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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

THE BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE of Louisville has made the following resolution: "Although words cannot convey our deep appreciation for the life and ministry of Fred G. Tucker, be it resolved this day, September 9, 1963, that the Louisville Baptist Pastors' Conference go on record in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Brother Tucker and commend his life as an example for all of us to emulate."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Russellville, Ky., celebrated the sixth anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. John A. Wood. The occasion was marked by an open house at the pastorium on October 6.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE reports an enrolment of 1,047 students for the first semester. The figure includes 1,035 undergraduates, 5 post graduates and 7 medical technology students. Last fall's enrolment was 1,010.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS sent \$79,797 to the causes of the Southern Baptist Convention for September. This made a total of \$726,417 for January-September, 1963. This was an increase of 9.33% over 1962.

RALPH E. LONGSHORE, secretary of evangelism for the Alabama Baptist State Convention, has been elected assistant executive secretary for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. Effective October 15, Longshore will direct the Cooperative Missions Division, succeeding Edmond Walker, who is now executive secretary of the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

ELEVEN MISSIONARY couples and 30 "missionary kids" from seven countries throughout the world are a part of the campus family at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this year. While on furlough from their mission fields, they are based at the seminary where most will be taking courses on participating in student activities.

BOB W. BROWN, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, was the evangelist in a September revival meeting with Pastor R. Jack Burns and the First Baptist Church of West Baden, Indiana.

Kentucky Baptist Churches interested in inviting the 1965 Kentucky Baptist Convention to their city should write to Bob W. Brown, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, c/o Trinity Baptist Church, 1675 Strader Drive, Lexington, prior to the 1963 session of the Convention in November. In 1964 the Convention will meet with the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville.

APPRECIATION FOR Sam Ed Bradley has been expressed by the Baptist Pastors' Conference of Louisville. The group took note of his contribution to Kentucky Baptist life through the pastoral ministry and the child-care program.

FOUR THOUSAND workers from 170 churches located a quarter of a million prospects for church membership in the greater Detroit area. They found these unenlisted through a mammoth telephone survey.

THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION adopted a Cooperative Program budget goal of \$4 million for 1963-64. The executive board approved the

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budget which is to be voted on by the annual meeting of the state convention in November. The budget is an increase of \$175,000 over last year and will be divided two thirds for Tennessee Baptist work and one third for the Southern Baptist Convention.

GOAL FOR 1964 ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING for Home Missions has been set at \$3.5 million, according to Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham. The week of prayer and offering for Home Missions will be held March 1-8, 1964.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION was organized in Nashville. It will operate as a section of the annual Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference. It will "foster and promote enlistment of Baptist young people in the field of human welfare." It will also "interpret the needs for and value of helping ministries throughout the Southern Baptist Convention."

THIRTY-ONE SOUTHERN BAPTIST laymen recently returned from a 3,000-mile bus tour of Baptist missions in Mexico determined to raise their gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to foreign missions and the Cooperative Program. The tour was sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. It extended 100 miles south of Mexico City to Taxco, west to Guadalajara and north to Durango and Torreon.

EXISTING COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS, rather than specially named ones, will be asked to plan and promote year-round stewardship development and the annual budget in the churches, the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention reports.

IN THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention approved resolutions commending Sydnor L. Stealey, retired president of Southeastern Theological Seminary, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, former president of Woman's Missionary Union, William Fleming, Fort Worth millionaire Baptist philanthropist, who died this past year and Robert Silk, Jr., of Newport News, Va., who was serving on the Executive Committee at the time of his death.

FALL PROGRAM:

Round Up Time Indeed!

by N. P. Howington

According to notices in church bulletins, a number of our pastors are engaged in "round-ups" this fall. This evidently is a large scale attempt to rally the people for the autumn push in the program of the churches.

Just when ministers turned into trail bosses one cannot say. Perhaps the metaphors borrowed from ranch life are useful and the idea of corralling the members of the congregation is suggestive. One inclined to be facetious might enquire whether pastors are called to shepherd sheep or to herd cattle!

The unanswered question is what are we going to do with the folks at round-up time? One very effective pastor in a racially disturbed city felt that round-up Sunday (September 22) was a God-send, for it called people to evangelism and not what he termed "human relations." How one can have any sort of New Testament evangelism that does not involve human relations is a puzzle! Round-up time affords an excellent opportunity to emphasize the fact that genuine evangelism involves an encounter with the Savior and a life-time of behaving like sons of God in human relationships!

We have had enough of superficial evangelism which rounds up the prospects, brands them in the heat of a temporary crusade, only to turn the young calves loose to roam the range like mavericks! Some churches are doing an effective work in teaching new members the true sense of Christian discipleship, endeavoring to tie them onto the church or, better still, integrating them into the church's total life. For the redemptive fellowship is a continuing relationship.

The idea of a round-up time is not bad. It could be a time for some old-fashioned, ever-needed penitence and confession in view of our sins, especially our unholy silence in the face of human pride, hatred of our fellow men, and persistent refusal to practice brotherly love and good will. More specifically, the churches at round-up time might acknowledge their part in the racial crisis in our nation. The past few months have seen the surfacing of this number one issue in human relations. Who would deny that it represents our most critical ethical test as a Christian people? For the church to deny this or to ignore it only points up our distance from the teaching of the New Testament which we keep telling ourselves we really believe.

