminaries and president of one, has been named professor of New Testament Interpretation at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, according to President H. Leo Eddleman.

Dr. Adams will succeed Dr. V. Wayne Barton who recently accepted a position at Houston Baptist College.

For the past nine years Dr. Adams has been professor at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Formerly he held professorships at Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia and Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, where he also served as president.

A native of Chelsea, Ala., Dr. Adams was graduated from Howard College and Southern Seminary. While in college, he served as pastor of churches in the Birmingham area.

Author and frequent contributor to several publications, Dr. Adams formerly was associate editor of the "Christian Review." His book credits include "Forward with Christ," "The Life of Christ in Outline" and "The Scripture Says."

Dr. Adams' ministry has included frequent weekend participation in Bible conferences in local churches. During the past year, he conducted 48 such conferences and has had invitations to do similar work in a number of foreign countries.

Dr. and Mrs. Adams will move to New Orleans August 1.

Louisvillian In Japan New Life Crusade

Southern Baptist Missionary Tucker Calloway has expressed appreciation for the participation of Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, Jr., of Louisville in the Japan New Life Movement. The expression of appreciation came in Calloway's moving description of services in the small mission at Nara where the Hayes ministered.

Less than a dozen attended the regular services at Nara but during the crusade the attendance reached 40. There were 15 decisions resulting from the special services, and Calloway feels the Baptist work in Nara was given a tremendous boost.

Hayes feels that the Japan New Life Movement was born of God and directed by the Holy Spirit. He feels a tremendous impact was made upon Japan and especially valuable were the contacts with governors of local states and mayors. He feels that the spirit of the people of Japan and a mutual love which grew up between visiting team members and the Japanese natives were far more important than the numerical results of the crusade.

Other Kentuckians who participated in the Japan New Life Crusade included Dr. John Wood, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Russellville and Mrs. Betty Chatham, organist of the First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

Muldraugh Pastor to Visit Russian Baptist Churches

In Washington, D. C., on a recent trip, Mr. Felix E. Montgomery, pastor of Muldraugh Baptist Church, Muldraugh, Kentucky, received the addresses of many Russian pastors from Dr. Joseph Nordenhaug, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. They also discussed Dr. Nordenhaug's trip to Russia, which experience is helpful to Mr. Montgomery in his preparation for the trip.

Mr. Montgomery has been selected as a part of an American seminar to Europe and Russia on an international goodwill tour. Of particular interest to him is the rare opportunity to preach in some of the Baptist churches in the U.S.S.R., and to participate in an interview with Premier Khrushchev. He will get a close view of social, political, and economic conditions.

Leaving the seminar, Mr. Montgomery will visit many of the members of his church who are stationed in Germany as members of the armed forces. From there he will go to Palestine and the Near East, where his interest will be mainly in archaeology.

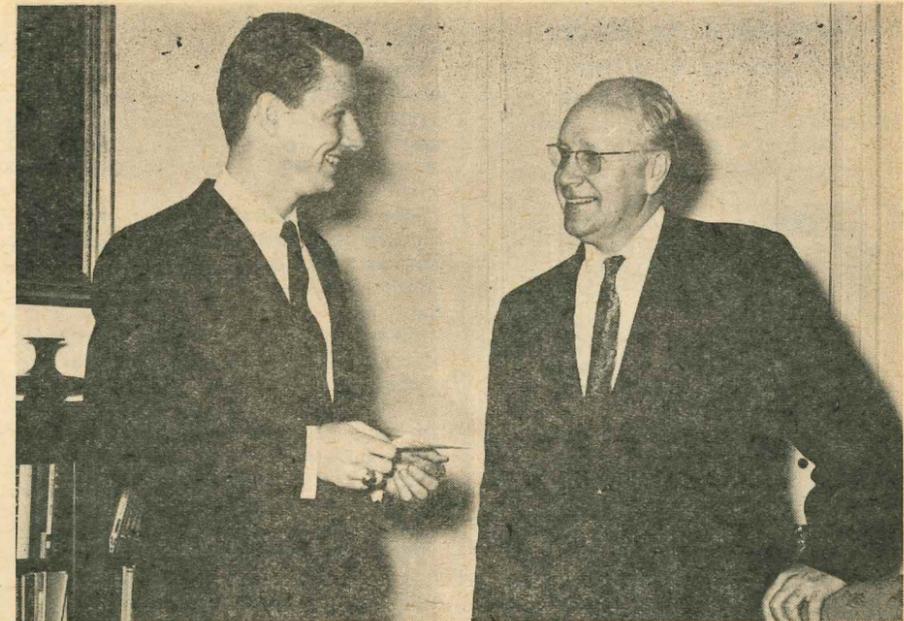
His itinerary will include the following cities: Moscow, Leningrad, Tashkent, Camarkland, Baku, Sochi, Yalta, Odessa, Kiev, Kharkov, Copenhagen, Paris, London, Berlin, Madrid, Lisbon, Rome, Athens, Budapest, Cairo, Damascus, Jerusalem, Beirut, Tel Aviv, Istanbul, and others in Western Europe.

