

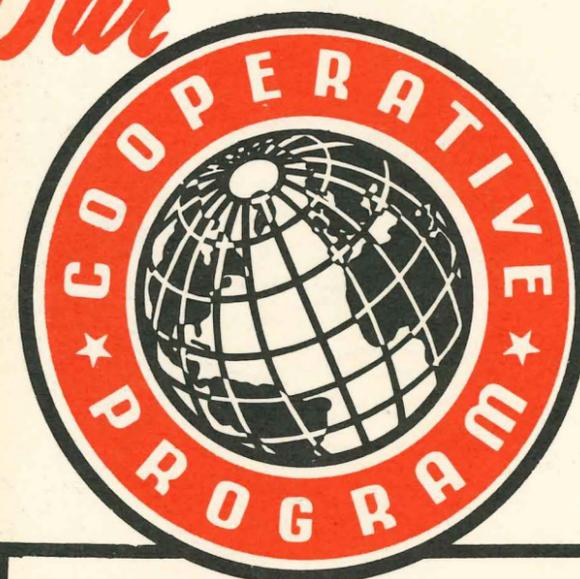


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KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION

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## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CAUSES IN KENTUCKY

\$ 570,000	Schools and Colleges . . . . .	20.000%
439,501*	State Missions (all Departments) . . . . .	15.420
200,000	Security Plans for Pastors and Board employees . . . . .	7.020
162,678	Administration and Promotion . . . . .	5.710
144,000	Hospital Loan . . . . .	5.060
100,000	Children's Homes . . . . .	3.510
61,228	Building and Improvement Loans Repayment . . . . .	2.150
55,520	Cedarmore . . . . .	1.950
52,883	WMU Operating Budget . . . . .	1.860
20,000**	Church Buildings . . . . .	.690
18,000	Western Recorder . . . . .	.630
7,440	Kentucky Baptist Convention Meeting, Annual, etc. . . . .	.250
7,000	Contingent Fund . . . . .	.250

**\$1,838,250 Total Inside Kentucky 64.5%**

\*Plus \$150,000 in expected designated income  
\*\*Plus \$ 20,000 in expected designated income

**TOTAL GOAL \$2,8**

**EXTRA CHALLENGE: A CAPITAL FUNDS GOAL OF \$50**

## The Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

by Ione Gray,  
Director of Press Relations

### FMB Appoints Couple, Aids Skoplje Baptists

Rev. and Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller were appointed missionaries to Jordan by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its September meeting, giving the Board an overseas staff of 1,788 (including 27 missionary associates). Mr. Fuller is a native of Minnesota and a brother of Rev. Ronald W. Fuller, Southern Baptist missionary to Hong Kong. Mrs. Fuller is the former Frances Anderson, of Arkansas. Immediately after the Board meeting they were to enter Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., to study Arabic in preparation for their mission assignment.

The Board accepted the resignation of Rev. Bill B. Cody, an associate secretary in the department for missionary personnel, who will become vice-president and director of administration for Christian Men, Incorporated, a foundation with offices in Dallas, Tex. Mr. Cody has been with the Board since June, 1955.

The Board appropriated \$3,000 from relief funds to aid Baptists in Skoplje, Yugoslavia, scene of devastating earthquakes in late July. The small Baptist congregation (about 10) escaped death and injury in the disaster; however, the Baptist church and pastor's home, purchased two years ago with the aid of Southern Baptists, will have to be entirely rebuilt. At the end of August, Pastor Strahil Grozdanov and his family were still living under a tar-paper shelter.

### 1964 Budget Prepared

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported that the administrative staff is now in the process of preparing the Board's 1964 budget for recommendation at the annual meeting in October.

"Budget preparation is a very extensive responsibility," he said. "It begins on the mission fields where the missionaries, in session, prayerfully draw up their recommendations to the Foreign Mission Board relative to needs they confront. Those needs are always far in excess of the funds available. One of the area secretaries indicates that unmet recommendations for capital needs alone totaled more than \$2,300,000 in his area last year.

"Next year's budget will need to be increased at least \$1,000,000 for operating purposes beyond the 1963 budget. This is made necessary by the fact that the appointment of missionaries in the current year must be followed by long-range provision for their maintenance and work.

"We have been functioning for several years upon the basis of a \$1,000,000 annual increase in the operating budget. We are grateful to our Lord that missionary giving has made possible these increases."

Dr. Cauthen reported that the Board now has four functioning area committees. (At its June meeting the Board divided the area of Africa, Europe, and the Near East to form an area of Africa and an area of Europe and the Middle East.)

Dr. Cauthen asked prayer for the series of evangelistic meetings to be held in the English-speaking Baptist churches of Europe, September 15-29. Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, the Board's consultant for evangelism and church development, and 24 pastors and musicians from the States are in Europe participating in this effort. "We are grateful for the pastors and music directors who have gone to help in this undertaking through the generosity of their churches, both from the standpoint of making available their leaders for this work and providing the expenses of their travel," Dr. Cauthen said.

### Focus on Vietnam

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, told the Board that the current political, religious, and war conditions in South Vietnam have had little direct effect thus far on Southern Baptist missionaries and their work in the country.

One limitation placed by the Vietnam government requires that the missionaries not travel through the countryside; however, they are able to go from city to city by plane. Though the restriction prevents the undertaking of rural evangelistic work at this time, Dr. Crawley said that since Vietnam is a new mission field (entered less than four years ago) the normal approach calls for the missionaries' efforts to first be concentrated in main cities anyway.

He said an indirect effect of the current situation may be the increasing responsiveness of the people to the gospel because of the uncertainties of their daily lives. One Baptist church has been formally organized, and there are a number of chapels and preaching points.

Southern Baptists have seven missionary couples under appointment for South Vietnam—"just one couple for each 2,000,000 people," Dr. Crawley noted. They are stationed in three cities.

Southern Baptists are the only major evangelical denomination at work in the country, the mission secretary said.

"This certainly places upon us a greatly increased burden of responsibility," he said. "As world attention now focuses on Vietnam, let Christian compassion and prayer and the dedication of Southern Baptist missionary resources also be focused there!"

### Language Schools Hit Record

"Thanks to an exceptionally fine year in missionary appointments, our language school families in Campinas, Brazil, and San Jose, Costa Rica, are the largest ever," Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, told the Board in his report. He said the Costa Rica family is composed of 56 adult missionary appointees and 67 children.

In addition to sending appointees for various Spanish-speaking countries to Costa Rica to study the language, Southern Baptists have a permanent missionary staff in the country of five couples, two of whom arrived only recently: Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Davis, formerly of Venezuela, and Rev. and Mrs. J. Curtis Brown, Jr., new appointees beginning language study.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hill work with students, and Dr. Hill directs the Baptist theological institute. Rev. and Mrs. L. Laverne Gregory major on promotional work, which includes radio, television, encampment, and book store ministries. Rev. and Mrs. Sydney L. Goldfinch, Sr., have an "unusual opportunity" through a 15-minute radio program five days a week, called "The Christian Counselor." He answers questions sent in by listeners.