Round-up time could afford an opportunity to explore the depths and mean-

ing of Christian love and brotherhood through Christ, the nature of the church of Jesus Christ which allows no dividing walls, and the fatherly character of God who makes no artificial distinctions between men. Many of the common appeals we hear regarding improved relationships among men is that discord hurts economic and cultural progress, racial strife damages our "image" in the world, or that the mistreatment of minority groups is bad for foreign policy and missionary strategy. These are admittedly true facts. But do they express the whole truth?

Does the church believe its teaching about love, justice, brotherhood, unity in Christ? Are not some things right

CHRISTIAN LIFE:

Is the Church a Donkey or an Elephant?

by Charles Wellborn
Doctoral Student, Duke Divinity School

[Editor's Note: In this second of four articles on forces seeking to use the churches, the author discusses the place of partisan politics in the pulpit and pew.]

To what extent should Baptist churches get involved in partisan politics? With the next national election not far off, what lessons can be learned from viewing in retrospect the 1960 election?

We are still close enough to the 1960 election to view the circumstances at close hand. Though the religious issue was repudiated by the major candidates, the undeniable facts are that both parties used it as a vote-getting device.

The Democrats were delighted by the mass Catholic support of their Catholic candidate. In addition, they angled for sympathetic votes by emphasizing that their candidate was the target of bigotry.

On the other hand, the Republicans were delighted to pick up a strong anti-Catholic vote. They capitalized on this factor in many areas, particularly in the South.

Unfortunately, some Baptist churches thus became involved, however unwittingly, in partisan politics. What some Baptists fail to realize is that the more reactionary Roman Catholic elements would like nothing better than to see a political party or movement identified as "Baptist," "Protestant," or "Anti-Catholic" rise to prominence in this country.

The eventual and inevitable political

because God wills them to be right? To ignore the light of faith, to pass over the teaching and spirit of Christ is to stumble in the ways of self-will and expediency. Admittedly the tenets of our democratic philosophy include respect for truth, the value of the common man, the rights of each individual. But higher than these and moving through them, is the Law of God written, as Jeremiah said, in our hearts as well as in the Book of Books. When we run contrary to this, we violate the very law of our being. Perhaps a part of our restless motion is only an attempt to cover up our disobedience of the central demands of the Christian gospel.

Round-up time is at hand! Why not fling out the lariat of Divine Truth across the minds of our people? We have lost more time than we realize—we need now to intensify our efforts to win the folks to the whole gospel, not a fragmented part.

effect could be nothing but a gain in Catholic influence and the achievement of many of the political aims of the Catholic hierarchy.

Perhaps the atmosphere in the churches during the 1960 presidential campaign made it easier for other political, social and economic groups—each with its own axe to grind—to move in.

In the 1930's, extreme leftist groups sought to identify their political philosophy with that of Christianity; they called on the churches to advance the cause of "Christian socialism." Today, the pendulum has swung and, in a similar way, extreme right-wing radicals are seeking to organize churches in support of their programs.

Recently, for instance, some Southern Baptist churches have given their Sunday school and Training Union periods, and sometimes the worship service itself, to these radical groups, spouting extremist propaganda.

Baptist preachers and laymen who, with good intentions, allow churches and congregations to be exploited by partisan political groups would do well to consider European political history.

The church-connected political party has been part of the European scene for centuries. Today, at least seven unofficial Roman Catholic parties participate powerfully in the governments of Italy, France, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain and Portugal.

In each case such church-identified political activity produces much that Baptists, with their strong emphasis

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Choosing the Next Governor

November brings Kentuckians to the important task of choosing a governor and other state officials who will set the tone and direct the affairs of Kentucky for the next four years. Every citizen is not only privileged to vote but obligated to participate responsibly in government. Every Christian has a special obligation. Voting is not the same as praying, but anyone possessing vital religion must use his ballot not for selfish ends but for the common welfare and to create conditions in which God's purposes can be realized.

The current gubernatorial campaign has an encouraging side and a discouraging side. The encouragement comes from positions stated publicly by Mr. Breathitt and Mr. Nunn, the two candidates. Both candidates responded to an invitation to appear before the Directors of the Kentucky Temperance League and both discussed freely and openly their views on moral issues. Their answers and those of their running mates for other state offices were satisfactory.

Both candidates are churchmen. Mr. Nunn, from Glasgow, is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Breathitt, of Hopkinsville, is a Methodist. In their campaigns both have expressed keen concern for moral and spiritual values in Kentucky life.

Both of the candidates have given the right answers so far as the problem of alcohol is concerned. Both say that they do not use nor will they serve alcoholic beverages in the executive mansion during their administration. Each one also favors the local option law and has no intention of liberalizing the present laws.

In answer to questions on the reform efforts in Newport and northern Kentucky, both candidates consider local law enforcement as being responsible first, but say they would not hesitate to use the governor's constituted power if it became necessary in Newport or elsewhere in Kentucky.

Both candidates have also given clear answers to questions on a very important consideration in Kentucky for the next four years. They gave assurance that they consider the use of state or federal funds for parochial school aid as unconstitutional and will oppose any efforts to secure tax funds for religious purposes.

