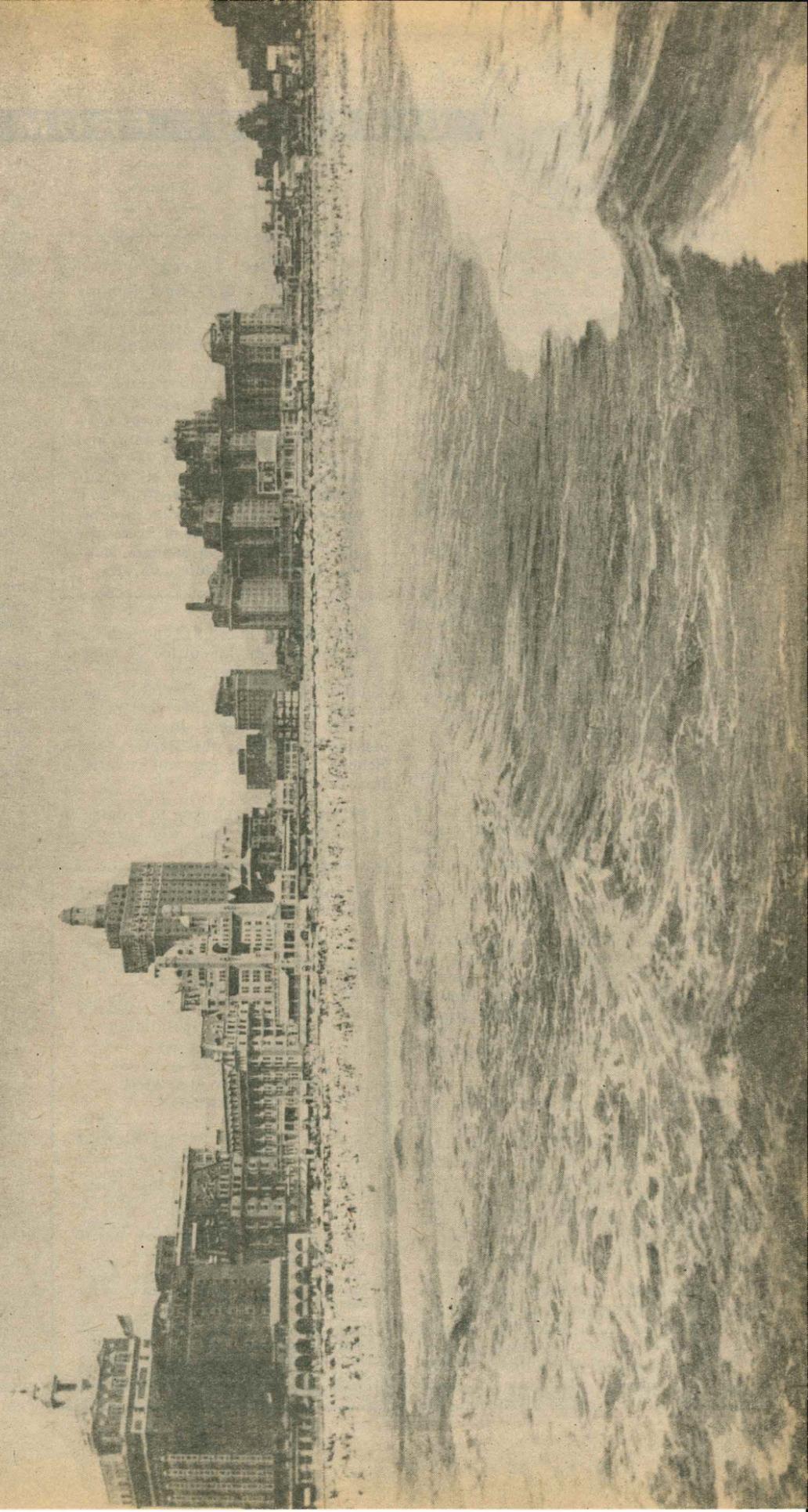




**WESTERN RECORDER**

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## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**LYNN TODD**, third child of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall E. Phillips, Southern Baptist missionaries to East Africa, was born August 22. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips may be addressed at Box 7735, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa. Both are natives of Kentucky, he of Franklin County and she, the former Dorsie Murphy of Shelbyville.

**FLAT LICK BAPTIST CHURCH**, Valley Oak, Pulaski Co. Association, dedicated their new church on August 25. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Lloyd Williamson, the pastor. The church was constituted in 1798, the oldest in Pulaski Co. Association. The cost of the new building was \$25,000 and is fully paid.

**LITTLE BETHEL ASSOCIATION**, Madisonville area, has passed resolutions of appreciation for Guy Gordon, Jr. Gordon has accepted the call of the Chapel Park Baptist Church, Louisville. The resolution expressed appreciation for his ministry in the association as well as the Earlington church.

**NADINE LOVAN**, Southern Baptist missionary, is resuming her work in Ghana after spending several months in the States with her mother, who was in an automobile accident in May. Miss Lovan's address is Box 1951, Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa. She is a native of Calhoun, Kentucky.

**FOUNDER'S DAY** speaker at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on September 17, will be Dr. Reuben E. Alley, editor of *The Religious Herald*. The publication is the official organ of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He received the Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the seminary.

**KENTUCKY BAPTISTS** sent \$91,387 to the offices of Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, for the Cooperative Program in the month of August. For the period of January-August, 1963, Kentucky Baptist gifts to the Cooperative Program are 11.81 per cent higher than for the comparable time in 1962.

**MISS CLARA McCARTT** of Southern Seminary will be the first president of the Alabama Association of Baptist Church Secretaries. The association is the outgrowth of a three-day clinic for church secretaries. The clinic was sponsored by Judson College in Marion, Ala.

### The Cover

**ATLANTIC CITY**—Surf coming toward the beach is the gull's eye viewpoint of Atlantic City, N. J. Planners of the Baptist Jubilee Celebration there next May hope for 50,000 Baptists to attend from seven groups in North America. Reservation forms have been mailed to all pastors and members of agencies in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. If additional forms are needed for room reservations, they may be obtained by requesting them from the office of Dr. Harold Sanders, Baptist Building, Middletown, Ky.

**THE SUM** of about \$13,700 was stolen from the safe in the office of Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly on the last night of the regular assembly season, according to an announcement made by Dr. H. E. Ingraham, director of the service division of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The loss was covered by insurance.

**PLANS** are being made to provide interpreters for the deaf who attend the

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evening sessions of the 1963 Kentucky Baptist Convention. The plans are under the direction of Mr. Bill Goble, Georgetown College, who works with the deaf in the department of Missions of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board. Further information on the arrangements can be secured by writing Mr. Bill Goble, Box 95, Georgetown, College.

**WITH THE OCTOBER ISSUE**, "Upward" changes from a weekly story paper for Intermediates to a monthly magazine for all high school youth 13-17. The publication will have more color, illustrations and photographs. Miss Velma Darbo, editor of the publication, says the primary purpose of the magazine is to give its readers entertaining, wholesome Christian literature. The magazine is available along with other literature from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

**JIM LEEPER**, a native of Dayton, Kentucky, will soon celebrate his first anniversary as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hamberg, Germany. In communication with this paper, Leeper asked the prayers of Kentucky Baptists for the Jubilee Revivals, September 15-29 on the Continent. Leeper reports there are now 26 churches and missions located in Germany, France, Luxembourg and Spain which belong to the Association of Baptists in Continental Europe. The membership of the churches is made up mainly of Army personnel.