### Goerner Takes Africa

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, who has served the Board as secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East since January, 1958, made public his decision to retain responsibility for Southern Baptist mission work in Africa. Upon dividing the area last June, the Board asked Dr. Goerner to choose one of the two new areas as his administrative responsibility and to continue serving as administrative secretary for both areas until such time as a secretary for the other area is prepared to assume his duties. The committee on Europe and the Middle East is expecting to make recommendation to the Board at its full meeting in October relative to the new area.

Dr. Goerner's September report dealt with Europe and the Near East, where he spent several weeks this summer and where he was involved in an automobile accident on July 25.



## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**JOHN KILLINGER**, professor of Christianity and Literature at Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, has a new book entitled *The Failure of Theology in Modern Literature*. Published by Abingdon Press, it will be available on October 7.

**R. B. EASTERLING**, minister of music at Bardstown Baptist Church, has resigned to accept a similar position with the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama. He began his work at Auburn on September 29. Kit Yeaste is pastor of the Bardstown church.

**BUENA VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH**, Owensboro, held their fall revival September 22-29. George Munro, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, was the evangelist. Leading the revival music was William Cromer, Southern Seminary School of Music, Louisville. Edgar E. Hatfield is pastor.

**THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH**, Owensboro, presented the T. L. McSwains with a check for \$705 as a parting gift. Brother McSwain began his ministry at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, on September 22. The Owensboro church gave the money to be applied on a trip to the Holy Land that the McSwains have planned for next summer.

**DR. BOYD DAVIS HOWARD** has accepted a position as coordinator of graduate studies at Georgetown College. Born in Pineville, Ky., Howard has held positions in almost every phase of educational work from elementary teacher through head of departments in colleges and has also led in government training programs. R. L. Mills is president of Georgetown College.

**SERMONS FOR SPECIAL SUNDAYS** is a new book by John A. Holt, pastor of Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church, Silver Springs, Maryland. The book was recently released by Broadman Press. Holt is a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville.

**CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE** has substantially strengthened its faculty for the coming year as plans are made to complete requirements for full ac-

creditation as a four-year college. Seven men, who either hold a doctor's degree or will receive it this year, have been added to the faculty. Those named to the faculty include Lynwood Montell, Guy V. Price, Myrick Sublette, D. K. Lewis, John Jones, Earl Moore and William Myles. The Southern Association of Colleges requires 40% of the faculty holding doctoral degrees if the school is to be accredited as a four-year college.

**OCTOBER 6**, the Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, will ordain as deacons Ray E. Blevins, C. O. Dye, William D. Spillman, Ray Wood and Hubert VanHoose. These men were elected in September by the church to serve as deacons. Alvis B. Carpenter is pastor of Audubon Church.

**DR. HOWARD P. COLSON**, editor in chief of Sunday school lesson courses at the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, will represent the Board at the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, November 13-15.

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**MRS. LIZZIE McMAHAN ACREE** died September 6 at the Jane Todd Memorial Hospital in Greensburg, Kentucky. Mrs. Acree was a faithful member of the Greensburg Baptist Church. She was secretary of the Lizzie Graham Sunday School class and the class has adopted a resolution expressing their loss in her passing. Mrs. Acree was buried in Greensburg Cemetery following the funeral services at the church. Elvin L. Clark is pastor at Greensburg.

**VICTORY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**, Louisville, has ordained Hugh Kirby to the gospel ministry. Brother Kirby is a second year student at Southern Seminary and is presently serving as minister of youth work at Victory Memorial. Participating in the services of ordination was Roy Johns, church moderator, Dr. Harold Songer, professor at Southern Seminary and H. W. Schafer, pastor of the church.

**JOHN C. BLANKENBECKLER** has been appointed assistant administrator of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville. The appointment was effective September 1. Mr. Blankenbeckler is a graduate of Emory and Henry College where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. He received a Masters Degree in Hospital Administration from the Medical College of Virginia.

**J. LEON BOYD**, of Howard College in Birmingham joined the church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board as a consultant on October 1. Boyd is presently serving as associate in the extension division of Christian training at Howard. His new position will give him opportunity to assist churches across the nation in improving their administrative procedures.

**GEORGE H. SKUTT**, who served 30 years as a pastor, associational missionary and educational director, died on August 27. Funeral services were conducted at the Echota Baptist Church in Georgia, one of his former pastorates. He also served as pastor in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Missouri. After retirement, he served a Baptist mission in Kentucky.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE:

## Where Should the Church Draw the Line?

by Ross Coggins

(Editor's Note: This is the first of four articles dealing with forces which would use the churches. In this one, the writer surveys the field and names several groups by name.)

Should pastors be asked to read Labor Day messages or preach sermons about highway safety?

Should the church permit community organizations to insert promotional articles in the church bulletin?

Should a church building become a civil defense shelter?

To what extent should the spiritual and physical resources of a church be lent to the support of society's causes?

Churches are clearly "useful" to many forces in society.

The Texas State AFL-CIO, for example, distributed a "Labor Sunday Message for Baptist Churches" with the request that it be "read in the churches" on Labor Sunday.

Similar efforts have been made by management.

The National Association of Manufacturers, through its Clergy-Industry Relations Department, publishes a monthly newsletter featuring news from the religious world subtly interspersed with conservative economic philosophy.

Other NAM bids for pulpit influence are made through the organization's Clerical Advisory Council.

The last presidential election saw both major political parties attempt to use the churches to gain votes. Although it was widely denied, there is little doubt that the religious issue was inserted by Democrats and Republicans alike.

During the heat of the 1960 campaign, a visitor in some churches might have thought he was witnessing a gathering of one of the political parties for prayer!

Numerous other examples could be cited to reveal society's efforts to use the churches. "Soil Conservation Sunday" is observed, complete with a suggested sermon from the federal Soil Conservation Service. The National Safety Council urges pastors to preach sermons on safety. Various social service projects are promoted through bulletin inserts.

Community charity drives, civil defense programs, anti-Communist organizations, citizens councils, temperance movements, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts—all these have used some church facilities.

What principles should guide cooperation?

Ross Coggins is an associate in The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

tive ventures between the church and the culture in which it exists and to which it bears its witness?

The basic concern here is the church's relationship to society. The gospel must be preached in specific cultural situations; the problem is to ascertain the will of God concerning the approach.

Throughout Christian history, the relationship between believers and the world has been a continuing problem.

The early church experienced considerable tension with society because of the single-mindedness of the early disciples in declaring the judgment of God on the world's values. Obeying God rather than men, the early Christians never expected all men to speak well of them.

This tension with the world was re-

### COOPERATIVE PROGRAM:

## Analyst Says \$816,951 Extra Due Missions

**NASHVILLE (BP)**—Action at Kansas City cutting the size of capital funds in the Cooperative Program budget of the Southern Baptist Convention may provide an \$819,951 bonus to foreign and home missionaries next year.

A Convention financial analyst gave this estimate at the 1964 Southern Baptist Communication Conference here. He is John H. Williams, Nashville, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee.

He said the \$819,951 is expected above the \$19.2 million needed from the 32,000 SBC churches to meet 1964 operating budgets and capital needs of SBC agencies.