The fact that both candidates have given practically the same answers to these questions does not mean that they will agree with each other at every point in moral issues. Mr. Breathitt accuses Mr. Nunn

of stirring up racial controversy by his attitude toward the executive anti-discrimination order of Governor Combs, and Mr. Nunn is quick to point out that the tremendous liquor industry of Kentucky is supporting Mr. Breathitt. On such matters voters must sift truth from error if that is possible.

The discouraging part of the present campaign is the extremely low level of politics resorted to by both candidates and their supporters. The dignity of the governor's office deserves a higher level of politics.

The Democratic primary of last spring should have been enough to make everybody in Kentucky sick of such politics. Unfortunately, however, both Mr. Breathitt and Mr. Nunn have resorted to a kind of name calling and mudslinging which should be an insult to intelligent voters.

Most regrettable of all is the presence in the campaign of smear literature. Such character assassination should be a crime, and surely it is highly unfair and unethical. Sometimes the candidates are not responsible and cannot prevent such literature from being circulated, but they could renounce any responsibility for it.

Will the day ever come when Kentucky politics can be conducted on a more honorable level? It's time the voters demanded political campaigns of a higher level. It is indeed fortunate that both candidates are better men than is indicated by their statements about each other.

Our Greatest Wealth

A sight to cheer any soul concerned for the cause of Christ was the gathering of Kentucky Baptist men in Bowling Green week before last. The annual Brotherhood Convention, meeting in the First Baptist Church, was a clear demonstration that the Lord has many men in Kentucky whose first business is Christian witnessing and service.

From the east and the west, the north and the south, Baptist men left their regular work and businesses to do business for the Lord. Doctors left their patients in the hands of others, dentists scheduled appointments around these days, business men took time off and others sacrificed wages for the work of the Lord.

How refreshing to see a service station operator like Danville's Sam Ferrell preside over a meeting of men. Not concerned or hampered by all the niceties and details of a professional presiding officer, Sam got the job done with an effectiveness and sin-

cerity that could be envied by any presiding officer.

Probably the highest hour of all of the Convention was the ringing challenge of Dr. Robert Hingson, famous Cleveland physician whose heart is as big as the world, and whose compassion stretches to the last suffering soul on the earth. Had he called for volunteers for a mercy mission to some nation of suffering humanity after his presentation to the men, many would have been ready to enlist.

John Baker, known to his intimates, as "John the Baptist" and whose success with the Fruehauf Corporation reads like a story book, spoke as an evangelist witnessing to the joy of having Christ as a constant companion in his business life. Then there was Don Copeland of Mayfield who told how he had run from the Lord most of his life, but who, like the Apostle Paul, has tried to make up for lost time in zeal and effort. His account of how concerned community members did war with salacious and pornographic literature sent most of us away determined to battle with such evils in our own communities.

Back for a reunion with the Baptist men of Kentucky was Lucien Coleman, Sr. Lucien started organized Brotherhood work in Kentucky years ago,

and his success in Kentucky took him to the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. He has lost little of his weight physically, and none of his weight as a power with men. The hospitality of Bowling Green Baptist men and the excellent preparation for the coming of the men by Pastor Othar Smith and Education Minister Harold Lee left nothing to be desired.

Preachers were present but mostly were in the background. So was Brotherhood Secretary Forrest Sawyer who had things planned and organized so smoothly that he seemed almost unnecessary. What a testimony to effective leadership!

One overwhelming conviction comes from such an experience. The greatest wealth of Kentucky Baptists is our manhood, and it has yet to be tapped to any extent. There are no mountains that cannot be leveled, and no valleys that cannot be filled when God's men in Kentucky are fully enlisted.

There was only one regret in connection with this Brotherhood Convention. It was a feast to which too few accepted the invitation to participate. Its effect would have been multiplied tremendously if thousands instead of hundreds had responded to the invitation.

BAPTIST FORUM



A Denomination: The Standard or Resource?

by John D. Edens
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Each church must of necessity relate itself to other churches. No church can function properly in isolation. Through the cooperation of many churches, working together in a denominational structure, many educational and missionary programs not otherwise possible can be developed. Many resources are made available to the member churches.

We believe the time has come for the churches to reappraise their attitudes towards the resources of the denomination. The resources include suggested programs, organizational structures, literature, a medium of cooperation in total missions, and many other services. Are these to be considered as standards by which we judge the local church, or resources from which the local church can select as it seeks to do its work?

Through the years Southern Baptists have been developing an enlarged program of work. These available resources have grown also. Within the last one hundred years Southern Baptists have developed the Sunday School, the Train-

ing Union, the Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood, and the Music Ministry. The denomination provides resources for all these. Are the resources, and the organizations themselves, to be considered as just resources, or can they be standards by which any church is to be judged?

It is our contention that through the years many churches have looked upon the denomination as a standard as well as a resource. The denomination, perhaps unofficially, has thought of many of its resources as standards by which the church can measure itself. That every church should have the five departments mentioned above, and try to live up to the standards of excellence set for each, has been standard denominational promotion for a long time.

In recent years many thoughtful people have questioned the emphasis on the denomination as a standard. At a Convention-Wide Conference on Associational Mission, held recently, one group reported that "if an association

would elect all of the officers and committees proposed by the various S.B.C. agencies they would need from 125 to 275 officers, depending upon the size of the Association." According to a recent study of Woman's Missionary Union materials it takes 126 women to operate a local W.M.U. if no woman has more than one responsibility. Comparable studies of other organization will no doubt reveal that a church must have several hundred people to staff, without duplication an average-sized church.