Lamberth Resigns Second Baptist, Marion, to Accept First, Earlington

Roy C. Lamberth has resigned as pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Marion, where he has served as pastor for approximately eight years. He has accepted the call to be pastor of the First Baptist Church, Earlington. He has been active in the Ohio River Association and has served on the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention from that association. Mrs. Lamberth has been active in Baptist life. The Lamberths have three children.

Lindsey Accepts First Baptist, Albany, Leaves Pulaski County

Wilbur Lindsey has resigned as pastor of the Eubank Baptist Church, Pulaski County, to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Albany. During his nine years as pastor of the Eubank church, there were 400 additions to the church. Church property was improved \$35,000 while \$15,000 was given through the Cooperative Program. Lindsey is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School.



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Kentuckian Gets Degree At Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH, Tex.—William H. Slagle, whose hometown is Barbourville, Kentucky, will receive the bachelor of divinity degree during Summer School Commencement at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 10 a.m., July 19, in Truett Auditorium. He is missionary for the Greater Cleveland Area in Ohio. J. Earl Stallings, pastor, First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., will deliver the commencement address. He received the B.A. degree from Carson-Newman College, the Th.M. from Southwestern Seminary and did special studies at Yale University. He has been pastor of churches in Tennessee, Texas and Florida.

Over 100 degrees and diplomas were awarded by President Robert E. Naylor bringing the total to 428 for the year of 1963. Fourteen doctoral degrees, the largest number ever awarded at one commencement in the seminary's 55 year history, were presented, thirteen Doctor of Theology and one Doctor of Religious Education.

SBC Mission Agency Hires Slavic Leader

ATLANTA (BP)—The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention took the first steps for an intensified ministry to the more than 15 million Slavic-speaking people of the nation.

The mission agency has employed Elias L. Golonka, pastor of the Polish Baptist Church in Chicago as a field worker. He will lead in "surveying the needs and designing the features" of a ministry for evangelizing the Slavic peoples.

Golonka, recently re-elected as president of the small Polish Baptist Association, is a native of Poland. He speaks six languages and served as a European pastor, an officer in the Polish army, and was a chaplain to displaced persons following World War II. He was once imprisoned by the Russians and once under long-time house arrest by the Germans.

He became a pastor in the United States in 1950 at Minneota, Minn. He was educated in Europe and in the United States at Bethel College in St. Paul, the University of Chicago and the

Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago.

"This is the beginning of one of the most significant language missions undertakings of the Home Mission Board," said Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the language groups Ministries Department.

However, Corder added, "It is not the purpose of this ministry to enlist present Polish and other Slavic Baptist churches to affiliate with Southern Baptists.

"We will promote the establishment of new churches and the enlistment of present English-speaking churches to minister to Slavic people with methods presently used by our churches in ministering to other language groups."

He also indicated that the invitation for Southern Baptists to help meet the spiritual needs of the Polish-speaking people originated within the Polish group, and that similar approaches have been made by other Slavic groups.

First SBC Church Constituted In Vermont

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (BP)—Constitution of the South Burlington Baptist Church has given the state of Vermont its first Southern Baptist church.

Vermont was the last of the 50 states to be without a Southern Baptist church.

The 32-charter-member church meets in a rented house, but is already doing mission work in the form of services in a rest home, and is talking of starting a new mission.