**FINAL FIGURES** reveal that a total of 47,580 persons registered for conferences at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly during the 1963 summer season. Glorieta's registration was up 2,155 from the 1962 total, while the total for Ridgecrest was down 644. The largest registration for any one conference at both assemblies was 3,574 during the Southern Baptist youth conference at Ridgecrest. At Glorieta, the largest registration was 2,143 during Training Union youth conference.

**H. KENNETH HERREN**, manager of seminary village at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for the past two years, has been promoted to director of administrative services. He replaces Mr. Badgett Dillard, who was promoted recently to executive assistant to seminary President Dr. Duke K. McCall.

20th CENTURY:

## Quasi-Country Clubs Or Churches

by O. R. Wilson

Trinity Baptist Church, Covington, Va.

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing," wrote Edmund Burke. The church, whose business is to put sin out of business, is to be the salt of the earth—the preservative and purifier of social morality. However, instead of transforming we seem to have settled down to conform. Instead of being salt, we are suffering from spiritual diabetes. With our attitude of "sweetness and light" and "soft soaping" we find it improper to condemn anything. Since we are afraid for our security, we fail to stand by our time tested convictions. In this age of moral default, we shy away from anything controversial or unpopular. Consequently, we lack courage to denounce corruption and vice. There was a time when men died for their convictions. Today they merely conform.

Even rogues have become likeable. Streamlined crooks have become so congenial and winsome that sentiment for their shady deals runs away with our better judgment ending in economic blackmail. They are often elected to places of leadership in our society, including our churches. Though starched and ironed, these connivers have never had their dirty souls washed. They need to hear—"Be sure your sin will find you out." Let us quit kidding ourselves. We cannot turn up our nose at God! Man's most serious thought ought to be his personal accountability to God in whose laws respectable rascals find no legal loopholes. We need to recognize sin by its right name. Sin is against God.

What has happened to our moral courage? If we can answer that, we can explain why so much of our church activity resembles the club milieu. How often do we hear anyone taking a stand concerning Christian race relations, the evils of beverage alcohol, gambling, the rising divorce rate, dishonesty in business, poor housing owned and/or operated by church leaders, low wages paid by "Christian" businessmen, and using the church for self aggrandizement and business ends. Make no mistake, our churches have status in our culture; for they have been squeezed by the bear-hug of conformity. There was a time when Christians paid their honest debts and withdrew from sinister characters. Now, they often have no better credit rating than their heathen neighbors. By patronizing firms which ought to be off limits for the Christian conscience, they become associated with the judgment of God upon the whole rotten, nefarious business.

## A Matter of Gambling

by Foy Valentine

The growth of gambling in the past few decades has been a frightening phenomenon. Apparently nearly seventy million Americans are now involved to some degree in the gambling racket. There is no way of knowing exactly how much money is spent annually on gambling in the United States. The figure has been estimated all the way from twenty-five billion to fifty billion dollars. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy recently declared that "fantastic sums of money are being handed over to the gamblers by millions of Americans who, like the housewife, the factory worker, and the business executive, think they are simply taking a chance. They are not taking a fair chance. The odds are loaded against them." But the waste of money is but one of the tragedies attached to gambling.

For multitudes of people, gambling has a narcotic effect which leads them ever deeper into the degrading habit of seeking something for nothing. The compulsive gambler, according to many authorities, is as sick a personality as the compulsive drinker. Moreover there is an unquestionable link between gambling and crime. That link has been too well established by Congressional committees and the office of the Attorney General of the United States to be questioned by honest minds. A Brooklyn grand jury declared, "Gambling is the very heartbeat of organized crime both on a local and national scale."

Is gambling too big and too vicious for us to fight it with any hope of success? By no means! Here are some things you can do. Refrain from participation in gambling. Reject the temptation to acquire something without paying for it. Remember that in the beginning God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. He ordained that man should work for six days and rest on the seventh. It has never been his plan for us to get something for nothing. Get your excitement from some less dangerous and more constructive source. Throw every bit of your weight against the extension of legalized gambling. The Kefauver committee has observed that "most of the propaganda for legalized gambling can be traced to organized and professional gamblers."

Gambling produces nothing for our economy and adds nothing valuable to our society. Refuse to go along with the crowd if they catch this something-for-nothing fever. Really, gambling is not so much getting-something-for-nothing as it is getting-nothing-for-something. It deserves no place in our way of life.

As we seek to gain insight into this matter of gambling, let us heed the warning given by Jesus Christ, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness."

We need Christians who will put integrity above expediency and who will not be tongue-tied by the desire for prestige, status, security and popularity or by fear of reprisal. We need men willing to decry dishonesty and injustice which result in racial and social discrimination. We need to practice what we say we believe. Then we will be more faithful to our marriage vows; we will pay our bills; we will treat people of different skin color and social standing as we would be treated; we would elect community leaders who stand for something—namely, Christian ethics! Let the church be "in the world" but not "of the world." Otherwise, it is only a mutual admiration society.

Did you ever wonder what would happen if we did more than "go through the motions" when we attend church? We would seek not to conform but to transform. We would have the courage of our convictions. Perhaps the eleven o'clock hour on Sunday mornings would no longer be the most segregated hour of the week. Through the energiz-

ing presence of the power of God, we would be saved from the hypocrisy of saying one thing and doing another. We would be, above all, moral vigilantes. The church, the salt, would resemble more the family of God (in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female) and less a quasi-country club!

## A Good Lesson For Churches

by E. S. James, Baptist Standard

Sometimes it is good for a church to learn that not every preacher in the country wants to be its pastor. Too many congregations seem to assume that theirs is the best church in the world and that any preacher would be fortunate to have an invitation to become its spiritual leader. It is interesting to watch some churches when they are seeking pastors. Some are humble and really seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in finding the men God wants

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**Early Autumn in the Mountains**

For those with eyes to see and hearts to feel, early autumn in eastern Kentucky is an inspiring experience. Both the God-given natural beauty of the mountains and the friendly ways of those who live there are unforgettable.

This was the blessing afforded Dr. A. M. Vollmer, Kentucky Baptist Foundation Secretary, and the *Western Recorder* editor the first week in September. We were on a 600-mile swing through the Kentucky mountains for the annual sessions of the Pike County and Bell County Associations. From Middletown the new interstate highway soon brought us to the famed rolling bluegrass country of central Kentucky. The yellow, ripe burley, the green pastures, the white fences and the frolicking colts are sights to set poets to writing and bards to singing.