The denomination is the first to say that its services are intended as resources instead of standards. In fact, Dr. James L. Sullivan writes, "Never has it been deemed by any board or agency or by the Convention that programs, projects, dates, or emphases suggested in a calendar would be binding on any church. Instead of an assembly line approach in which everything passing along must be assimilated and appropriated by each and every church the user exercises his own best judgment in the selection of that which most adequately and accurately meets his own needs."

Why then have churches looked to the resources for standards? Are they searching for authority in what they do? Have pastors and church leaders abdicated their responsibility to use wisely the resources available? Have they looked for external standards by which to judge their work? Have they feared to modify, reject, or adjust the resources for fear of being called non-cooperative? Have denominational leaders pushed too

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Two Good Years

This week we begin our third year as your servant in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. I can hardly realize that we have been here but two full years, and yet when I begin to reflect upon it, it seems that I have been here always. It is a little like being married. After a few years you can hardly remember when you were not in the state of marriage, and yet we know that we do have milestones on the road of life.

These two years have been quite normal in our experience. The first year as expected was a proverbial honeymoon. Everything was nice; everybody welcomed me; every door was open; everybody had kind things to say. We were truly in our honeymoon as executive secretary-treasurer. That first year, I got around to every one of our schools, colleges, hospitals and children's homes. I liked what I saw. I was in a great number of associations and churches. I liked the spirit of the people there. We were thrilled the first year which was a 10-month budgetary year to go over our budget for the first time in four years. This meant that through the Cooperative Program our commitments were carried out to the ends of the earth at least as far as our budget goals were concerned. We were greatly, greatly pleased and very grateful to God.

The first year also marked the beginning of intensive study, prayer and planning on the part of the Christian Education Committee and the Executive Board for our Christian Education Capital Funds Campaign. I have never seen such unanimity among our leadership. Everybody wanted a special campaign to undergird our institutions of higher learning and our two schools with specialized Baptist ministries. It was a real pleasure to work with our leadership and to see us coming together in spirit and in truth as we laid the plans before God and our brethren for adoption a year ago at Owensboro.

The second year was what a good navy man would call "a shakedown cruise". Truly we did sail our craft on the deep. Our plans and programs were tested in the minds of our leadership. Our bold plans of the past year seemed almost too bold in the light of actual acceptance of the responsibility for carrying them out. Twelve million dollars shocked the

minds of many as a goal for Christian Education Advance. The dream at Cedarmore seemed to be almost too much of a dream. We took a good hard look at what we were doing and why we were doing it. Dreams were tested for their possibility of reality. The inevitable conflict of opinions came about. However, after thorough discussion, our leaders came through on a solid foundation. Very wisely we modified the Capital Funds Program; omitting some items; reducing the Cedarmore plan and slightly reducing the goals for Christian Education to the levels formerly adopted by Dr. Doak S. Campbell in his survey of the immediate Capital Needs of our educational institutions and B.S.U. centers. As a result, it seems that our ship of state in Baptist life is now seaworthy. We have our bearings; we know where the goal is; and we are sailing straight for it. We are gathering speed but we are not going too fast. I believe God is with us and is going to bless our efforts as we sincerely work and pray to accomplish the objectives which have been agreed upon unanimously by the members of the Executive Board present at our meeting June 18.

I am grateful to God for the privilege of serving as

Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders



BETHANY BAPTIST MISSION of Mt. Washington, Kentucky, broke ground for the second of four units of their building plans. Just two years after moving into the first unit, this group gathered on September 26 for the special groundbreaking service. The men with shovels are (left to right) Marvin Crenshaw and Robert Woodden. Pastor A. Kenneth Partain, standing between the men, looks on with the crowd.

Wendell Romans Accepts Mt. Washington Pastorate

Wendell Romans, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Shelby Co. Association, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington. Romans will assume his responsibilities at Mt. Washington on November 10.



Wendell Romans

He is a native of Morgantown and a graduate of Western State College. He did graduate work at Centre College in Danville.

Prior to his Salem pastorate he served in the same capacity at Dunmor in Muhlenberg Co. and at Beech Grove near Perryville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Romans is the former Lena McKinney, also from Morgantown.

Romans has been prominent in Shelby Co. Association denominational matters and also active in civic affairs in Shelby County.

The parent who wants his child to memorize from the Bible should not expect him to do what the parent himself is unwilling to do.—Lucille Long Strayer, English professor, Milford, Ind. "Learn with Them" in August HOME LIFE.

Baptist Leaders Seek End To Racial Strife

WASHINGTON (BP)—Religious leaders of the nation have joined with civic and political leaders in conferences in the nation's capital seeking solutions to the race problems that plague the country.

Two Southern Baptist pastors from Birmingham were in the groups that conferred with President John F. Kennedy about the problems in their city. Earlier other Baptist leaders joined with a group of 20 of the nation's leading religious spokesmen to ask Congress to enact strong civil rights legislation.

In the group of six Birmingham clergymen that called on the President was Earl Stallings, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Others were Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Church; Joseph A. Durick, auxiliary bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Alabama; his assistant, Joseph C. Allen; Rabbi Milton L. Grafman of Temple Emmanuel; and Bishop George M. Murray, bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama.

The Alabama clergymen met in the White House upon the invitation of the President.