David F. Perkins is pastor of the church, which grew from a mission he helped begin in February, 1961. Perkins, then pastoral missionary, assisted in its organization and secured sponsorship of the Plattsburg Baptist Church of Upper New York.

South Burlington has a population of 60,000, and is a part of the larger

Burlington area on Lake Champlain. The town, which is the site of the University of Vermont, has only one other Baptist church.

A building fund of more than \$3,000 has been raised by the church. They expect to have \$5,000 by the end of July for purchase of a building site.

Some 60 persons attended the constitutional ceremonies, with Courts Redford, secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, bringing the message.

New Primary Sunday School Superintendent At BSSB

NASHVILLE—Miss Elsie Rives, elementary director at South Main Baptist Church, Houston, has accepted a position with the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department as superintendent of Primary Work effective July 22.

A native of Florida, Miss Rives is a graduate of Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee. She holds a Master of Religious Education degree from Woman's Missionary Training School, Louisville, and a Master of Elementary Education degree from University of Houston.

Miss Rives was formerly Sunbeam Band Director and editor of "Sunbeam Activities," Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham. Before that she was junior director at First Baptist Church, Dallas. She has served as association leader in elementary areas for Training Union, Sunday School, and Woman's Missionary Union in several states.

Miss Rives is the co-author of the convention press book, "My Family" for nursery workers.

50,000 Southern Baptists Sought For Atlantic City

ATLANTA (BP) — Fifty thousand Southern Baptists may walk the boardwalks of Atlantic City, N.J., next May.

They will if the plans being made by the Attendance Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention are fulfilled.

May 18-22 are the dates set for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City, and May 21-24 will be the Third Baptist Jubilee celebration also in the city.

The jubilee celebration observes the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on the North American continent. Taking part in the Atlantic City activities will be representatives of seven Baptist conventions.

"A joint session of all groups on the evening of May 22 may attract as many as 100,000 Baptists," said M. Wendell Belew of Atlanta, chairman of the Attendance Committee.

"We are seeking to have 50,000 Southern Baptists as our part of the 1964 celebration," he added, "and if they come,

it will be the largest attended convention in history."

The record registration of messengers was in 1960 when the SBC met in Miami and 13,612 attended.

Belew, in announcing plans of the committee, indicated the chances were excellent for a record group to attend the meeting. He cited the following reasons this convention would attract so many:

First, to take part in the Third Baptist Jubilee celebration and meet other Baptists.

Second, to attend a historic meeting of the SBC.

Third, to see Atlantic City and to

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WILL LEAD CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE



Nashville—"The Things That Make for Peace" is the subject of the annual Christian Life Conference for Southern Baptists at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly, August 22-28. Speakers at the conference are, top row, left to right: Dr. Frank Graham, United Nations Representative for India and Pakistan; Dr. Bill Moyers, Deputy Director of the Peace Corps; Mr. Charles A. Wells, Editor of "Between the Lines".

Bottom row: Dr. Carlyle Marney, Senior Minister, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina; Mr. Bill Dyal, Associate Secretary, Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board; and Mr. Charles Wellborn, Graduate Student, Duke University.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Stewardship

Growth In Stewardship

by Robert J. Hastings

Testimonies are already coming in concerning the use of the new Growth in Christian Stewardship Program. This is a simplified budget campaign, primarily for churches with members of 300 and under. However, any size church can use the program. A few churches in Kentucky have already used it in 1963. Here is an interesting testimony from another state:

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"During the same period we received 109 new church members and 136 new Sunday school members. We averaged 240 in Sunday school in January, while in May it was 347. We plan to use this Growth program annually and we believe it is a superior program because the visitation and promotion are aimed at voluntary commitment on the part of the members. The material benefits are great and the spiritual benefits even

greater." The testimony is signed by James A. Puckett, pastor of the Baptist Temple in Big Spring, Texas.

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For full information, drop a postal card to SBC Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Ave. North, Nashville 3, Tenn. Ask for a copy of the Growth in Christian Stewardship manual. Price is fifty cents each. Or, write the Stewardship Department, Baptist Building, Middletown, Ky.