Beyond Lexington, the rolling land gives way quickly to the mountains. The Mountain Parkway is an impressive example of man's conquest over nature. Literally every valley has been filled, and every mountain and hill has been brought low: the crooked has been made straight and the rough ways have been made smooth. The modern highway stands in sharp contrast to small rustic cabins nestled on the mountain sides adjacent to the highway. Some of these cabins are dilapidated, having long ago been deserted by those leaving in search of more of this world's goods than their native land afforded. Occasionally signs of prosperity are seen in new and beautiful homes.

The September sun beamed against the beautiful mountains greener than usual from the plentiful summer rains this year. By early September, however, telltale shades of yellow here and there amid the green mountain banks give hint of the soon-to-come golden autumn in the Cumberlands. The tiny garden patches for the most part have grown up in grass and weeds with the exception of an occasional plot newly prepared for fall turnips. The last colorful fling of the yard flowers is giving way to the first sight of early-blooming goldenrod in the meadows and along side the creeks.

The beautiful natural scenes of the mountains, however, are not near so impressive as the sight of many boys and girls walking along the roads to and from school, or standing in groups waiting for the school bus. Whatever else is scarce in the mountains, children are not. The roads follow the valleys, and where some highwayless but inhabited hollows meet

the valley and the road, enough children are gathered to fill an ordinary size school bus. What the Lord has put into the heart of some of these boys and girls no man knows, for out of these hills and vales through the years have come some of the great political and spiritual leaders of our state and nation.

Baptist association time in the mountains is a little more special than elsewhere. The churches are further apart geographically, and fellow Baptists see each other a little less often than they do elsewhere. This makes opportunities for getting together more welcome, fellowship is a little sweeter and the tie that binds is a little dearer.

Pike County Baptists met at the East Williamson Baptist Church in Williamson, West Virginia. This church, though across the state line, has been an important part of the Kentucky Baptist fellowship many years and is one of the brightest lighthouses for the Lord anywhere. L. M. Ader is the East Williamson pastor and enjoys the love and helpful labors of some of the Lord's most dedicated followers.

Harold Wainscott, pastor of Pikeville's First Baptist, is the Pike moderator. The Concord Choir from Pikeville, directed by Bob Crutcher, provided special music of rare quality. Because of the long distance some messengers traveled, old fashioned associational overnight hospitality was the offer of East Williamson Baptists.

For Dr. Vollmer and the editor, the next day brought an early rising and a long mountain journey to Pineville by way of Pikeville, Jenkins, Whitesburg, Cumberland and Harlan. The early morning fog shrouded the mountains until the ascending sun burned the fog away revealing again the same majestic mountain beauty and grandeur. Curled of grayish smoke from kitchen chimneys were reminders that for some mountain early risers coal burning cook stoves have not yet given away to gas or electricity.

Bell County Baptists convened in the beautiful sanctuary of Pineville's First Baptist Church. Jesse Buell of Middlesboro handled the moderator's duties ably and Pineville's First Baptist pastor, Charles Jones, stirred the messengers with a strong sermon. Noontime brought a lovely meal served with typical Pineville hospitality.

Amid all the natural beauty of the region and the hospitality of the faithful of the Lord, there was a discernible air of concern for the state of church af-

fairs in eastern Kentucky. Attendance at Pike and Bell County Associations seemed less than usual, and pastors were not altogether optimistic. One pastor recounted 17 faithful members of his flock who had recently moved away for economic reasons. Few newcomers can be expected to replace such loses.

Too many of the churches are without pastors and cannot compete by human standards with churches in other areas of the state in attracting preachers. Such an admission is an indictment upon many of us preachers claiming we are ready to go anywhere the Lord leads. Surely, spiritual giants are needed to match these mountains, and many of the present pastors of the area are that size. Let us pray for more men with beauty of life and strength of faith to match the beauty and strength of these mountains.

**Pity the Nominating Committee**

With Baptists it's one task after another. Now that the summer slump is almost overcome, the new church year brings the perennial problem of filling all offices and committee posts in the typical highly organized Baptist church. Almost every church bulletin these days has a plea for help to man the local church and associational nominating committees seem even more hard pressed to enlist workers.

One disturbing factor in this picture is the large number of present workers who want to get out of their present responsibilities. The excuses are about the same wherever you hear them. Some want to rest awhile. Some consider they have done their part and others ought to begin to bear the load. Older teachers and workers sometimes say the younger church members ought to be taking over. Still others feel their leadership is no longer effective and a new face would help.

Many of these who want to be relieved are sincere but the reasons offered are hardly valid when carefully considered. What is the problem? Why are so many growing weary in well doing? The complete answer is still to be found but some things are obvious.

The church is up against more and more competition in enlisting the talents and time of those capable of teaching and filling other church posts. Community organizations are multiplying and many of these are more zealous in trying to reach their objectives than some churches. The economic pressures of our times puts more and more mothers to work outside the home leaving only the weekends for the heavy load of house work. Many husbands are taking on an extra job to supplement the family salary. Consequently, thousands of Baptists are completely spent physically and otherwise when Sunday comes and consider themselves justified merely to attend church services.

Then there is the plain truth that dawns on many Baptists sometime after they have taken on a job

in the church. To do any church job effectively is hard work and requires many hours and much perseverance. They did not count the cost before they began and really are not willing to pay it. In some instances they were sold a bill of goods by a committee more anxious to fill a job than to help the one enlisted know what is involved in the job.

This means many willing souls take on jobs in the church without knowing what is expected. Sometimes they even ask what they are supposed to do and cannot find anyone who really knows. No wonder they become discouraged and are reluctant to say yes again. Too many of those now enlisted feel they are only filling jobs and they are correct in this evaluation.

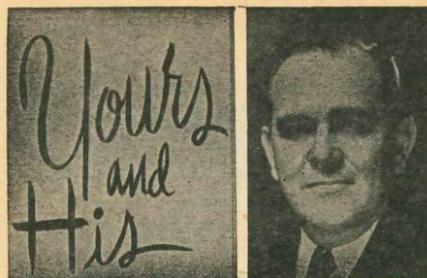
Where do we go from here? How will we man the vast organization which the modern Baptist church now is? Maybe we would do well to examine the organization. Is all of it needful and useful? Are we adapting our churches to the suggested model organizations, or are we adapting the organizational plans to the particular church? Sometimes it would seem the church is serving the organization rather than the organization serving the church. To fill every office recommended for a fully organized Baptist church sometimes would require more members than the church actually has. In addition to these places to fill there is always the associational organization, the state convention organization as well as the Southern Baptist Convention. Someone recently pointed out that to follow the model organizational suggestions for an associational organization requires from 125 to 275 officers.

The valley of dry bones vision of the prophet Ezekiel might speak to our problem. A church without any organization is but a valley of disorganized dry bones. Dry bones merely organized, however, are lifeless and powerless. Only when the spirit of the living Lord energizes the organized bones does real life come.

The problem is more easily diagnosed than overcome. What is too often absent is a sense of mission on the part of church members. Lack of commitment is our plague and what we do in the way of church work is often more to ease our conscience than to express our love to the Lord to whom we owe all. In too many of our lives the church gets what's left of us after our other major interests, and in these days that is not much.

A nominating committee is important in the life of any church. Even more important, however, is the committee of the committed which should be a committee of the whole church.