Earlier in the day a group of white Birmingham civic leaders conferred with the President. Among them was W. Landon Miller, pastor of Ruhama Baptist Church, who went as president of the white ministerial group in Birmingham.

The clergymen refused to discuss their meeting with the President, but they issued a statement through their spokesman, Bishop Murray. They expressed hope the two representatives of President Kennedy sent to Birmingham for negotiations between local leaders of the White and Negro races "may prove to be helpful and fruitful."

The ministers assured the President of their desire to cooperate with his representatives "in seeking to improve racial harmony in our city."

In an interview with the Baptist Press about the racial tensions in Birmingham, Stallings (1) asked for the prayers of Baptist people for solutions to problems there, and (2) said one of the reasons the problem is unresolved is that "no tears have been shed yet."

The civic leaders of Birmingham joined with the President in the hope that the city's racial problems could be solved locally. However, they were firm in their belief that a large portion of the people of Birmingham, including many Negroes, "are firmly, deeply dedicated to the principle of segregation."

They made it clear they favored a peaceful solution on the basis of segregation.



THE ASHLAND AVE. Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, is celebrating their eighth anniversary by erecting a new auditorium. Pastor John M. Wall, with the assistance of the Building Committee, seal the corner stone. Left to right, Thomas Day, chairman of the committee, Pastor John Wall, Lyle Haggard, Dewitt Hamm and Bernard Jump are shown in the picture.

The week prior to these Alabama meetings with the President, 20 of the nation's outstanding religious leaders called on many members of Congress and the attorney general, Robert Kennedy, and made a strong appeal for civil rights legislation.

"Until a community puts out of its life all sanctioned forms of discrimination and segregation," the clergymen said, "demented men will find encouragement to commit racist murder."

They explained that their visit to Washington was occasioned by the death of six young Americans in Birmingham. They called the killing of these boys and girls "tragic and senseless" and a "hideous massacre."

They said in their statement to Congress, the President and the attorney general "that we believe the nation is ready now as it has never been before for legislation which will insure that incidents such as happened last Sunday—and such as have been happening over and over again in only slightly less monstrous forms throughout this land in recent times—will not occur again."

In their statement to the attorney general the clergymen urged:

1. The fullest possible use of the authority of the federal government to insure the physical safety and the protection of the rights of all citizens;

2. Additional legislation to extend and guarantee those rights;

3. The administration to support civil rights legislation and to seek elimination of "legal bottlenecks" that obstruct justice;

4. The maximum use of the FBI on the basis of currently existing anti-bombing laws; and

5. The imposition of sanctions against the Governor of Alabama if it is determined he by his recent actions stands in criminal contempt of the Federal Courts.

Revival Begins Before Campaigns In Europe

Reports from Europe indicate that revival began in the English-language Baptist churches and missions as they prepared for their September 15-29 simultaneous evangelistic campaign. Southern Baptists are urged to continue to be "much in prayer" for the meetings, says Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and campaign director.

An executive committee meeting in Germany, held shortly before the crusade, "developed into a testimonial meeting concerning the spirit of revival already in evidence in many of our churches," reports Rev. Lewis M. Krause, Southern Baptist missionary in that country. In France, some people

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BROTHERHOOD:

Annual Convention Meets at Bowling Green

Baptist men from all parts of Kentucky were in Bowling Green October 3 and 4 for the fifth annual Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention. All of the men took advantage of the opportunity for fellowship and inspiration afforded when Kentucky Baptist men get together. The First Baptist Church of Bowling Green was the scene for all of the activities of the Convention.

The program arranged by Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Secretary Forrest Sawyer, included inspirational addresses by guest speakers, testimonies by Kentucky laymen and study groups concerned with finding the Christian attitude toward alcohol and politics.

Brotherhood Convention President Sam Ferrell, Jr., of Danville, presided over the first session on Thursday evening. Highlights of the program were the performance of the Brotherhood Chorus from the Beechwood Baptist Church in Louisville, the Men's Chorus of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green and an address by Dr. Robert Hingson, distinguished medical professor from the Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Hingson, a Baptist layman, has

traveled a million miles the last 25 years in an effort to help relieve the suffering of people in various parts of the world. In 1958 he was in a group of doctors and technicians who made a world medical tour under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Gabe Payne of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was a member of this group.

Later Dr. Hingson organized a mercy mission to Liberia. The project, known as Operation Brother's Brother, distributed a million dollars worth of drugs and huge quantities of Bibles, other books and garden seed to Liberians. With the use of jet inoculators, an invention by Dr. Hingson, which injects serum into the patient's arm without the use of a needle, one million of the million and a half Liberians were inoculated against smallpox. As a result the disease has almost disappeared from the nation.

The description of the world's needs in the field of medicine given by the Baptist doctor had a profound effect upon the Baptist men.

The Beechwood Baptist Brotherhood Chorus numbered about 50 members. Professor Hugh McElrath, Beechwood music minister and music professor at



BOWLING GREEN Mayor Bob Graham welcomes Dr. Robert Hingson to the city. Dr. Hingson was one of the speakers at the 1963 Brotherhood convention held in First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Southern Seminary, conducted the chorus which also sang at last year's Brotherhood Convention.

The Friday morning session featured an address by Lucien Coleman, Sr., former Kentucky Brotherhood secretary and now working with the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tennessee. His subject was stewardship. On the afternoon of the same day an address on the Christian role in politics was made by John J. Baker, general sales manager Fruehauf Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.