Woman's Missionary Union

Fall Planning

by Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

As you plan now for your schedule of activities for the new year be sure to include study of the foreign mission series. The five books and teachers' guides are now ready. The books are: (Adult) *Mandelbaum Gate*, by Eddleman; (Young People) *Shalom*, by Owens; (Intermediate) *Mustard Seed*, by Napier; (Junior) *The Big Difference*, by Lovegren; (Primary), *Three Davids*, by Rowden. Teacher's Guides are: Adult, by Mrs. Eddleman, Young People, by Helen Falls, Intermediate by Dorothy G. Napier, Junior by Richie Harris and Primary by Eloise M. Prater. There is one "Missionary Study Leader's Packet on the Near East". The one packet is for either of the five books. Each Packet contains these major items: 1. *Key to Mission Study on the Near East*—a pamphlet giving concise information on all five books, guides, visual aids, and how and where they may be secured. 2. *The Near East Picture Poster*—a two-color poster which contains eleven pictures of national life and Baptist activity in the Near East. 3. *The Near East*—a page booklet with articles and small pictures on the religions and background of the Near East; maps of Israel, Lebanon and Jordan; and a back-issue reference table listing articles on the Near East mission fields which appeared in *The Commission* in 1960, 1961, and 1962.

The packet is free upon request to the Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond 30, Va.

Begin now to accumulate materials for an interesting and well-planned study of

this important mission field—the NEAR EAST.

Remember—Kentucky will continue to use the WMS Mission Study Chart. Much of this is also incorporated in the revised Aims for Advancement.

Church Music

A Concert Worth Hearing

by Eugene F. Quinn

A Concert Worth Hearing will be presented at 7 p.m. on August 2 at John L. Hill Chapel at Georgetown College. Three sections of thrilling music will be sung by large choirs.

Statewide Festival Choir Section

The first Statewide Festival Choir which will convene at 1:30 on August 2 will present a section of anthems. This 200 voice choir will contain the individual church youth choirs from churches in Paducah, Bowling Green, Pikeville, Florence, and other cities throughout Kentucky. They will



Robert Burton

be directed by Mr. Robert L. Burton, a member of the faculty of the School of Church Music of Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

State Music School Choir Section

The second section of the concert will consist of a cantata presented by the 200 voices of the State Music School Choir. This cantata is entitled *Every Word and Thought* by Dietrich Buxtehude. The accompaniment will include a string ensemble as well as an organ. Mr. Paul Bobbitt of Nashville, Tennessee, will conduct this choir.

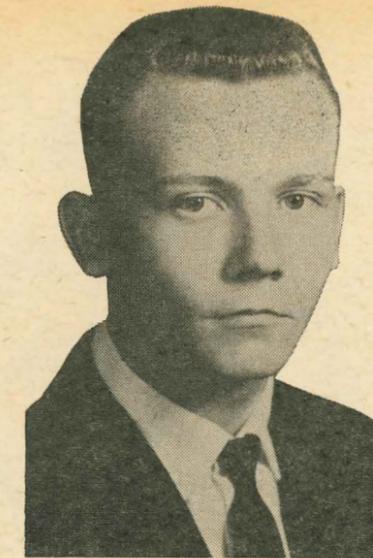
The Combined Choirs Section

For the third section of the concert the large Statewide Festival Choir and the State Music School Choir will combine under the direction of Mr. Burton to present a final trio of inspirational anthems to bring to a climax the concert and the entire week of the Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership Week.

KENTUCKY RANKS LOWEST

A fact that Kentuckians will want to change this year is that fewer churches reported music ministry enrollments in Kentucky than in any other state in the Southern Baptist Convention on the 1962 Church Letters.

This low ranking will be changed if you will personally see that your church letter records the number enrolled in each of your choirs in 1963. Please give your church clerk this bit of information immediately.



Larry Swift

Swift Represents Kentucky At R.A. Congress in D.C.

by Forrest Sawyer

Larry W. Swift, of the Eaton Memorial Baptist Church, Owensboro, John Dunaway, pastor, will represent Kentucky in Washington, D.C., on the occasion of the Third National Royal Ambassador Congress, and the Washington Congress Address.

Larry was born in Fordsville, October 12, 1945. During Youth Week at Eaton Memorial he has been pastor and minister of Education. On June 5 the church licensed Larry "to preach the gospel from our church". He works with R.A.'s and is active in all phases of his church's life.