The 1963 Convention at Kansas City trimmed capital needs from \$5.5 million in the current budget to \$3.3 million in the 1964 budget. This was to restore the missions advance money which has been missing for several years, years in which the Convention failed to meet its budget goal.

The advance section, providing the bonus, is entered only after the Convention pays its agencies their operating and capital needs for the current year and any overdue from a past year.

Williams said 1964 receipts were expected to reach \$20,044,579 through the Cooperative Program. (These receipts do not include about \$40 million more in Cooperative Program funds kept for state Baptist convention uses.)

Of this \$20 million plus, \$14,626,500 would be used to meet the 1964 operating budgets of the agencies. Another \$3,372,000 would meet their 1964 capital

### Special Issue

This issue of your *Western Recorder* gives the annual report of churches' contributions through the Cooperative Program. Find the record of your church in the report beginning on page 9. Seek to improve your record next year. Increase your Cooperative Program giving by at least 2 percentage points. If possible, go up "Plus 4 in Sixty-Four!"

Note also the special 4-page jacket around this issue. This is designed for use as a poster. Simply remove the staples holding your paper together. Then mount the inside pages of the cover showing the 1964 budget dollar on your church bulletin board.

demptive in nature. The disciples' purpose was not just to be an unpopular

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needs, and \$1,226,128 would finish 1963 capital obligations still remaining.

Of the \$819,951 advance, or bonus, three-fourths (\$614,963) would go to foreign missions and the balance—\$204,988—to home missions.

For several years, Cooperative Program receipts for SBC agencies have taken care of operating budgets but have not been large enough to take care of capital needs provisions.

Cooperative Program income for Southern Baptist Convention agencies this year will almost reach \$19.5 million, the financial analyst reported.

The expected \$19,460,756 "would represent an increase of 2.87 per cent over 1962," according to Williams.

The Convention this year requires \$14,217,500 to meet the operating needs of the agencies supplied from Cooperative Program income.

It needs another \$5,575,000 to meet the capital expansion funds distributed to certain agencies. This makes a 1963 total of \$19,792,500, about \$330,000 more than the expected income.

Operating budgets are paid in full to agencies before capital needs are met. At the start of 1963, there remained 1962 capital needs to be met before 1963 capital needs funds could be distributed.

Williams told the conference most economists believe "the gross national product will continue to rise next year.

"With this optimistic outlook . . . it would appear that a 3 per cent increase in Cooperative Program receipts for 1964 would be conservative," he added.

"Such an increase would produce a total of \$20,044,579."



**It's a Good World**

Frequent associational assignments in eastern Kentucky for the editor have been spaced lately by supply invitations to Owensboro and Paducah. In these two western Kentucky cities Baptists are numerous and strong. Owensboro First Baptist is going great with the leadership of Pastor David Nelson and Grover Waller in music and Clarence Nemitz in education.

Paducah First Baptist is without a pastor at this time, but this could never be guessed by the warmth and enthusiasm of the congregation. Education Director Kenneth Dean and Music Minister Bill Williams are providing unusual leadership as attested by the attendance and interest which are as high or higher as when a pastor is around.

Paducah itself is a community of renewed spirit and progress. Building is booming, business seems good and the prospects for the years ahead are bright. The new Barkley impoundment to go with the already famous Kentucky Lake and the plans of the national government for a great camping and wildlife area between the lakes stand to make this area the playground of America.

An extra bonus for the editor was a stopover at new Eddyville for a visit with Pastor R. G. Shelton and some of his fishing deacons. New Eddyville is a product of the Barkley impoundment. Moved from its old location on the banks of the Cumberland which will be inundated, Eddyville is a gleaming new town with new homes, new schools, new churches, new businesses and a new spirit. The Eddyville Baptist Church has caught this new spirit of progress. The building is beautiful and worshipful. Additions to the church have surpassed all expectations and the contributions have increased phenomenally. The very best leadership has been provided by Pastor R. G. Shelton and surrounding him are able and dedicated men and women.

But in spite of R. G.'s blessings he has almost given up the New Testament recreation of fishing for the modernistic sport of golf. On Monday morning, however, after ham, eggs, and five biscuits with cream gravy, he consented to go with me to some favorite farm lakes. Using an editor's equipment, the pastor soon began to outdo the editor and fill up a stringer with bass. He had to quit by mid-morning having caught the legal limit.

As usual, the real story is the one that got away. In the same lake where a bass took a top water plug from me last October, R. G. had fooled several

smaller bass when the old man of the lake made a fool out of him. The big bass took hold of a spinner near the bank and before R. G. knew what had happened I heard the sharp ping of a broken line all the way across the lake. I looked up to see R. G. holding his rod with a dangling broken line.

About that time the monster jumped completely out of the water trying to throw the lure. R. G. was silent, but the expression on his face spoke volumes and could never be described with words.

Quite naturally by the time we got back to town and had found other fishermen to hear the story, the bass had grown several feet and quite a few pounds. R. G.'s disappointment was somewhat relieved by the boast of having beat an editor at his own sport.

It's a great world in which we live, whether it's in eastern Kentucky, Owensboro, Paducah or Eddyville. It's a great God who not only has provided a place for us after this life but also has made wonderful provisions for this life. When God made all of the created universe, he declared it was good and this is the testimony of an editor upon visiting God's people and matching wits with His inhabitants of the water.

**CEA and Church Budgets**

*The following statement answering a question frequently being asked has been prepared and approved by the Executive Committee of the Christian Education Advance Campaign. Because of the importance of this statement as well as the campaign itself, it is used as an editorial with the hope that all of those responsible for preparing church budgets will give careful attention to its contents.—Editor*

The question has been asked: What should be done about the Christian Education Advance program in the church budget? Simply stated, the answer of the Christian Education Advance Campaign is this: The basic appeal will be for *personal gifts* through the churches.

At this season, when most of the churches are planning their annual budgets, it is important that pastors, deacons and finance committees recognize the distinctive features of the Christian Education Advance Campaign in order to avoid confusion in planning their budgets. Such recognition will serve to safeguard both the local church program and the Cooperative Program for state, southwide and world missions. These distinctions are:

1. Christian Education Advance represents a program for *capital needs*, not supporting funds for annual

operation. Such provision has never been made before for their educational institutions by Kentucky Baptists. Annual Cooperative Program funds for Christian Education have been growing in recent years, and in the aggregate are substantial. But they are not intended to produce the critically needed capital facilities—buildings and equipment—for our schools and colleges. Christian Education Advance, therefore, is not a matter of church budget concern this year. Rather, it is a matter of special, urgent need for our people to face. This is why the Christian Education Advance Campaign is so imperative—and so distinctive from the annual church budget.

2. Christian Education Advance represents a program to meet accumulated needs which now have become an *emergency*. Without the needed capital facilities, our colleges will become hopelessly out-classed and underprivileged. Christian Education Advance is an appeal without precedent in the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and, if successful, will not be repeated for years to come. *It is not a budget matter*; it is a decision for personal commitment to be made early in 1964.
3. While considered a part of the Cooperative Program, Christian Education Advance represents a "new phase" for needs *not currently included in the Cooperative Program*. Funds in the Cooperative Program allocated to Christian Education are supporting funds for the annual operation of our schools and colleges. Thus, as our institutions grow in an age of rising costs, it is more important than ever that our churches heed the appeal to *increase* regular support of the Cooperative Program. If the Christian Education Advance Campaign is allowed to become a competitor with the annual Cooper-

ative Program share of church budgets this year, it will fail in one of its basic purposes.