The Friday night session concluding the Convention included reports of outstanding achievements of various Brotherhoods in Kentucky and an address by Jack Stanton of the Evangelism Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Stanton is in charge of plans for the 1964 West Coast Crusade in which 1,000 Baptist men will be enlisted for participation.

A banquet on Friday evening prepared by the Brotherhood members of the host church was presided over by President Ferrell and featured a quartet from Third Baptist Church in Owensboro and Noble Cottrell, pastor of the Tompkinsville Baptist Church.

Special music for the convention sessions was also provided by Bowling Green First Baptist Music Minister Jack Duvall and Mrs. Duvall.

Officers elected for the coming year are Matt Sugg, Morganfield, president; Dr. Charles Chatham, Shelbyville, vice-president; Jack Brooks, Augusta, secretary; Hubert Line, Munfordville, R.A.

leader; Maurice Davis, Lancaster, personal stewardship leader; Don Copeland, Mayfield, Christian witness leader; Burton Cowley, Elizabethtown, World mission leader.

Separate Board Would Control Weekly Paper

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)—The executive board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, meeting here, voted to recommend *The Baptist Message* be incorporated and its control vested in its own board of trustees.

The recommendation will be voted on by the convention when it meets in Lake Charles.

The board also voted to transfer title to a three-story downtown building to *The Baptist Message*. The building, now housing *The Baptist Message* printing plant, was occupied by the executive board prior to the opening of a new \$1.5 million building a few years back.

In other action, the board voted to grant *The Baptist Message*, convention weekly newspaper, \$45,000 for operating capital to help launch the printing plant.

The board also adopted a \$2,750,000 budget for 1964 which is the same as last year.

The executive secretary was authorized by the board to contact the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to arrange for an evangelistic crusade in some foreign country. Ministers and laymen from Louisiana will participate in the crusade when arrangements have been completed.

3 Southwestern Profs Are Joint Book Authors

FORT WORTH (BP)—Three professors at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here are joint authors of a new book, "Steps to The Sermon."

The three professors, H. C. Brown, Jr., H. Gordon Clinard and Jesse J. Northcutt, are faculty members in the school of theology specializing in homiletics (preaching).

Their book is a basic description and analysis of sermon construction and the chronological order of sermon development.

Denomination: Standard or Resource? (Continued from Page 5)

hard their resources? Have pastors been penalized for using initiative in adjusting resources? Have we pushed the idea of cooperation into conformity? Have denominational leaders made it hard to reject the resources? Have we educated the church people in the difference between resources and standards? Have we confused goals as resources with standards as requirements?

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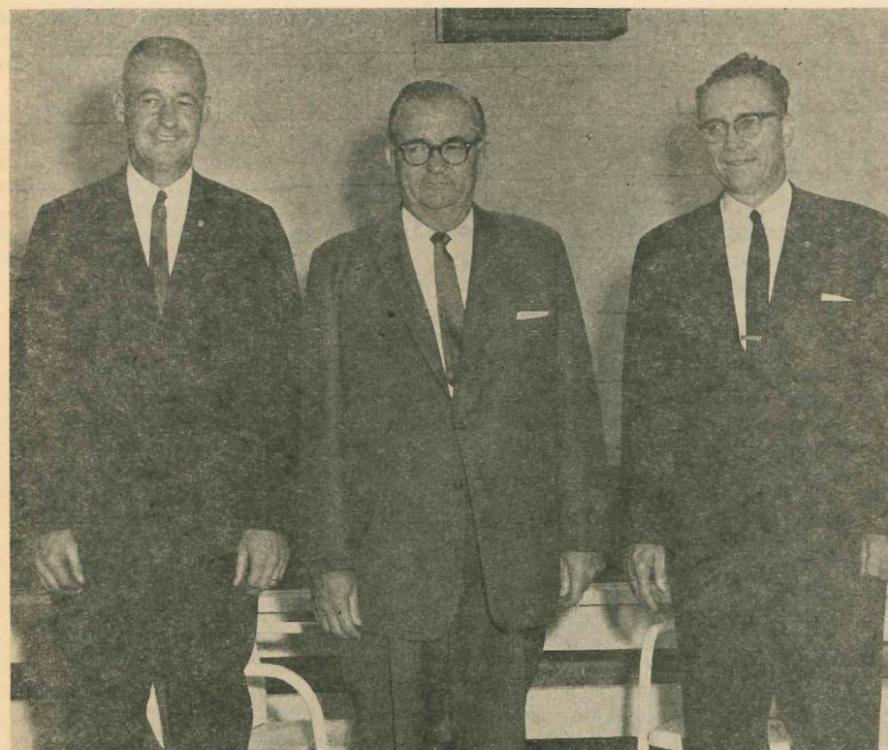
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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Kentucky Baptist Foundation

Found Faithful

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

August 31 marks the close of the fiscal year of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. That calls for the audit of the books of those departments entrusted with the funds of the Convention. The Kentucky Baptist Foundation is included in that group.

Figures from the auditors records of the books of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation show:

That the new assets added during the year totaled \$225,000.00. This was the largest sum of new assets yet received in one year. Included in this total was one gift of \$100,000.00 and another for \$25,000.00.

The total resources entrusted to the Foundation are now \$2,655,900.00.