May the Lord bless all the nominating committees in their hard assignments. May the Lord have mercy on any Baptist approached for a task who says no instead of saying yes with a feeling in his heart "to this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world." (John 18:37)



# K. B. C.

## "Profile Of A Pastor" Appears In Association Bulletin

The Pulaski Baptist, monthly publication of the Pulaski Co. Baptist Association, recently featured the profile of Pastor Glenn Singleton, of the Camp Ground Baptist Church in that association.

A native of Cincinnati, Singleton is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville. He attended Carson-Newman College for one year. He has served the Camp Ground church since 1961. He is married to the former Edith Hornsby of Newport, Kentucky. They have three children: Brenda, 12; Diane, 10; and Glenn, 7.

## Tom Corts Appointed Presidential Assistant

Georgetown, Ky., September 9.—Georgetown College's president, Robert L. Mills, announced today the appointment of Mr. Tom Corts as special assistant to the president.

In making the announcement, President Mills stated: "Mr. Corts will devote most of his creative skills to student recruiting and presenting the Georgetown College image to the youth of Kentucky. He will give time to planning for many of the special on-campus functions throughout the year."

The new presidential assistant is a member of Georgetown's 1963 graduating class. During four years at the College, he compiled a formidable record as a debator, orator, and thespian.

The oft-recognized popular speaker was elected to the presidency of Georgetown's Baptist Student Union his junior year. His colleagues at Georgetown selected him as the school's Most Outstanding Boy last winter for the school year 1962-63.

He is a native of Ashtabula, Ohio, and is a 1959 graduate of Ashtabula High School. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corts, 219 West 53rd St., Ashtabula.

## Barlow Baptists Will Build New Sanctuary

The First Baptist Church Barlow, Kentucky, broke ground September 8 for a new sanctuary on the grounds north of the present educational building. Wayne C. Newby, pastor, conducted the groundbreaking ceremony and J. W. Allen turned the first spade of earth.

The new \$79,000 edifice will be a modern structure, 100 by 40 feet, and will have brick veneer outside with laminated arches inside. Cathedral glass will grace the front and sides of

the building.

Present for the ceremonies were the three oldest members of the church, Clyde Eidson, J. R. Bennett and W. E. Abell. The youngest members are Neta and Reta Batts and Peggie Robertson.

When the new building is completed the present structure on Highway 60 will be razed and the grounds landscaped between the highway and the educational building.

## Franklin J. Gerren Begins Pastorate at Wickliffe

Franklin James Gerren is the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Wickliffe. He resigned the pastorate of a church in North Vernon, Indiana, where he has served for the past three years.

He is a graduate of Arkansas Polytechnic College in Russellville, Ark., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Previous pastorates include a church in Russellville, Ark., and Chicago, Ill.

## Wallins Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor In August

Asa Chasteen became the pastor of the Wallins Baptist Church on August 5. He is a native of Franklin County, Ky.

Chasteen attended Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville and Campbellsville College, Campbellsville. He has been active in associational life where he has served as pastor.

He is married to the former Dorothy Delany of Shelby County, Kentucky. They have two sons, Wayne and Paul Douglas. The couple had open house for church members and friends on September 8.

## Kiddville Church Ordains Robert Wood Durham

The Kiddville Baptist Church of the Boone's Creek Association conducted the ordination service of their pastor, Robert Wood Durham on Sunday, July 28. Serving on the ordaining council were: G. R. Henson, associational missionary, interrogator; Dr. R. R. Couey, former pastor of the Carrollton Baptist Church, delivered the charge to the candidate and church; Howard Thompson, pastor of Allensville Church led the music; J. W. Wood, led in the ordination prayer; and Edgar Smith, a deacon, presented the Bible.

Deacons Charles Bober of the Kiddville Baptist Church and Emmett Pace of Ephesus Baptist Church were elected moderator and clerk of the council respectfully.

Durham is married to the former Patty Wells of Winchester. They have two daughters, Beverly and Rebecca.

## Revival Reports

Sligo Baptist Church had the services of Roy Miller, pastor of Oakdale Baptist Church, Louisville, as evangelist during their recent revival. There were 57 decisions. Of these, there were 19 baptisms, 9 additions by letter and 29 rededications. William R. Smith is pastor.

THOMAS CAUDILL, pastor of the Simpsonville Baptist Church, Simpsonville, Kentucky, was the evangelist for



Thomas Caudill

the Slaty Point Baptist Church in Rowan County in a revival August 11 through August 18. There were fifteen additions to the church. Of these, 14 were on profession of faith and one by letter. On the Sunday following the revival there were three additions, one on profession of faith and two by letter. C. O. Leach is pastor of the Slaty Point Church.

JACK TICHENOR, pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, was the evangelist in a 10-day revival in the Plum Creek Baptist Church at Waterford, Kentucky. There were fifteen additions to the church, 13 on profession of faith and baptism and 2 by letter. Special emphasis was placed on Training Union during the month of August. Enrollment is 127 and the average attendance for the month was 115. A. J. Hensley is the pastor.

DR. DAVID A. NELSON, pastor of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky, was the evangelist in the Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, August 18-25. Paul Griz, music director of the South Knoxville Baptist Church, was the song leader. Visible results included 13 professions of faith, two transfers of letter and a number of rededications. Dr. D. Perry Ginn, formerly of Kentucky, is pastor of the Sevier Heights Church.

## Badgett Dillard Appointed Executive Assistant To Seminary President

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mr. Badgett Dillard, director of administrative services at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here since 1957, has been appointed executive assistant to the president to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Leonard L. Holloway.

In his new position Dillard will have charge of all phases of public relations, development projects, student recruitment and alumni coordination at the 104-year-old seminary.

The new executive assistant was director of publicity at the seminary from 1953-55, and then director of public relations from 1955-57.

He received the B.S. degree in business administration from Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, the B.D. and M.R.E. degrees from Southern Seminary, and the master's degree in business administration from the University of Louisville. Dillard has also studied during two summer terms at the Medill School of Journalism of Northwestern University, and has done graduate work at the college business management institute at the University of Kentucky for three summers.

He was president of the Baptist Public Relations Association in 1960-61, as well as a charter member of the organization when it was formed. He has written articles for denominational publications of the Sunday School Board.

The seminary official is presently moderator of the Long Run Association of Baptists in the Louisville area, and has held several offices in the Baptist organization for the past four years. He is also a past chairman of the board of

deacons at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, where he is a member.

Leonard Holloway, who was executive assistant for 18 months, resigned September 1 to become president of a life insurance company in Norman, Oklahoma.

## Burks Branch Church Plans New Building

A committee for the purpose of exploring the possibility of erecting a new sanctuary at the Burks Branch Baptist Church in Shelby Association has been elected by the church. Willis Coulter, Ballard Sewell, Fletcher Miller, George Dennie and Delmar Heightschew will serve on the committee with the pastor, Emory Register.

Parents will always have the major responsibility for helping children learn about God and Jesus.—Ada Williams Rutledge, superintendent of nursery work, Sunday school department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. "Teach . . . Thy Children" in August HOME LIFE.