The Christian Education Advance Campaign Committee is following a carefully planned schedule to acquaint our people with the needs of Christian Education, beginning with "Christian Education Advance Day" at the November Convention. By this time many, if not most, of the churches will have considered their budgets for next year. This process of acquaintance will continue on regional and associational levels into early 1964, at which time each church will be asked to present the needs of Christian Education to the people in accordance with a definite suggested plan. The response will be personal, from the people, and, if properly presented, will strengthen the church program, not interfere with it.

Let the people respond. Let us not anticipate that response before the needs have been adequately presented. Under the influence of the Spirit of God, our people will find His will and the way to do it.

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**BAPTIST FORUM**



**No Place For Managed News**

Dear Editor:

This letter concerns the guest comments by James L. Sullivan on page 18 of the September 5 issue.

I would like to turn a spotlight on the other end of the pole of responsibility. Dr. Sullivan's insights are true, well stated, and direly needed. Those without all the facts should withhold judgment. However, those *with* the facts are under obligation to share them with the uninformed brethren.

It is not enough for me to call a man down for opposing my committee's report to our church by pointing out that he is not aware of all the facts about the situation he opposed. *I must inform him.*

It is not enough for the state or convention leaders to squelch opposition to an idea, a program, a man, or a book because those opposing do not have all the facts. *They must inform them.*

Those without all the facts have a responsibility not to prejudge: but those *with* the facts have the *greater* responsibility—not to withhold vital information from the people. As one stated recently, it is his high time that the leaders who have been entrusted with places of responsibility trust the intelligence of the people who gave them that responsibility!

"Managed News" is condemnable enough in government; it is utterly inexcusable when practised (at ANY level) within a body which preaches the

priesthood of all believers.

It is no easy matter, informing all the people of all the facts, but unless we start finding ways to do it—however imperfectly—we shall let fall by the wayside one of the most distinctive convictions of Christian people since the beginning of the Reformatoin. That is the belief in the responsibility of the individual, led by the Holy Spirit, to make his own decisions respecting his God, his church, and his neighbor.

Name Withheld

**It Could Happen Here**

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a page from the *Miami Herald* paper concerning the situation in South Vietnam and the Catholic suppression of the Buddhist people.

I think it is about time for the Baptists of Kentucky to point out that this could just as well be the United States some day in the not too distant future. Just think, the Catholics are only 10% there and are about 25% here. Greenville, Ky. Fred W. Rowe, III





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Benton, Ist. . . . .	4517.17	1251.27	Wice . . . . .	179.27	W. Broadway, Mayfield 141.50
Berea . . . . .	877.05	89.84	Wickliffe, Ist. . . . .	1282.90	Wilson Ave., Sidney 30.00
Bethel . . . . .	515.21	163.03	TOTAL 114,615.07	28349.73	TOTAL 578.41 1619.92
Bethlehem . . . . .	137.17	42.17	RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS		
Blandville . . . . .	514.06	306.20	Barabette . . . . .	218.91	Bethel College 42.10
Cane Creek . . . . .	80.00	55.00	Carrollton, Ist. . . . .	900.00	Clear Creek 37.12
East . . . . .	7239.12	549.29	Cove Hill . . . . .	389.17	School . . . . . 2.00 427.14
Eureka . . . . .	16.72	6.60	English . . . . .	87.08	Estate of Maude Allison 8815.22
Faith . . . . .	17.33	14.45	Ghent . . . . .	612.55	" Pearl Covington 4000.00
Grace . . . . .	5.60	40.00	Jordan . . . . .	72.00	" Lizzie Davis 76.61
Harmony . . . . .	2620.15	736.69	Mt. Hermon . . . . .	101.00	Frances B. Haggard 7511.77
Immanuel . . . . .	16204.33	3623.73	Sanders . . . . .	647.58	Theodore Harris 829.80
Kevil . . . . .	1234.84	870.51	Whites Run . . . . .	223.37	Joseph L. Hendricks 96.00
LaCenter . . . . .	1946.28	870.74	Worthville . . . . .	595.45	Pauline Lumpkin 601.43
Lone Oak . . . . .	14712.71	1346.47	TOTAL 7833.13	3262.96	Sue E. Spink 118.07
Lovelandville . . . . .	66.65	150.15	NON ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES		
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	190.00	60.12	Bentley Mem. . . . .	13.73	Millie Vallandigham 8461.90
Mt. Zion . . . . .	1430.00	914.46	Bethel, F'burg . . . . .	21.52	Income from S. L. Witherspoon estate . . . . . 108.00
New Hope . . . . .	9.00	0.00	Missionary 120.00		Georgetown College 4484.71
Newton's Cr. . . . .	1814.65	362.49	Calvary, Green-Ohio Valley . . . . .	42.20	Green River Assoc. 115.50
Oak Grove . . . . .	119.73	87.38	Calvary, R'mond . . . . .	50.00	Home Mission Board 29012.00
Oaklawn . . . . .	6128.93	221.23	Chattaroy, W. V. 140.00		Income S. M. Reserve Fund 415.99
Ohio Valley . . . . .	150.00	42.20	Chim. Rock, Squib . . . . .	25.00	Savings a/c 1077.00
Olivet . . . . .	3647.71	619.60	Dedicated, Bow . . . . .		Individual Contributions . . . . . 1455.20 5800.85
Oscar . . . . .	516.20	163.15	Green, Ky. . . . .	26.74	Inv. S. M. Res. Fund 244.00
Paducah, Ist. . . . .	14437.05	4654.76	Hillsdale, E'ville . . . . .	26.79	Ky. B. Foundation 424.19 15646.21
Park Ave. . . . .	238.19	141.88	Liberty, C'burg. 120.00		Miscellaneous . . . . . 21.02 270120.28
Providence . . . . .	180.00	117.08	Mt. Zion, Pekin . . . . .	193.49	Items Rec'd . . . . . 19.50
Reidland . . . . .	4807.76	391.02	Mt. Pleasant, Cadiz, Ky. . . . .	700.00	Sunday School Bd. . . . . 41855.36
Rosebow . . . . .	1497.50	870.74	So. United, Muncie . . . . .	53.61	Western Region 200.00
SchneidmanR 120.00	156.91	105.92	Summershade . . . . .	39.51	W. M. U. of Ky. 147998.15
Shady Gr. . . . .			Valley Oak . . . . .	15.72	TOTAL DESIG. 59818.16
Smith Ave. Miss. Sp. . . . .					TOTAL COOP. 2617.49
by Bellevue . . . . .	25.05	41.85			
So. Side . . . . .					
Sp. Bayou . . . . .	2662.18	554.66			
Strathmoor . . . . .	39.74	55.23			
Tahernacle . . . . .	2947.27	2701.10			
Temple . . . . .	27.66	16.99			
3rd St. Miss. Sp. . . . .					
by Bellevue . . . . .	11.00				
Trinity . . . . .	3728.36	585.90			
Twelfth St. . . . .	5963.17	808.74			
West End . . . . .	5150.00	2521.20			