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation now ranks fifth in assets of all the Foundations in the Southern Baptist Convention.

A total of \$85,680.00 was earned and distributed to the various institutions and agencies.

The past is but prelude to the future. What this new year will unfold, none can tell, but so far as the Kentucky Baptist Foundation's affairs are concerned, the indications are optimistic.

Let us join with the Apostle and, "In everything give thanks."

May never day nor night unhallowed pass, without remembering what the Lord hath done!

Sunday School

Clinic Time For Sunday School Officers, Teachers

by Roy E. Boatwright

At the beginning of each Sunday school year, October 1, approximately one-third of our Sunday school officers and teachers are inexperienced. These new workers, as well as the experienced ones, need a clinic to become acquainted with their duties and to formulate plans. Many Sunday school superintendents are ordering all the necessary free literature from the Sunday School Department, Middletown, and providing a clinic for their workers. Some Sunday schools are providing binders (7"x9") which can be purchased from the Baptist Book Store in which to place the free literature.

All sincere Sunday school superintendents and pastors are anxious for their workers to do excellent work for the church and the Lord. It is unfair to the newly enlisted Sunday school officers and teachers not to fully instruct them as to their duties and to the method which they should use to lead their people into a closer walk with the Lord.

Write for free literature now. Plan immediately a Sunday school clinic. It will help in many ways.

Church Music

C. E. Autrey Speaks In Louisville, February 12

by Eugene Quinn

Dr. C. E. Autrey, secretary of Evangelism of the Home Mission Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, will bring a major message in Louisville on



C. E. Autrey

February 12. His message is embedded in the heart of the Nationwide Conference of Southern Baptist Musicians, as a part of the entire Wednesday evening service dedicated to the theme of evangelism.

The midweek services of many churches may be held jointly in the downtown Convention Hall in order for them to hear this well known preacher on this theme. Great choirs and congregational singing will be heard and sung in this service.

Woman's Missionary Union

More Missionaries In Kentucky

by Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

Please add to the list of missionaries on furlough in Kentucky the following names which have been reported to our office since we received the names listed in this column last week: Rev. and Mrs. Joseph R. Estes (Switzerland), who are at Kentucky Southern College, 9001 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville; Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cobb (Thailand), Georgetown. Miss Maxine Lindsey (Gaza), Route 2, Worthville.

The following are at the Seminary in Louisville and may be addressed at

2825 Lexington Road: Dr. and Mrs. Thurman Earl Bryant (Brazil); Rev. and Mrs. Don Frazier (Nigeria), Rev. and Mrs. Louis E. McCall (Thailand); Rev. and Mrs. Davis Saunders (Kenya); Rev. and Mrs. William C. Warmath (Japan).

ENLIST NOW!

November is a good time to hold Enlistment Week for the W.M.U. organizations in your church. The special emphasis on a special Enlistment Week was begun last year during our 75th Anniversary but it must be a continuing part of our work. Have you made your plans? Have you used the Enlistment Week pamphlet which was sent to all pastors and W.M.U. presidents last year? It may be purchased from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Ala., for 10¢. It will give you many valuable suggestions.

The challenge for enlistment is tremendous in each W.M.S. and youth organization. Plan NOW to DO something about it! Major on people! Go where they are! Bring them to your meetings! It is not easy, but it is so needed and so rewarding! We are not concerned about statistics but about people. As we begin our new year let us make every possible effort to strengthen our work. Let every organization in our great state, from the largest to the smallest, make a special effort now for enlistment!

Stewardship

Pray For Cooperative Program

by Robert J. Hastings

Thousands of Southern Baptist churches are now observing Cooperative Program Month. The plan is to inform church members about the Cooperative Program and to encourage them to pray for the various causes at the regular midweek services during October.

Many good plans are available for this purpose. Here is one of the most popular plans:

First night—Discuss and pray for all benevolent causes supported through the Cooperative Program. Children's homes, hospitals, homes for the aged both at home and in foreign countries should be considered. In the United States Southern Baptists now have forty-five hospitals equipped to care for more than 11,000 persons at one time and thirty-

four children's homes caring for more than 6,100 homeless children.

Second night—Present the educational work. We now have six seminaries in the United States enrolling about 4,500; sixty-four junior and senior colleges, academies and Bible schools enrolling more than 60,000.

Third night—Discuss our mission work. We now have approximately 4,000 missionaries on home and foreign fields.

Fourth night—Discuss our stewardship work. Present the work done by the executive secretaries of the state conventions and their promotion associates, and the work of the Baptist state foundations. Show how stewardship undergirds the Cooperative Program.

Brotherhood

R.A. Congress Cancelled

by Forrest Sawyer

The Ambassador Congress scheduled for November 8-9, 1963, with the First Baptist Church, Danville, has been cancelled.



F. R. Sawyer

The 1963 diary lists the date as November 29-30. Several weeks ago it became necessary to select another date. This was made mandatory because of the schedules for the Christian Education Advance (CEA) program. In moving to an earlier date, some program personnel was handicapped. T-h-e-n . . . with all things working together for good, we find the Brotherhood Commission of the SBC planning to bring a Young Men's Mission Conference to Louisville next August 3-7. The Steering Committee of the State Brotherhood Convention agreed that the Congress for 15-16-17 year-old boys could well be a part of the Mission Conference and in all probability be more nearly in reach of twice as many Kentucky Ambassadors. So . . .