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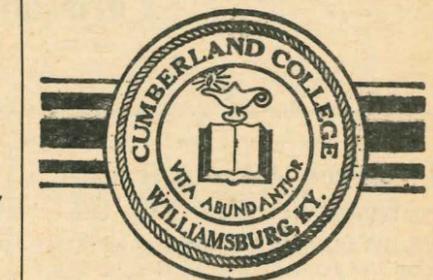
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Note how the Psalmist acknowledged God as the Great Giver in words that we understand so well today: "Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them CORN, when thou hast so provided for it."

"Thou waterest the RIDGES thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with SHOWERS: thou blessest the springing thereof."

"Thou crownest the year with thy GOODNESS; and thy paths drop FATNESS."

## JUBILEE YEAR

What a beginning of our third Baptist Jubilee Year! Yes, the beginning of our third fifty-year period of organized national Baptist life for carrying out the Great Commission is 1964. In 1814 Baptists of America organized the Triennial Baptist Convention in Philadelphia. 150 years ago our Baptist forefathers saw the necessity of organization in order to do mission work on a world scale and thus obey the Great Commission of our Lord. The theme is "FREEDOM AND LIGHT". The air: to advance on all church fronts, and to study our Baptist history and heritage in a crucial day. To begin with, let every Baptist re-read the New Testament, God's word for Baptists, and the inspiration for their heritage of freedom and light! Ask your pastor to secure "Baptist Ideals"—a thrilling new pamphlet, as you plan for your church.

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#### 11 Church Administration Seminars Set For '63-'64

NASHVILLE—The church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring a series of 11 seminars beginning in October and continuing through 1964. Each will be held in Nashville.

The 1963 seminars by date and topic are: October 14-18, Seminar No. 400—"Mastering Organization and Staffing Problems"; October 28-November 1, Seminar No. 800—"Solving Church

Communications Problems"; November 11-15, Seminar No. 100—"Mastering Fundamentals of Church Administration."

The 1964 seminars are: January 20-24, Seminar No. 100A—"Administering the Downtown Church"; February 24-28, Seminar No. 300—"Techniques of Church Programming"; March 23-27, Seminar No. 100; April 13-17, Seminar No. 1030—"Developing Administrative Services in the Church"; May 25-29, Seminar No. 100; October 12-16 and November 9-13, Seminar No. 900—"Principles of Long-

Range Planning"; November 30-December 4, Seminar No. 1040—"Developing Administrative Skills."

Participants already registered for the seminars include both church and denominational leaders. A breakdown by occupation reveals that 43 per cent are pastors; 29 per cent, ministers of education; 12 per cent, state and associational workers; 5 per cent, combination minister of music and education.

Three per cent are seminary professors; 6 per cent, other staff members such as assistant pastors, church busi-

ness administrators, ministers of music, church secretaries; and 2 per cent, Sunday School Board personnel.

Registration is closed for Seminar No. 100, November 11-15, and Seminar No. 300, February 24-28, reports seminar registrar Idus V. Owensby.

Applications and further information may be obtained from: Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., 37203.

#### Harold Tallant Begins Florida Pastorate

Dr. Harold D. Tallant, former Kentucky pastor, has begun his ministry at the First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Florida. Tallant was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Kentucky, for 16 years before accepting the Florida church. Before this he served the First Baptist Church at London, Kentucky.

The ministry of Tallant in Kentucky was marked by unusual success. At Madisonville he led in the construction of completely new facilities valued at one million dollars. This was at a time when the coal industry of the area was declining and the economy seemed unhealthy. However, the church is now debt free and in the meantime has been one of the leading churches in mission giving in Kentucky.

A strong evangelistic ministry led by Tallant resulted in around 100 baptisms each year for the Madisonville Church. From 1947 to 1963 the membership increased from 1,432 to 2,651 and the budget from \$22,000 to \$166,550.

Tallant also served widely in Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist Convention activities. In Kentucky, among other places of service, he was a Georgetown College trustee and received an honorary D.D. degree from the college. He served as chairman of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board and assistant moderator of the General Association.

In Southern Baptist affairs he was a member of the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Foreign Mission Board and was on the Committee on Committees of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tallant will be remembered in Kentucky as a strong pulpiteer and a highly successful churchman. Few statistical records will match those of the churches where he served.

#### Planning Committee Named For Tulsa, Greensboro TU Clinics

NASHVILLE—A program and conference planning committee has been named for the Training Union learning improvement clinics to be held February 10-14 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and February 24-28 in Greensboro, N. C.

General chairman of the committee planning the clinics is J. Carlton Carter, director of young people's work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The department's staff is guiding overall arrangements for the clinics. They are: Dr. Philip B. Harris, department secretary; Dr. Raymond M. Rigdon, editor in chief of lesson courses; Harvey P. Gibson, director of administration; Robert A. Orr, program and curriculum consultant; I. Lamar Maffett, editor of administration materials; and Kenneth R. McAnear, office supervisor.

The age-group sections for the clinics are being planned and directed by age-group directors and age-group editors in the department. They are: nursery—Miss Florrie Anne Lawton, director, Mrs. Alma May Scarborough, editor; beginner—Miss Nora Padgett, director, Miss Marie Hedgecoth, editor; primary—Miss LaVerne Ashby, director, Mrs. Doris Monroe, editor; junior—Miss Margaret Sharp, director, Miss Richie Harris, editor; intermediate—Bob R. Taylor, director, Miss Betty Jo Corum, editor; young people—J. Carlton Carter, director, Dr. Rice A. Pierce, editor; and adult—Dr. Robert S. Cook, director, Dr. LeRoy Ford, editor.

Local Baptist leaders in Tulsa and Greensboro will be named to committees for planning local arrangements.

#### Japan Baptists Appoint Missionaries To Brazil

Japanese Baptists appointed their first missionaries to Brazil during the annual meeting of the Japan Baptist Convention, August 20-23. Rev. and Mrs. Nobuyoshi Togami, who have been pioneering Baptist work in Ichikawa, Japan, will serve among Japanese immigrants in the South American country. Brazil is the second foreign mission field for the Japan Convention, which sent missionaries to Okinawa in 1955.

In other action at this year's meeting, the Convention admitted to its fellowship five new churches, including the English-language New Life Baptist Church near Fukuoka; voted to invite the Baptist World Alliance to hold its 1970 meeting in Tokyo and set up a preparations committee; designated the second Sunday of January as "Cooperative Program Offering Sunday" in an

effort to increase support of its financial program (the equivalent of about \$24,000 came through this channel last year); and elected Rev. Y. Nakajima executive secretary to succeed Rev. Shinji Hikasa, who resigned after seven years' service to return to the pastorate. Mr. Nakajima has been pastor in Osaka. Participating in the meeting, held at Amagi Sanso, Baptist assembly grounds on the Izu Peninsula of Japan, were more than 300 people, including 270 messengers representing 15,434 members of 93 churches and 119 mission points.