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS		August 25, 1962		August 25, 1963	
	Coop. Prog.	Designated	Total		Total
Foreign Missions . . . . .	438,835.00	396,861.82	835,696.82		
Home Missions . . . . .	155,651.00	145,847.90	301,498.90		
Six Seminaries . . . . .	264,058.00		264,058.00		
Annuity . . . . .	11,929.00	264.35	12,193.35		
Radio and Television . . . . .	35,111.00	47.98	35,158.98		
Southern Baptist Hospital . . . . .	4,071.00		4,071.00		
Brotherhood Commission . . . . .	8,516.00		8,516.00		
Christian Life Commission . . . . .	2,367.00		2,367.00		
Historical Commission . . . . .	2,272.00		2,272.00		
Convention Operating Budget . . . . .	9,563.00		9,563.00		
Education Commission . . . . .	3,219.00		3,219.00		
Public Affairs Commission . . . . .	3,124.00		3,124.00		
Southern Baptist Foundation . . . . .	2,178.00		2,178.00		
Carver School of Missions . . . . .	1,894.00		1,894.00		
American Seminary . . . . .	5,397.00		5,397.00		
Education in Kentucky . . . . .	550,703.70	44,728.62	595,432.32		
Children's Homes . . . . .	100,070.53	257,372.69	357,443.22		
Hospitals of Kentucky . . . . .	144,101.73	35,887.52	179,989.25		
Church Buildings . . . . .	20,013.98	16,865.00	36,878.98		
Western Recorder . . . . .	17,012.03		17,012.03		
W. M. U. of Kentucky . . . . .	51,107.98		51,107.98		
Education Special . . . . .		587.70	587.70		
American Bible Society . . . . .		2,427.93	2,427.93		
Baptist Bible Institute . . . . .		120.00	120.00		
State Missions . . . . .	422,666.40	127,178.69	550,845.09		
Cedarmore Kentucky Baptist Assembly . . . . .	36,234.35	8,090.85	44,325.20		
B. S. U. Center - Lexington . . . . .		4,398.25	4,398.25		
Ky. Baptist Foundation (not Dept. Operation) . . . . .		130,695.89	130,695.89		
Income State Mission Reserve Fund & Sav. a/c . . . . .		1,736.99	1,736.99		
General Items . . . . .	387,562.01	15,712.41	403,274.42		
"Home and Foreign Missions" at special bequest of Sue Spinks (Foundation) . . . . .		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Flood Relief . . . . .		15,318.64	15,318.64		
Miscellaneous Contributions . . . . .		136,467.63	136,467.63		
Total Distribution of Coop. Program and Desig. Estate of S. L. Witherspoon . . . . .	2,667,000.00	1,342,410.56	4,009,410.56		
Cooperative Program Sunday . . . . .	8,044.34		8,044.34		
Christian Education Advance . . . . .	16,127.65		16,127.65		
Estate of Pearl Covington (Foundation) . . . . .		4,000.00	4,000.00		
	2,692,387.46	1,346,410.56	4,038,798.02		

OTHER RECEIPTS - NOT CONTRIBUTIONS	
Miscellaneous: This item includes such receipts as may of necessity be handled through our records more than once.	254,180.57
	2,692,387.46 1,600,591.13 4,292,978.59

### TOP 100 CHURCHES

(Continued from Page 8)

Williamsb'g, Ist. Robt. L. Palmer	Mt. Zion	1363	6,430
Fourth Ave. . . . . W. L. Walters	Long Run	1051	6,212
<b>Churches With Membership of 1500-2000</b>			
Somerset, Ist . . . . . Eldred M. Taylor	Pulaski	1832	\$38,298
Ashland, Ist . . . . . Wm. H. Reid	Greenup	1868	22,532
Latonla, Cov'n . . . . . Thos. H. Shelton	North Bend	1863	22,461
Hopkinsvl. Ist. Sidney M. Maddox	Christian Co.	1832	22,158
St. Matthews . . . . . Carroll Hubbard	Long Run	1819	21,056
Georgetown . . . . . Dan C. Moore	Elkhorn	1615	19,817
Murray, Ist . . . . . H. C. Chiles	Blood River	1810	18,443
Shelbyville, Ist. F. T. Moffatt, Jr.	Shelby Co.	1547	14,950
Paducah, Ist . . . . . None	West Union	1627	14,437
Campbellsvl. J. Chester Badgett	Taylor Co.	1603	14,046
Newport, Ist . . . . . Dudley Pomeroy	Campbell Co.	1981	13,052
Hopkinsville, 2nd. J. H. Maddox	Christian Co.	1743	11,873
E. Parkway . . . . . Roy L. Puckett	Long Run	1642	9,438
Porter Mem., Lex. . . . . C. W. Holland	Elkhorn	1571	9,077
Hall St., O'boro . . . . . W. O. Spencer	Daviess-McLean	1590	9,028
Lex. Ave., D'ville . . . . . Elroy Lamb	South District	1535	7,080
Imman., Hendsn. . . . . Lyman S. Allen	Green Valley	1802	6,777
Berea Ist . . . . . O. B. Mylum	Tates Creek	1674	6,331

### Churches With Membership of 2000-3000

Third, O'boro . . . . . T. L. McSwain	Daviess-McLean	2336	\$45,220
Sev. Val., E't'n . . . . . V. C. Kruschwitz	Severns Valley	2194	34,939
Mayfield, Ist . . . . . John C. Huffman	Graves Co.	2240	34,934
Crescent Hill . . . . . John R. Claypool	Long Run	2581	33,171
Ow'boro, Ist . . . . . David A. Nelson	Daviess-McLean	2352	31,042
Madisonville, Ist . . . . . None	Little Bethel	2618	30,525
Calvary, Lex. . . . . Franklin Owen	Elkhorn	2395	27,663
Immanuel, Lex. . . . . H. B. Kuhnie	Elkhorn	2095	25,682
Glasgow . . . . . R. Trevis Otey	Liberty	2002	20,082
Victory Mem. . . . . H. W. Schafer	Long Run	2443	18,481
Harrodsburg . . . . . Wallace H. Carrier	Mercer	2038	16,223
Harlan . . . . . Norris G. Hite	U. Cumberland	2101	12,753
Carlisle Ave. . . . . A. W. Walker	Long Run	2963	11,500
Beechmont . . . . . M. D. Morton	Long Run	2028	11,387
Frankfort, Ist . . . . . H. M. Bower	Franklin	2618	11,013
Grace, Lex. . . . . George M. Trout	Elkhorn	2242	10,381

### Churches With Membership of 3000 and Over

Walnut St. . . . . W. R. Pettigrew	Long Run	5509	\$33,408
Bowling Gr., Ist. Othar O. Smith	Warren	3139	27,540
Ninth & O . . . . . Henry Beach	Long Run	3781	17,200

Studies show that the 100 above churches gave over one-third of all Cooperative Program gifts, or \$1,055,871 out of \$2,683,353. In last year's list of 100 top churches, the leading church gave \$39,467. This year the leading church gave \$45,220. In last year's list, the 100th church gave \$4,774, whereas this year the church listed in 100th place climbed to \$6,094.