Mr. Swift, a senior at Owensboro Senior High School, is currently Chaplain of the ROTC. He was awarded a merit trophy for "personal contribution to the school and ROTC".

His sporting activities are confined to his church recreational program—basketball and softball.

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Brotherhood President Owen Shrader and more than 100 men and boys from the Sulphur Fork Association met at the Oldham County Fairgrounds for their annual men and boy campout.

Following the fish supper, the program with a Royal Ambassador emphasis, under the direction of Hugh Barnes, was given. The program featured two boys and men, including Bro. A. L. Meacham, pastor at LaGrange.

Mr. Shrader has been selected to serve as Associational Brotherhood President for the year 1963-64.

Christian Education

We Face Reality

by Doak S. Campbell

The need for competent scholars to teach in our colleges is far more critical than most people think it is. A recent publication by the Southern Regional Board presents a stern and realistic statement concerning this problem. It shows that only those institutions that are properly supported can maintain a faculty of competent scholars who are "apt to teach".

The report states that the Southern region may need as many as 45,000 additional teachers for its colleges by 1970. These will be needed to take care of larger college enrollments and to fill vacancies due to retirements and deaths.

In the face of this need there is the discouraging information that the graduate schools of the entire region will probably produce only about 15,000 graduates with the Ph.D. degree by 1970.

This means, among other things, that the percentage of faculty members with doctor's degrees will decline, and that those institutions whose salary scales are below the average for the region, will suffer a greater decline than those that are well financed.

Those of us who believe in the great importance of our Baptist institutions must look boldly and prayerfully at the magnitude of this problem. We cannot wait until next year, or the next, to make substantial provision for such financial support as will enable our colleges to compete in the market for talent.

Training Union

The New Adult Organization Pattern Featured At Cedarmore

by James H. Whaley

The new organizational pattern for Adults will be presented to Adults and General Officers attending Training Union week at Cedarmore. This will include actual experience using the techniques involved.

The Junior and Intermediate leadership will also study new techniques of programming, and those who are interested will have opportunity to examine some patterns that will be tested in a number of churches in the convention.

The boys and girls will be studying program methods and ways of helping their Sunday night groups mean more to church members of their age.

The assembly begins Monday, August 5 with supper at 5:45. For reservations, write Mr. Marvin Byrdwell, Manager, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky; or you may use the form which appeared in this paper on page 15 last week.

Cedarmore Sunday School Conference



Roy E. Boatwright

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This year a special arrangement has been planned to provide additional help on various Sunday School Projects.

PLAN TO ATTEND

"OUTREACH FOR THE UNREACHED . . . SPEARHEAD FOR EVANGELISM" is the theme of the 1963 Cedarmore Sunday School Meeting.

PROGRAM PERSONNEL:

- Dr. Ray Roberts, *Executive Secretary, Ohio Baptist Convention*
Speaker and Conference Leader
- Mr. William McElrath, *Editor, Junior Lessons, Sunday School Dept., Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.*
Speaker and Conference Leader
- Dr. Harold Sanders, *Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention*
Speaker
- Roy E. Boatwright, *State Sunday School Secretary, Kentucky*
- Mrs. Lyman Austin, *Associate, Kentucky Sunday School Department*
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- Rev. J. V. Case, *Pastor, First Baptist Church, Franklin, Kentucky*
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RALPH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH held a ground-breaking ceremony Sunday morning, June 23. A new educational building is to be erected. The additional space will accommodate 350 people and includes space for five departments, social hall and kitchen facilities. Speakers for the Ground-breaking Services were Dr. A. M. Vollmer, secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and Badgett Dillard, moderator of Long Run Association. The Res-Co Corporation is to build the new brick structure, with Harlan Newkirk as architect and Freeman Blackwell as legal advisor. Charles Devine is pastor.

50,000 SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

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visit the World's Fair in nearby New York City.

Fourth, to visit mission work throughout the northeastern area, as well as other points between their homes and Atlantic City.

Fifth, to tour historical points in the northeastern area, the birthplace of American Evangelical Christianity.