They learned from Rev. Sueo Kitahara, of the Japan Baptist New Life Movement's Tokyo office, that more than 250,000 people attended the nation-wide evangelistic meetings last spring and 25,000 signed decision cards. So far,

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## Church Music

### Campbell Co. Association Completes Successful Music School

by Eugene F. Quinn

Churches of Campbell County had an average attendance of 50 in seven classes of their associational music school August 19-23. Their guest director was Mr. David Roddy of Far Hills Baptist Church of Dayton who taught the *Graded Choir Handbook* and conducted the associa-

tional choir rehearsals following the classes each night.

A sacred concert was presented by this choir on Sunday afternoon, August 25 at the First Baptist Church of Cold Spring. Newly elected Associational Music Director Eugene Coates, minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Cold Spring, has announced that the associational choir will continue its activities by singing to a Brotherhood meeting in October, a Music Rally in November, and the Training Union "M" Night on December 2. Congratulations to the following churches who were among the churches represented in the school: Trinity, Silver Grove, Cold Spring, Main Street in Alexandria, the First Baptist Church of Dayton, the First Baptist Church of Ft. Thomas and Highland Heights.

Mr. Coates and a full roster of associational music officers plan another school and a full year of associational music ministry activities for the churches of their association.

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### FIRST STATE-WIDE YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL ENROLLS OVER 300

An inspiring audition period, followed by rehearsal and a concert on Friday night, August 2, made a great beginning for Kentucky's State-wide Youth Choir Festivals.

This first festival, attended by 14 choirs from all sections of the state, indicate a need for a festival next year. Similar plans are being made for such a festival.

The choirs participating in this first festival were: Immanuel and Calvary of Lexington, Southside and Rockford Lane of Louisville, Beaver Dam, the First Baptist Churches of Pikeville, Bowling Green, and Walton, the First and Third Baptist Churches of Owensboro, Harrodsburg, Harlan, Florence, and the Twelfth Street Baptist Church of Paducah. This festival connected with the State Music Leadership School provided a very inspiring concert which was attended by well over 500 people.

## Woman's Missionary Union

### Annual Packages

by Mrs. George R. Ferguson

We regret to announce that the new Year Books have been delayed and will not reach our office until after October 15. Many officers' report cards have already reached us and new Guide Books, mimeographed material and the new report books are now ready. Annual packages, without year books, are now being mailed as the cards are received and processed in our office. With the materials in these packages you will have help for leadership conferences until the Year Books are received. The Year Books will be mailed as soon as possible. They might be included in the package with the materials for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions—so watch the mail for them.

Changes for the new year are minor ones so don't let this delay prevent the work of your organization getting off to a good start at the beginning of this new year.

Read the new Guide Book carefully and let us have your comments on it. Free Guide Books and free Year Books are mailed to WMU presidents in the churches, associations and regions. Additional Guide Books and Year Books may be purchased from the Baptist Book Stores.

Remember! Annual report blanks and Anniversary Report Blanks were in the July issue of the Quarterly Bulletins mailed from Birmingham. Mail reports promptly after September 30.

Every associational president should receive a complete report from every WMU in her association. Call by phone or visit each president not reporting promptly. Each regional president should be diligent in securing reports from every association. *It's important to report.* Send reports on Aims for Advancement and requests for recognition with annual reports to associational presidents.

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Associational presidents check carefully Associational Aims and Anniversary Goals for Associations.

## Stewardship

### Pastor Praises Growth Program

by Edward S. French, Pastor  
Cumberland Baptist Church

We conducted the Growth in Stewardship Program at the Cumberland Baptist Church after hearing about it the first of the year. Now that sufficient time has elapsed to properly evaluate the program, we say it does the "big job for the smaller church."



**Robert S. French**

The Christian Growth Program sparked new interest and enthusiasm in our local church and fairly revolutionized our total ministry. We doubled our budget under the leadership of Mr. Robert Yaden as Stewardship chairman, and with the enthusiastic cooperation of the congregation we have almost tripled our receipts of last year. The use of the flip-chart and the carton of offering envelopes for each individual is an integral part of the program. Every church that has not had the Forward Program should use this program as it is designed for any size church—large or small.

As a direct result of this stewardship emphasis, we experienced the greatest revival in our church's history with 53 professions of faith and 12 by transfer. A building program was initiated also. The present auditorium has been re-decorated and the construction of a new two-floor educational building is due for completion by November 1. Any church may enjoy good results by using the Growth in Christian Stewardship Program this fall.

## Brotherhood

### Handbook Reports Busy Year Ahead

by Forrest Sawyer

Baptist Brotherhood men can expect a busy year of Christian service during 1964 if all of the suggestions in the 1963-64 *Brotherhood Handbook* are carried out.

The 160-page book for church Brotherhood officers just published calls for major emphases on the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a West Coast Laymen's Crusade, Brotherhood leadership conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Assemblies, Baptist Men's Day and Royal Ambassador Week observance and a vigorous summer program of activities for men and boys.

To bring to the attention of Baptists the significance of 150 years of Baptist advance in North America, church Brotherhoods are asked to distribute tracts on the Baptist Jubilee Advance and share with fellow church members a pamphlet, *Baptist Ideals*.

The laymen's crusade is a giant effort by the Home Mission Board and Brotherhood men to help west coast Baptists witness to the lost. It will be conducted July 22-26 in churches in California, Oregon, and Washington. About 1,500 laymen will take religious census, give testimonies, and help start new churches.

The leadership conferences for church and associational Brotherhood officers and Royal Ambassador leaders will be conducted simultaneously August 12-19 at both assemblies. The sessions will also include depth studies of Bible doctrines and seminar discussions of subjects timely to Baptist laymen.

The *Brotherhood Handbook* also contains a 12-month program for church Brotherhoods including suggestions on how to select officers, install them, and prepare them for their assignments. The *Handbooks*, distributed by the Brotherhood Commission at Memphis, Tenn., cost one dollar each or 85 cents for five or more copies.

## State Missions

### Every Church's Task

by G. R. Pendergraph

It is the responsibility of every missionary Baptist church to provide, directly or indirectly, a spiritual ministry for every person in the local community. This ministry is not to be limited, however, to the local church area, but at least this is to be the point of beginning. Such a ministry is not possible unless certain pertinent information is known and used by the church. This information briefly stated would be: (1) The location of every family in the community; (2) A comprehensive record of the spiritual need of every person in the family; (3) An evaluation of the church's present program for the discharging of its responsibility to these people; (4) Plans for meeting the challenge of leading the ever-increasing number of lost people to Christ, and the saved to a closer walk with Jesus.

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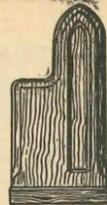
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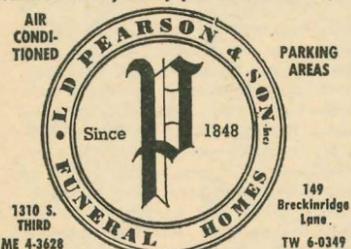
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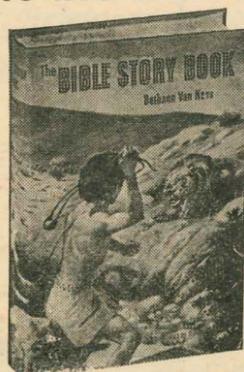


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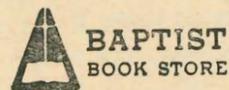
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## JAPANESE APPOINT MISSIONARIES

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more than 700 of these have been baptized into churches related to the Japan Baptist Convention, bringing the number of baptisms for the first six months of 1963 to 962, less than 100 short of the total for all of last year.