### Congratulations To 100% Associations

Twenty-four associations were 100% in churches contributing through the Cooperative Program in the year ending August 25, 1963:

Bethel	Pike County
Breckinridge	Red River
Franklin	Russell County
Green Valley	Severns Valley
Henry Co.	Shelby County
Little Bethel	Simpson
Little River	South District
Logan Co.	South Union
Mercer Co.	Taylor
Middle Fork	Ten Mile
Monroe	Twin Lakes
North Bend	White's Run
Eleven associations lacked only one church being 100%:	
Casey County	Nelson
Blood River	Ohio Valley
Christian County	Pine Mountain
Crittenden	Salem
East Lynn	Union
Little River	
Eight associations lacked only two church churches being 100%:	
Campbell County	Ohio River
Daviess-McLean	Owen County
Goshen	Sulphur Fork
McCreary Co.	West Union

In any study of this kind, errors are possible. Your appreciation in reporting any errors or omissions will be appreciated.

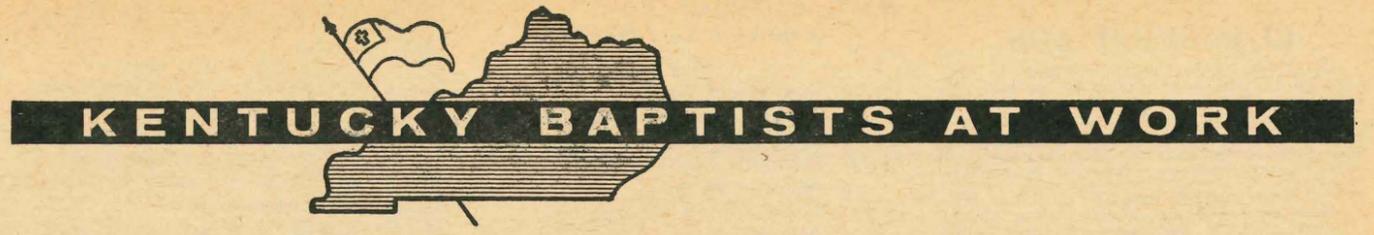
### Arizona Board Picks Associate Secretary

PHOENIX (BP)—Roy F. Sutton has been chosen associate executive secretary-treasurer of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. He was elected to the position by the Convention Executive Board which met here.

Sutton had been administrative assistant to Executive Secretary Charles L. McKay since June, 1961.

In addition to these administrative duties, he has served as director of the Baptist Loan Fund, a multi-million dollar aspect of Baptist work which includes both investments and building bonds for Baptist churches. He also was stewardship director.

This is the second time Sutton has held this position. In 1948-49 he was assistant executive secretary-treasurer under Willis J. Ray.



### Baptist Student Union

### Student Convention

by J. Chester Durham

Well over 1,200 college students are expected to attend the State Student Convention, October 4-6, 1963, on the Georgetown College campus.

The theme for this convention is "Freedom Through Bondage."

Featured at the convention will be a series of brief messages on "Christianity and Everyday Life" by Rev. Ross Cogins of the Christian Life Commission.

Dr. Claude Rhea, dean of music at Houston Baptist College and an outstanding soloist, is to be in charge of the convention music.

Dr. Franklin Owen, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, is to bring the Friday evening Keynote Message on "Freedom Through Bondage."

Mr. Bill Moyers, deputy director of the Peace Corps, Washington, D. C., is to bring the Saturday morning message on "A Challenge to Personal Involvement."

Mr. Jim Vaus, who works with juvenile gangs in Hell's Kitchen, New York City, is to speak on Saturday evening.

The Sunday morning message on "Person-to-Person Discipleship" is to be delivered by Rev. William Dyal, formerly with the Foreign Mission Board and now with the Christian Life Commission.

All sessions are to be held in the John L. Hill Chapel on the Georgetown College campus.

### Sunday School

### Introducing . . .

Faculty for the . . .

Regional Sunday School Conferences

October 14-18, 1963

by Roy E. Boatwright

THEME: "Outreach for the Unreached . . . Spearhead for Evangelism"

In previous issues of the *Western Recorder* information has been given relative to the dates, time and places for these meetings. This issue carries the names of faculty members for both faculties.

### NORTH SECTION:

Faculty Leader—Gordon Sather

Speakers—Rev. C. F. Barry, Mr. Jack Bagwell, Dr. Harold G. Sanders and Roy E. Boatwright

### SOUTH SECTION:

Faculty Leader—Francis R. Tallant

Speakers—Rev. George Fletcher, Mr. Howard Halsell, Rev. Chester Badgett and Roy Boatwright

### Church Music

### For Your Leaders

by Eugene F. Quinn

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Oct. 28—First Baptist, Corbin

Oct. 29—Calvary Baptist, Lexington

Oct. 31—First Baptist, Bowling Green

Nov. 1—First Baptist, Princeton

The Junior Leadership Conference will be led by Mr. Paul Bobbitt, music consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Intermediate leaders will be led by Mr. Wayne Johnson, professor of music at Georgetown College.

### CHURCH MUSIC AWARDS RECORD: OCTOBER TO JULY, 1963

States With Highest Number Awards

The ten states which have reported the highest number of awards earned in

### Category 19, the Church Music Awards Section of the Church Study Course Awards, are as follows:

State	Awards Earned
Georgia	2,893
Florida	2,112
Alabama	2,009
North Carolina	1,189
Texas	1,885
Oklahoma	1,666
Tennessee	1,384
South Carolina	1,079
Kentucky	1,006
Mississippi	815

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Kentucky Associations with highest number:

Association	Awards Earned
Long Run	160
South District	70
Bell County	61
Graves County	61
Daviess-McLean	60
Upper Cumberland	59
Little River	54
Muhlenburg	48
Severns Valley	37
Mercer	34

### Woman's Missionary Union

### Kentucky W.M.U. Calendar of Activities 1963-64

by Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

October

1-31 Quarterly Associational Meetings

November

4 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Study Foreign Missions Graded Series

December

9-13 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

January

1-31 Associational Quarterly Meetings

February

W.M.U. Home Missions Graded Studies

9-15 Y.W.A. Focus Week

21-22 Y.W.A. Convention—Covington, Latonia Church</

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## W.M.U. CALENDAR (Continued from Page 13)

### May

- 10-16 G.A. Focus Week
- 18-19 W.M.U. Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, N. J.
- 19-22 Southern Baptist Convention, Atlantic, N. J.
- 22-24 Third Jubilee Celebration, Atlantic, N. J.