KENTUCKY:

Clergymen Endorse Governor's Objectives

Twelve Kentucky clergymen who conferred with Governor Combs on July 10 issued a statement which included endorsement of the objectives of the Governor's Executive Order relative to racial discrimination in Kentucky. The Conferees included representatives of the Episcopal Church, the United Presbyterian Church, the Disciples of Christ, the Methodist Church, the Roman Catholic Church, Jews, and Baptists.

The full statement issued by the conferees was as follows:

1. Discussed in detail the subject of Civil Rights in Kentucky.
2. Expressed their conviction that discrimination denies basic constitutional and moral rights which should be enjoyed by every citizen.
3. Endorsed the objectives of the Governor's Executive Order, pledged their cooperation and urged the public to cooperate.
4. Expressed their conviction that the objectives of the order would be achieved on a non-partisan basis.
5. Agreed that the organization of additional community Human Rights Commissions would be desirable and pledged their assistance.

Baptist clergymen attending the conference were Dr. Harold D. Sanders, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board, Dr. E. Keevil Judy, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Dr. J. Chester Badgett, chairman of the Executive Board Administrative Committee.

SOUTHERN:

104 Church Secretaries Receive Certificates

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Certificates of achievement were presented to 104 church secretaries from 12 states after completing five days of study at the Fourth Annual Church Secretaries Institute on the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary campus here.

Allen W. Graves, dean of the School of Religious Education presented the certificates on behalf of Southern Seminary and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

THE VENTURE OF FAITH

Genesis 12:1-9

In the dawn of history Abraham is the first great character who arrests our attention. The Holy Spirit conferred upon him one of the greatest tributes ever given to man, namely, "the friend of God." It will be good for us to study the inner life and the outward conduct of this great man in order that we, too, may become friends or confidants of God from whom He will not hide His secrets, but to whom He will make known His will. Names of other illustrious persons have come down to us from those early days, but the name of Abraham stands out among them as the moon stands out in a star-filled sky. This noble figure, whom God called "My friend" (Isaiah 41:8), was His chosen instrument for the realization of the divine purpose of redemption.

Abraham was the product of a pagan home in a nation of idolators (Joshua 24:2). His family lived in Ur of the Chaldees, located in the rich valley of the Euphrates River in lower Mesopotamia, or what is known today as Iraq. In those days Ur was noted for its advanced civilization and culture, as well as idol worship of the most shocking nature. "Ur" means "flame," and "Chaldee" means "destruction." Abraham, whom God found in the place of the flame and in the land of destruction, is a splendid example of a sinner saved by grace through faith. Even though Abraham lived in the midst of idolatry, he came to believe in the true God, Who dealt with him in sovereign grace.

Abram was the name given to him by his parents and it means "exalted father." Later, God changed his name to Abraham, which means "the father of a multitude." He has been venerated by the Jews, the Christians and the Mohammedans.

I. The Plea. Genesis 12:1.

While Abraham was living quietly in Ur, supervising the company of servants who were looking after his large flocks and herds, a summons came from God, probably in an audible voice, pleading with him to get out of his native country and away from his kindred, and to go into a land which He had chosen for him. He wanted to get him away from his pagan forebears and their worship. The call of God is always away from the sinful manner of life. In the call of

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Abraham we see the sovereign grace of God in action. Abraham's call was both "from" and "unto." It was from the idolatry of his own land, from fellowship with his kindred and from occupation with the pursuits of his own people. It was unto fellowship with God Himself, unto purity of worship and unto the purposes which had been formulated in heaven. God wants separated and dedicated believers in every day. The separated life is the crying need of Christians today (II Corinthians 6:17). God's call is to faith, obedience, separation and dedication.

II. The Promises. Genesis 12:2-3.

Along with that sovereign and gracious call from God for Abraham to become the founder of a new nation through which He could work out His redemptive plan, there came an invaluable seven-fold promise or pledge. God pledged Himself to make of Abraham a great nation, to bless him, to make his name great, to make him a world-wide blessing, to bless those who blessed Abraham, to curse any who might curse him, and through him to bless all the families on the earth.

This divine pledge should serve as a reminder to us that God's protecting care is guaranteed to all of His children today who are engaged in doing His blessed will. Those who honor Christ will be honored and blessed by the Father.