One evening the Convention took time out to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Amagi Sanso, which has served more than 170,000 people since its beginning. Land for the assembly was given to the Convention by a Southern Baptist military fellowship in Japan.

## Missionary Kid Adds To Baptist Good Will

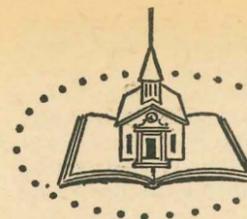
Patricia Welmaker, 14-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ben H. Welmaker, Southern Baptist missionaries in Cali, Colombia, was recognized by the Colombian Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries) during its annual meeting for breaking national records in swimming competitions. The Mission's publicity committee presented her a medal of merit for outstanding contribution to public relations and good will for Baptists, as her name and picture appeared in the country's leading newspapers.

Also at the meeting another MK (missionary kid), Roger Lynn Duck, 10-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Roger G. Duck, of Barranquilla, was awarded the achievement medal in the MK first-aid course taught by missionaries of the Baptist hospital in Barranquilla. An MK choir sang special music for the evening programs, which were dedicated to the various mission stations represented.

The Mission meeting, beginning August 10 and attended by 25 missionaries, was characterized by re-evaluation of methods and results as the various reports and recommendations were made. A special speaker during the week was Ted Banks, head of the Peace Corps in Colombia, who is also active in the English-language Baptist work in Bogota.

The Mission elected Dr. John W. Patterson president for the new year; Dr. L. Glynn Breeden, vice-president; Rev. W. Wilson Donehoo, secretary; and Rev. Donald L. Orr, treasurer.

Just prior to the Mission meeting, the Colombian Baptist unified board of missions (made up of an equal number of missionaries and nationals) met to discuss basic policies and concepts of mission strategy and to plan a detailed study of evangelistic intensification, the purpose and outreach of mission institutions, training of laymen in the churches, and intensification of stewardship and self-support.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

## HEIRS OF THE PROMISE

Hebrews 11:1-10

Today's lesson, taken from Hebrews, summarizes effectively the teachings of the series of the current quarter and gives us another glimpse into the lives of some of the great men whose records appear in Genesis.

The Epistle to the Hebrews was written to Jewish Christians who had discovered that the Christian life was much more difficult than they had expected. In the light of the hardships, persecutions and losses to which they had been subjected because of their relationship to Christ, they were beginning to wonder if they should abandon their high aims and great hopes. To keep them from turning back, and to encourage them to go forward in the Christian life, the writer reminded them of the faith of some of the great men of the Old Testament which enabled them to endure severe trials and to do great exploits. As an incentive to follow their example, the writer called the roll of Old Testament worthies who lived, endured and wrought righteousness. Believing God's Word, they were energized by faith to do heroic things. It was their faith in God that made them great. From these heroes we learn that the value of our faith depends upon the trustworthiness of the One in Whom our faith is anchored. Since God is always trustworthy, we know that our faith in Him is not in vain.

### I. The Explanation of Faith. Hebrews 11:1-3.

Here we have a classic description of faith and an explanation of what it does. The writer tells us that faith is a firm persuasion and expectation that God will fulfil to us the promises He has made, and this conviction is so strong that it gives to the souls of those who exercise it a sense of possession as though they already and really have what has been promised. Faith makes us certain of realities we have not seen. "Things not seen" can refer to both the past and the future. We did not see Christ making atonement for our sins, but we believe that He did it. God's Word tells us what Christ did on the cross and why He did it, and we accept His declaration as a matter of fact. The very fact that we exercise faith in God and commit ourselves to Him, and that we have faith in the things that are unseen, gives us the assurance that

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these things will be ours in due time. Faith also makes real to us some things which we shall have in the future, such as a resurrection from the grave, a perfect likeness to Christ Whom we shall see face to face, and the enjoyment of the glorious reunion of the saved in heaven. Exercising faith in the Lord, which is the highest act of man in response to the divine energy, is well pleasing to God. Without faith one cannot please God.

Those believers, who lived in the early days of history, exercised a living faith in God and it enabled them to live so as to obtain a good report. Through faith also we perceive that God fashioned this universe which is teeming with the evidences of His handiwork. Faith leads us to understand that God was before, is in and has power over this world.

### II. The Examples of Faith. Hebrews 1:4-10.

#### 1. Abel. Hebrews 1:4.

How was the faith of Abel manifested? He brought unto God a sacrifice of atonement of the firstlings of his flock, acknowledging himself to be a sinner who deserved to die but who was trusting in the mercy and forgiving love of God. His sin-offering of blood and life was a confession of sin and of his faith in the interposition of a substitute and of a plea for forgiveness. Depending on God's grace and acting upon faith, Abel approached God in the divinely appointed way. His offering was accepted on account of his faith, rather than because of any merit of his own.

#### 2. Enoch. Hebrews 1:5-6.

Enoch towered above the men of his generation and impressed the imagination of people of all the succeeding generations. All that we know about him is that "Enoch walked with God," which is the highest praise that can be bestowed on any man. Walking with God presupposes faith in Him. His faith produced friendship, congeniality, fellowship, harmony, companionship, and unity of thought, affection, will and energy. Enoch found it quite profitable to walk with God. The longer he walked with Him the more he grew in likeness to Him. What a satisfaction and joy Enoch had in walking with God! After Enoch walked by faith with Him on

earth, God translated him so that he did not have to experience death. He was one of the two men who enjoyed the distinction of leaving this earth without experiencing death. God simply took him to live with Him in heaven.

#### 3. Noah. Hebrews 1:7.

God warned Noah of the approaching destruction of mankind because of the prevailing wickedness in the world. Noah believed the warning of God concerning this forthcoming event in the form of a devastating flood. Accepting God's warning by faith, Noah promptly set himself to the task of preparing an ark for the safety of himself and his family. When Noah communicated to others the warning which he had received, they did not believe him. Nevertheless, Noah promptly and faithfully followed the instructions which God gave him. It is encouraging and inspiring to observe his ready obedience to every command of God in the construction of the ark, in spite of all the sarcasm and ridicule which were turned upon him. In his prompt and meticulous obedience we have one of the greatest examples of faith recorded in the Bible. By his action in constructing the ark he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which God reckoned to him because of his faith.

#### 4. Abraham. Hebrews 1:8-10.

A summons came from God to Abraham to leave his native country and kindred and to go into a land which He had chosen for him. God called Abraham away from the sinful manner of life of his countrymen unto fellowship with Himself, unto purity of worship and unto the purposes which had been formulated for him in heaven. God's call was to faith, obedience, separation and dedication.

As a superlative example of faith, in response to the call and command of God, Abraham went forth immediately without asking any questions, "not knowing where he was to go," and without any knowledge of what the future held in store for him. He did know that God was leading and because of his faith in Him Abraham firmly believed that He would provide for him. Possessing faith and obedience to a remarkable degree, Abraham looked far into the future and saw a city, of which God was the architect and master builder, into which the redeemed will enter and enjoy perfect communion.