### June

- 11-17 Y.W.A.—Ridgecrest
- 15-19 State W.M.U. Promotional Conference and Executive Board Meeting

### July

- 6-10 Jr. G.A. Camp, Cedarmore
- 13-17 Jr. G.A. Camp, Cedarmore

- 17-19 Y.W.A. Conference, Cedarmore
- 23-29 W.M.U. Conference, Glorieta
- 20-24 Int. G.A. Camp, Cedarmore
- 27-31 Jr.-Int. G.A. Camp, Cedarmore

### August

- 6-12 W.M.U. Conference, Ridgecrest
- 9-15 Sunbeam Band Focus Week
- 24-28 W.M.U. Conference, Cedarmore

### September

- 5- 7 W.M.U. Weekend Conference, Cedarmore
- 14-18 W.M.U. Week of Prayer for State Missions and Offering
- 21-Oct. 2 Regional Meetings

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Christian Life Commission  
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Speaker, opening of each session

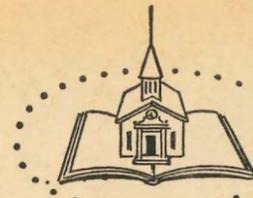


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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

### For October 13, 1963

## CHRISTIAN PURITY

I Corinthians 6:9-20

At the time First Corinthians was written Corinth was notorious for the atrocious moral conditions which prevailed among the people therein. The moral life of the populace had sunk to such horrifying depths that sexual immorality was even connected with the observance of some of the pagan religious rites. Satan had so effectively connected immorality with the pagan religions of Corinth that hundreds of prostitutes were made available to those who desired them at one of the great temples on the hill above and overlooking the city. Multitudes of the inhabitants of Corinth never thought of immorality as being wrong.

Certain heathen philosophers and pagan religious teachers in Corinth said, "It does not make any difference to what use you put the body. It is merely physical, and when you die it is gone. Even though your soul may persist after death, the body will never rise again, and it is impossible to defile the soul by anything you may do with the body." That was the essence of much of the philosophy that was taught in Corinth, where Paul was used of God to establish a church. Such pagan conceptions and a wicked environment did not contribute to an appreciation on the part of the Corinthian church members of the purity which Christ intended should characterize the life of the believer.

### I. The Conduct of the Christian.

I Corinthians 6:9-14.

Grieved because some of the Corinthian church members had continued their indulgence in immoral practices since they had professed salvation, Paul wrote to inform them that it was inconceivable that those who knew Christ as Saviour and Lord would continue that manner of life. He warned the believers about becoming careless and lapsing into immoralities such as characterized the surrounding populace. He admonished them to stern discipline and clean living. Paul challenged their thinking with the arresting question, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?" He admonished them not to deceive themselves, for self-deception is the worst type of deception known to man, by thinking that the children of God could

or would live habitually in adultery, homosexuality or idolatry, or as thieves, coveters, drunkards, revilers or extortioners.

Paul denounced the contention of those Christians who believed that, since Christ had made them free, they were at liberty to do anything they pleased, even the continuation of the practice of immorality without blame. While he readily admitted that they had a marvelous liberty in Christ, he denied that they were at liberty to do wrong. He stressed the importance of every Christian making a distinction between liberty and license. No saved person has permission to indulge in sin.

In taking note of those Corinthian believers who seemingly did not want to exercise self-restraint, Paul set forth a noble doctrine of Christian liberty in his statement, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient." By "expedient" he meant profitable or helpful to self or to others. Nothing is expedient that will bring the testimony of a Christian into disrepute. A Christian does not have the right to exercise liberty to the point where his conduct would injure another.

### II. The Claim of the Christ.

I Corinthians 6:15-20.

Because the Corinthian Christians lived in the midst of a people who practiced and vindicated licentiousness, Paul here placed strong emphasis on the fact that the human body is not designed for licentiousness, but that Christ has a just claim upon it, and rightfully expects it to be devoted to Him and His service.

#### 1. A Personal Realization.

"Ye are not your own." It is entirely possible for one to think that he is his own, to desire to be his own master, and to act as if he were by attempting to follow his own desires and to go in his own ways. But, it should be very evident to all that since no one has created himself, nor sustained himself, he cannot be his own. Inasmuch as "ye are not your own," you do not have any right to follow your own depraved affections or wayward will to the injury of self in the service of Satan.

#### 2. A Positive Reason.

"For ye are bought with a price." If you are a child of God, you have been redeemed from the curse of the law, the wrath of God, the vassalage of Satan and the dominion of sin. As to who did the purchasing, we need only to recall such scriptures as: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16), and "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Christ the Son gave Himself—His all—in order that we might be redeemed from our sins (I Peter 1:18-19).

Since the Christian has been purchased, he certainly does not belong to himself, but to his Purchaser. When anything is bought it becomes the possession of its purchaser. Having paid for it, the buyer has the right to keep and use it. Ownership confers the right to control. Since the Lord owns Christians, He should control and use them.

#### 3. A Persistent Responsibility.

"Therefore glorify God in your body." Seemingly some had the attitude, "I can do what I please with my body." But that attitude was wrong. When you abuse or misuse your body, you are abusing or misusing that which belongs to another.

When one becomes a child of God his body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit. Indwelt by the Holy Spirit, he is not free to act as he pleases, but he is responsible for glorifying God. According to Isaiah 43:7 man was created for God's glory: "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory." "Man's chief end is to glorify God." God made your body and loaned it to you for your lifetime, but it is His. He gives you every beat of your heart and every breath of your lungs. The Lord wants your body and He is entitled to it. He wants to work with your hands and to speak with your tongue. Yield yourself to Him without delay or reservation, thereby making it possible for Him to use you for His glory. Use your body for His glory and for the benefit of others. You can glorify God in your body by thinking of Him, by turning your thoughts into aspirations and by transforming your aspirations into actions—adoring and declaring His perfections, praising Him and obeying Him.

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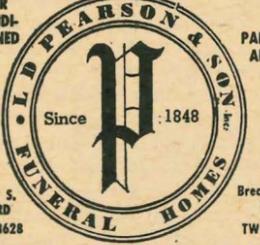
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irritant in society, but to be used of God to transform mankind. It was by their rigid and radical refusal to conform to the world that the first believers transformed their world.

Men like Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Bunyan, William Boothe and the early Baptists in Virginia were in the New Testament tradition when they created a redemptive tension with the world. Society reacted against these radically committed Christians and rarely attempted to use them.

The Roman emperor Constantine was one of the earliest to recognize the propaganda potential of Christianity. Weary of the long history of persecuting Christians, the wily emperor embraced Christianity and sought to use the church for his own purposes. He succeeded remarkably, and the Dark Ages followed.

Throughout church history, other forces have sought to give the impression of divine sanction on their causes by using the churches. Kings asserted their "divine right" to rule and received their crowns from bishops. Henry VIII sought to use the church to justify his divorce and remarriage.

Hitler used many of the German churches to propagate his Nazi theories. Mao Tse Tung attempts to bend the churches in China to the sinister purposes of Communism.

In contemporary American life, vested interests have tried to use the churches to lend sanction to an oppressive status quo in race relations or to propagate a particular economic theory. A magazine called Christian Economics seems to equate a conservative economic view with the will of God!

The modern politician is prone to use the church to gain votes, the salesman or professional man to use the church for "prospects" and the humanitarian to use the church for needed support.

A fundamental conclusion is that every church should continually re-examine its relationship to the society in which its witness is given. Is that redemptive tension mentioned earlier a reality?

Perhaps the best index of the real church-society relationship is to be found in the ways the culture seeks to use the church.

The fundamental problem is not inserts in the church bulletin, Girl Scouts in the church basement or sermons on safety in the church worship service.