God's commands are accompanied by promises, which are either expressed or implied. He expects us to obey His commands and, when we do, He delights to bless us.

III. The Pilgrimage. Genesis 12:4-9.

It was eminently wise for Abraham to leave Ur. Frequently it strengthens one greatly to be transplanted into a responsible position. In it he will develop powers of which otherwise there never would have been a trace. Likewise, as long as a person is at rest amid favorable and undisturbed surroundings his faith remains undeveloped, but when he is pushed out of these circumstances, with nobody on whom to depend except God, then his faith grows strong.

In response to the call and command of God, Abraham went forth without asking any questions, and not knowing

whether he went or what the future held in store for him. But, he did know with Whom he was going and for what purpose he was going. He knew that God was leading and he firmly believed that He would provide for him.

However, Abraham's obedience was only partial. While he was obedient in leaving the country, he did not leave his kindred as he had been commanded to do. Instead, his father and his family moved along with him. Thus he permitted the natural ties to interfere with his obedience to God. Then, on their way to Canaan they stopped in Haran, which was about halfway to Canaan, for about five years. How like many professing Christians today who obey God only partially, or in so far as it suits their personal whims! Those years in Haran were wasted. Neither the place of disobedience nor of partial obedience can ever be one of joyous and full blessing.

Perhaps, at first, Abraham and his party did not have any intention of remaining permanently in Haran, but it took the death of his father, Terah, to bring him to full obedience. How much easier it would have been for Abraham to have left his father behind in Ur, as God had commanded him, than to bury him here in this strange land! But, these ties of the flesh had to be severed before he would proceed to the place of victory and promise. From what do you need to be separated, Christian, which keeps you from the victory and joy which obedience to the Lord would bring you? Whatever it is that you have been pampering, condoning and excusing, it must go before you can make any progress in the Christian life. Put away your sin and completely turn over your life to the Lord and experience the joy of His presence, fellowship, power and blessings.

Having learned the folly of compromise and procrastination, Abraham resumed his pilgrimage which brought him into a realm of danger (v. 6); also into the presence of God (v. 7). Consequently, he built an altar and "called upon the name of the Lord." The altar signified that Abraham was a worshipper of God and made sacrifices to Him. The tent signified that he was a pilgrim in this world. Those who enter by faith and walk in the pathway of obedience to God will be rewarded with intimate fellowship with Him and increasing fruitfulness in life.

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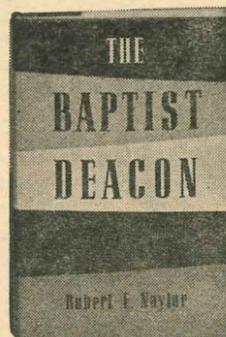
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EDITORS AGREE

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God or not to worship God, according to his conviction."

In supporting the ruling, James O. Duncan, in Washington's *Capital Baptist*, said, "As Baptists, we have always insisted that true and meaningful prayer must be free from government promotion . . . true prayer comes from the soul of one who desires to pray, not from one who is forced by law to pray."

If coercion were used to make the Koran, the book of common prayer, or the "Hail Mary" a part of the religious exercise in the public school, "Baptists would have complained to high heaven," said L. H. Moore of *The Illinois Baptist*. "What we ask for ourselves, we cannot deny to others and be consistent with our concept of religious freedom," he said.

The editors found an encouraging note in the striking down of required Bible reading and prayer in tax-supported schools. Referring to the efforts of some to gain federal aid for church-related schools, *Florida Baptist Witness* said, "The ruling . . . makes it harder for the proponents of public aid for parochial schools to bring to fruition their demands for help out of public tax funds."

Kentucky's Daley saw the ruling as "An assurance that religious schools can never expect to receive government funds." He said the best way to keep any one religion from gaining preferred status "is to keep all religious activity out of government sponsored institutions."

A third point on which the Baptist writers found agreement was the responsibility that the ruling places upon the church and the home for religious education.

John Hurt of Georgia said, "Now, more than ever, the churches and the homes must awake to their responsibility for making religion a personal matter."

Writing in *The Maryland Baptist*, Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., said the Supreme Court "has properly interpreted the Constitution and has correctly assigned the propagation of religion to the home, the church and the individual."