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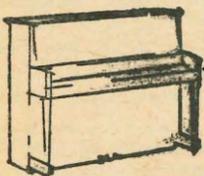
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## A GOOD LESSON FOR CHURCHES

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them to have, but some others are not so humble.

There are churches which, regardless of their size, challenge, and the opportunities they have to offer a new pastor, set out from the beginning to get the most renowned preacher in the land. When he is contacted and doesn't feel disposed to consider the call the church just can't understand why. It is good for churches to find out occasionally that not every preacher needs to move or wants to move. When a church gets an exaggerated idea about itself it probably needs to have several preachers decline its invitation. The same is true for preachers who think too much of themselves. It is good for them to be considered for attractive pastorates and then not be called. Possibly the churches and preachers will learn some day that one of the highest Christian virtues is humility. God knows some pretty good ways to teach them that lesson.

Finding and following the will of God in the church-pastor relationship is not just something to talk about. It is an ever present possibility, but neither the church nor the pastor can find that will unless there is complete willingness to follow it. All of us are too guilty of asking God to reveal His will to us and then starting out straight in the direction that appeals to us.

## Church Grows From Bible Study Group

La Lucila Baptist Church, organized in north Buenos Aires, Argentina, with 31 charter members, is cited by Mrs. S. D. Sprinkle, Jr., a Southern Baptist missionary, as an example of how churches are sometimes started.

About two years ago missionaries living in that section of the city began a series of Thursday night Bible studies in their homes, inviting their neighbors, business acquaintances, and friends. Even before this, four Argentine Christian families of the same zone had sponsored home Bible study groups.

In August, 1961, the missionaries and the nationals began working together in visitation and in the weekly Bible studies, rotating the meetings to a different Christian home each month. This program continued for 10 months, with a weekly attendance of between 20 and 40. Thirty people acknowledged Christ as Saviour. Then in June, 1962, the group organized Sunday evangelistic meetings in addition to the home Bible studies and asked Missionary Justice C. Anderson to be their leader.

When one of the Argentine families moved to the States, they sold their house to the group at a low price, thus providing a centrally located meeting place. Saturdays became work days as people cleaned the yard and converted the house into a church building.

Next came the decision to organize into a church. Business meetings, more work days, and prayer followed. A student at the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, was called by the group to help in the church program, and a small apartment for his family was provided in the building.

When May 25, 1963, came, more than 200 people gathered to witness the formal organization of La Lucila Baptist Church.

## Mercer Accepts Three Negro Students

MACON, Ga. (BP)—Mercer University here has accepted three Negro students as the first of their race in the history of the 130-year-old Baptist school.

Sam Jerry Oni of Ghana will be the only dormitory resident. The other two Negroes are from Macon. Benny Stevens was valedictorian of his high school class and Cecil Dewberry is a transfer from a Negro college.

## Noted Kentucky Baptist Educator Dies

William Gardner Welborn, 94, died in Russellville in the Logan County Hospital on September 8. Welborn had prominent places in two Kentucky Baptist educational institutions.

He was the founder of Russell Creek Academy in Campbellsville which is now known as Campbellsville College. In 1917 he returned to Bethel College from which he had graduated in 1894. He taught Latin and Mathematics at Bethel until the college closed its doors in 1933. Since then he had continued to live in Russellville and was known as a great teacher of Bible classes.

Memorial services were conducted at Russellville's First Baptist Church on September 10.

## Spain Church Posts Notice of Services

Noting in a bulletin of the Spanish Ministry of Information that "information for tourists about places and times of evangelical church services must be made available in hotels," Rev. Juan Torras, Baptist pastor in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, had a notice printed in three languages and sent to all hotels, restaurants, consulates, and travel offices in the city. The next Sunday, French and German tourists attended his little chapel, reports the European Baptist Press Service.

Chief of the tourist office run by the Ministry of Information wrote Mr. Torras, expressing gratitude for the notice sent his office and saying it would be posted there as a service to tourists.

## Tax Funds For Sectarian Schools Challenged

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In the first test case of its kind, The Horace Mann League of the United States and a number of citizens and taxpayers of Maryland have asked a Maryland state court to enjoin the use of State funds for the construction of buildings at four church-related colleges in Maryland. The defendants are Governor J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein and State Treasurer John A. Luetkemeyer of Maryland, together with the College of Notre Dame (Roman Catholic) in Baltimore, Hood College (United Church of Christ) in Frederick, St. Joseph College (Roman Catholic) in Emmitsburg, and Western Maryland College (Methodist) in Westminster.

The Maryland Legislature voted the funds in 1962 and 1963 for facilities including two science buildings, a dining hall, a dormitory and a classroom building. The amounts range from \$500,000 to \$750,000 for each college.

The action is sponsored by The Horace Mann League, an independent organization of educators and other citizens founded in 1922 and dedicated to the principles of Horace Mann. Mann was a famous Massachusetts lawyer, educator and statesman who is commonly regarded as the father of public education in the United States.

State constitutions and laws prohibit the use of tax-raised funds for the support of sectarian schools and colleges. The United States Supreme Court has interpreted the Federal Constitution the same way, as it applies to the federal government and the states. Until very recently there was no indication that it made any difference whether the sectarian school was on the elementary, secondary or college level. It is now contended by some that the prohibition against the use of tax-raised funds for the support of sectarian schools does not apply to colleges and universities, particularly where the appropriation purports to be earmarked for what is asserted to be a non-religious purpose, such as building a library, laboratory or dormitory.

The individual plaintiffs and the League emphasize that their court action is not motivated by any opposition to privately supported religious schools or to any particular religious faith. The members of the League and the individual plaintiffs include persons of several religious faiths. They do not regard the case as a religious issue. Their concern is that tax-raised funds shall not be diverted to sectarian purposes.

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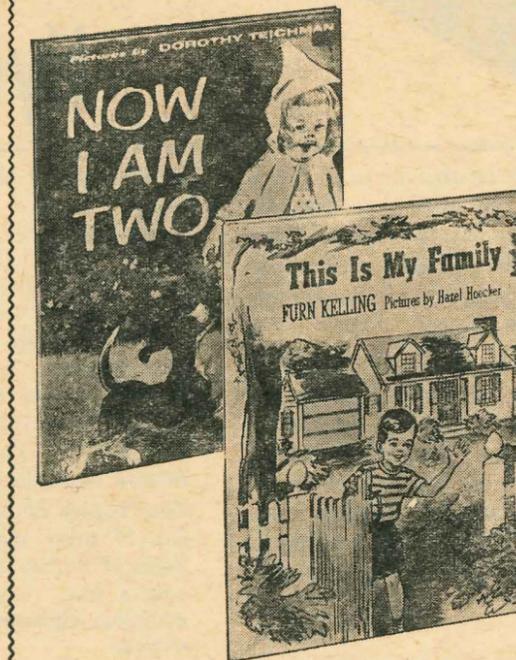
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