The larger consideration is whether the world looks at the church of Jesus Christ as a means to some more important end.

In a day when religion is popular but Christianity subservice, believers need to remember that the goal of the church is the will of God on earth as it is in heaven. This is infinitely more than

promoting worthy causes or even defending "the American way of life."

Though it can never fully succeed in accomplishing it in history, the church seeks to create a society which approximates the divine ideal. To allow the church of the living God to be used for anything less is to be guilty of blasphemy.

Next article: "Is the church a donkey or an elephant?"

**Kentucky Convention of  
Church-state Affairs  
Scheduled October 11**

The Lexington Chapter P.O.A.U. has called the first Kentucky Convention on Church and State Affairs on October 11 at 9:00 a.m. for the purposes of obtaining agreement on strategy and of forming a structure for action in the developing struggle to preserve religious liberty in Kentucky. The Convention will be held at the Trinity Baptist Church in Lexington, and will deal with four critical areas of controversy. Dr. C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, will present the problem of public aid to parochial schools, and the issue will be discussed by Dr. Neville White, pastor of Park Methodist Church, Lexington; William F. Hixon, a Louisville engineer; Al Gisler, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort; William Cropper, pastor of the Davids Fork Baptist Church, Lexington; and Bill Cubine, pastor of Burlington Baptist Church, Boone County.

Kentucky's "Blue Laws" will come in for discussion with possible recommendations for Legislative repeal. Dr. John Claypool, pastor of Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church, will present the problem and the issue will be discussed by William Craig, pastor of Nicholasville Baptist Church; Rabbi Robert Rothman of Temple Adath Israel in Lexington; Elder E. E. Shafer, Lexington's Seventh Day Adventist Church, and Dr. Victor Mantiply, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Louisville.

At 1:30 p.m. Attorney General John Breckinridge will speak on recent Supreme Court rulings on prayer and Bible reading in public schools. The discussion will be led by Louie Mack, assistant superintendent of Fayette County Schools; Harold Wahking, chaplain of Eastern State Hospital; Dr. Halley Sharpe, professor at Morehead State College, and Dr. Joseph Hodge, a Louisville dentist.

The issue of the use of public funds in the building of hospitals to be owned or operated by church bodies will be presented by Robert J. Turley, Lexington attorney. Discussants will be Dr. Jos. Keith, a Lexington neurosurgeon; Col. George Caldwell, president of the Baptist Hospital Commission; Clyde Smith, a Morehead businessman, and Dr. Lewis Francis, a Lexington anesthesiologist.

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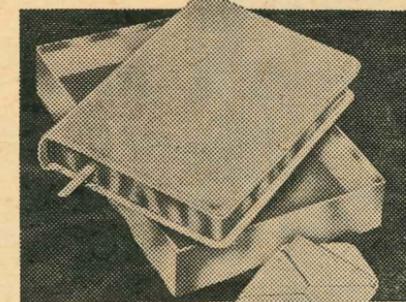
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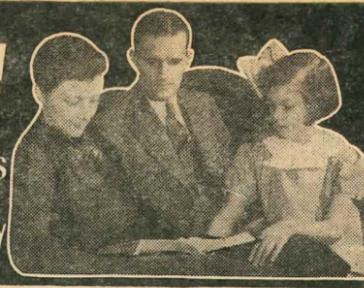
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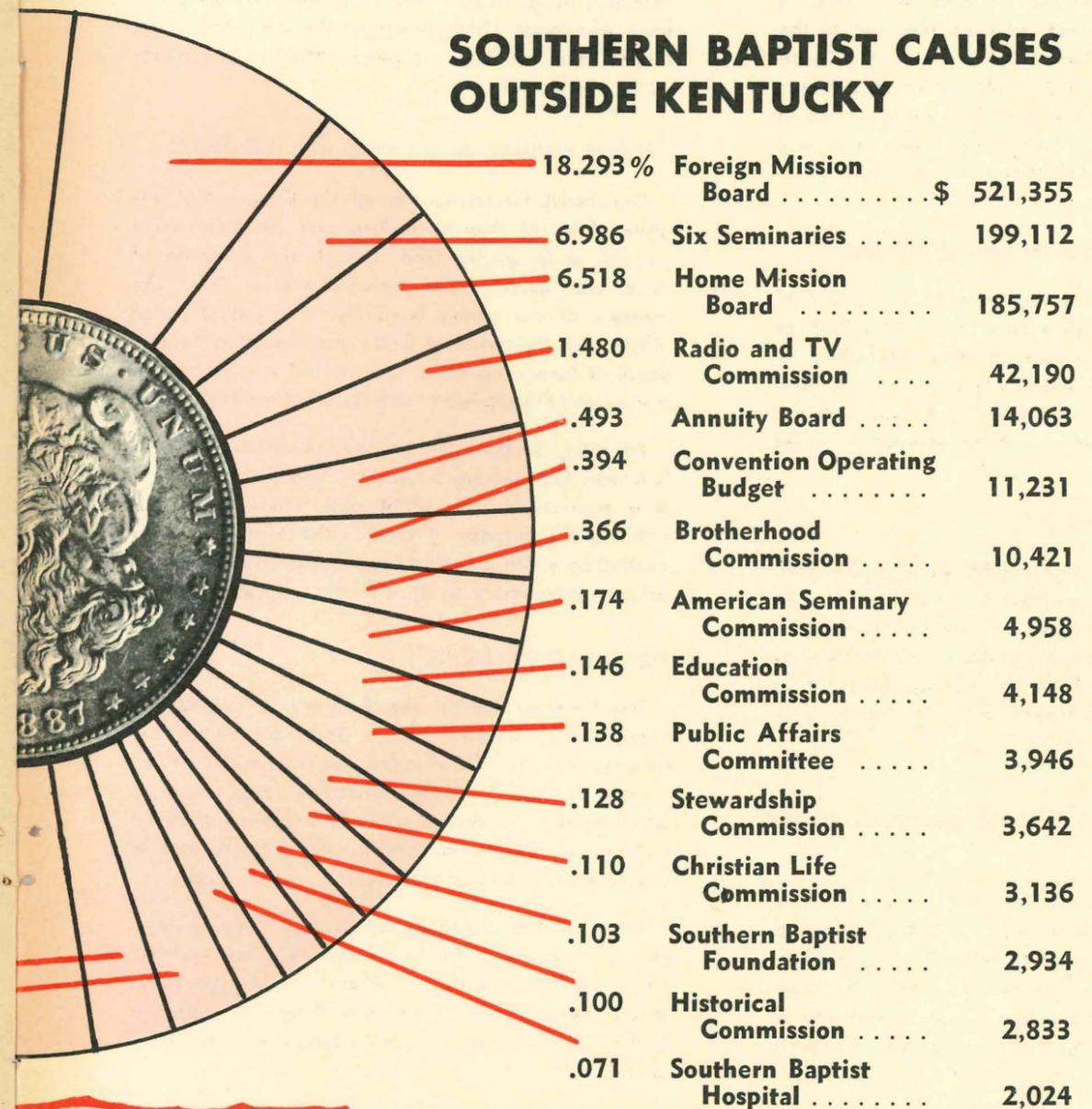
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