"Acceptance of our religious responsibilities is a fair price to pay for freedom from all government coercion or interference in matters of religion," he concluded.

Concern was expressed by some over questions which they say still remain unanswered. Such questions involve military chaplaincy, federal funds to church-operated hospitals, "In God We Trust" on coins, "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, and the voluntary use of Bible reading and prayer in schools.

In Oklahoma, where Bible reading without comment is permitted but not compulsory, Editor Jack L. Gritz said,

"Having gone this far, it seems desirable now that the court should spell out clearly whether such permissive Bible reading and prayer on a voluntary basis in the public schools are constitutional."

Other Baptist publications also voiced approval of the court ruling. In early editorials, both *Missions*, a monthly publication of the American Baptist Convention, and *Crusader*, American Baptist newsmagazine, anticipated that the court would rule against religious devotions.

Crusader said, "We simply do not see how the justices can do otherwise unless they are prepared to reverse much longstanding precedent in church-state matters."

Several editors referred to information on the court's ruling which was provided by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C. Through the committee the editors received factual information including a series of pertinent questions and answers on the decision, an analysis of the ten premises of the decision, and the actual text of the court decision.

In a separate but concurring opinion on the Supreme Court's ruling, the only Roman Catholic member of the court quoted C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., quoted Carlson as saying, "When one thinks of prayer as sincere outreach of a human soul to the Creator, 'required prayer' becomes an absurdity." Carlson's remark was made in support of the Supreme Court's decision last year in the New York Regents' Prayer Case in which an official prayer was prescribed for public school pupils. The court ruled out such practices.

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A BOY IN TODAY'S WORLD

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Mission periodicals have opened my eyes of my mind and soul to the needs of the world. I am cognizant of of man's inhumanity to man, the starving masses that go to bed hungry every night, the millions who are misled and misinformed, the wealth that is being poured into the ever-accelerating world armament race—war, hate, greed, fear and prejudice—a world that is starved and dying for a little bit of love and light. And I know, beyond a shadow of doubt, that only Christ, my King, can heal and save my world. With this has come the amazing and sobering knowledge that I, an Ambassador for Christ, have been commissioned to proclaim this good news to all people of all nations and to help enlist recruits in a battle for God and righteousness that must be waged as long as the world exists.

There is one tragic fact which I must mention. There are thousands upon thousands of other Southern Baptist boys who are being robbed of the joys and opportunities of Christian growth and knowledge that have been mine, because the men—the Brotherhood, mind you—of their churches do not recognize the potential worth of this vast army of growing boys to the cause of Christ and have not availed themselves of a God-given opportunity to commit their time, energy and thought to the guidance and leadership of Royal Ambassador Chapters.

Southern Baptist men, there is one unalterable fact which none can escape—the boy in today's world will be the man in tomorrow's world!

General David Shoup has given us this significant statement, "If in this troubled world we can produce enough properly guided men, we won't need guided missiles." Another renowned military leader, General Omar Bradley, has said, "We have too many men of science, too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the sermon on the mount."

The only way to change the present picture is to raise up a generation of God-possessed men. Good men, able men, dedicated men—God-called men—don't just happen! They are grown, nurtured, developed and led by their elders—men like you—to the place where they are ready to be God-possessed.

I challenge you to go back to your respective churches and give your boys the leadership they must have if they are to become responsible Christian world citizens.

Kearnie Keegan once said, "This is the hour God is letting me live—therefore I must live this hour to the fullest. I can't wait until I'm grown—I've got to be my best in whatever age I find myself now. For this is my world, this is my day, and this is my opportunity. I can't let it slip through my fingers. I don't have any tomorrow. I have today and I must use it. Of this I am certain—that the one world I have is the world I now live in. That the generation that I have the opportunity of evangelizing is the world of my generation, and when the curtain goes down on my generation it goes down on the lost and the saved alike. Therefore whatever I am to do for God, in whatever world I have, I must do it in today's world—my world." Thank you!

Missionaries Out

Miami (BP)—The Cuban government arrested then expelled from the island two Southern Baptist missionaries who had spent the last 18 years working at Cabanas in the Pinar Del Rio Province. They are Miss Lucille Kerrigan of Kansas City and Miss Ruby Miller of Ottawa, Kansas.

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