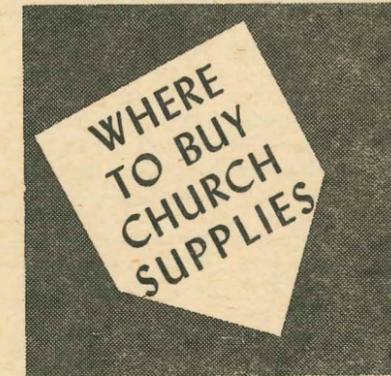
The next Ambassador Congress will be August 3-7 at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Brotherhoods will do better work if plans are made now for those Ambassador-age boys to have the opportunity of a lifetime next August.

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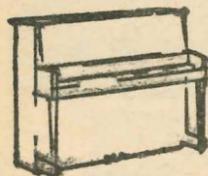
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EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN

(Continued from Page 7)

drove four or five hours to attend a precrusade service at one of the churches.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain, hoped to contact about 500 families the two Sunday afternoons before its campaign and extend personal invitations to the services. For many weeks the men of this church have been meeting before work each Monday morning to pray for the church and the revival. And on Friday evenings home prayer services have been held in various parts of the city, with church members going out afterward to visit other Americans in the community. A soul-winning clinic was held August 16.

Though Immanuel Church has lost

about 40 members recently because of military rotation, most of these have already been replaced as people have made professions of faith in Christ or joined the church by letter. On Labor Day weekend, 200 people were present for the Sunday morning worship service.

A total of 26 churches and missions participate in the Europe crusade—18 in Germany, six in France, one in Luxembourg, and the one in Spain. These congregations, ranging in membership from 40 to 185, minister primarily to American personnel related to military bases. There are approximately 500,000 Americans living in the areas.

Twenty-four pastors and music directors from the States, a missionary for English-language work in Italy, and Mr. Underwood formed 13 teams to lead the revival services, with each team working in two places (services were held for a week in each church). These men met in Germany September 12 for several days of prayer and orientation before going to their assignments. Dr. Franklin Owen, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, worked in this crusade.

Dayton Church Votes To Welcome All Races

DAYTON, Ohio (BP)—Huber Heights Baptist Church here, a six-year-old church with 450 members, has voted that "its ministry would be available for all races" to be members of the church.

Further, it states, "in the event people of other races or nationalities move into the community the pastor and a deacon would visit them, to welcome them to the community and to the church."

Howard T. Rich, pastor, pointed out at the present time Orientals and Cubans live in this upper middle class suburb where the church is located.

He continued, "There is evidence there will soon be some Negroes in the community."

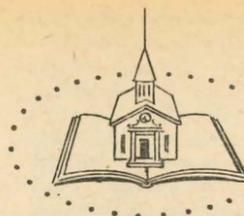
A large percentage of the membership of Huber Heights Church is military personnel from the South.

Asked about any negative response in the community to the church's decision, Rich said, "If there was any widespread negative response to the action the church had taken there would have been a decrease in attendance.

"Rather, there was an increase of 106 in attendance from one Sunday to the next . . . from 328 on one Sunday to 434 the Sunday after the action. . . ."

The Dayton church also voted to sponsor a mission in a nearby section of the city. A \$1,500 gift from an outside donor will help provide a full-time pastor for the mission.

The church also operates a day nursery in the community.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



CHRISTIAN LOVE

For October 27, 1963

I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Chapter twelve enumerated the gifts which had been bestowed upon the Corinthian Christians by the Holy Spirit. It taught that each believer in Christ is the recipient of a spiritual enablement or a capacity for specific service. These gifts are not bestowed for the gratification and glory of their recipients and possessors, but always for the glory of Christ, the proclamation of His gospel, the salvation of the lost, the edification of the saved and the extension of His kingdom.

Chapter thirteen is a beautiful dissertation on love, which was something that was woefully lacking in the hearts of the church members in Corinth. It sets forth three facts about love.

I. The Pre-eminence of Love.

I Corinthians 13:1-3.

The list of endowments mentioned in these verses is a respectable one, and to enumerate them is to appreciate their worth. Eloquence, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, charity and martyrdom are of great value among men. However, these coveted gifts are without value apart from love.

Eloquence is powerless unless it is the expression of love. True eloquence is the language, logic and loftiness of speech set on fire by love. By prophecy is meant the ability to interpret and declare the will of God. Any prophet who spoke without love was simply making useless noise. To understand mysteries—things once unknown but now revealed—meant to have wisdom, but to have love Paul said was more important. Knowledge, which means information acquired, is good, but love is better. "Knowledge puffeth up, but love buildeth up" (I Corinthians 8:1). There is a vast difference between a bubble and a building. Charity or benevolence is profitless unless the gifts are the outflow of love. Only love gives meaning and merit to martyrdom. Love makes life noble and sweet, so let it master your thoughts, feelings and will. True love will add great value to each of these seven desirables and highly-praised gifts.

II. The Properties of Love.

I Corinthians 13:4-6.

True love will color the thoughts, prompt the speech and direct the actions of the Christian.

A. Negative Properties of Love.

(1) Love is not impatient. Verse 4. Love suffers provocation and injury from others indefinitely. Because love is long-suffering, it is slow to resent and to retaliate. It is full of pity, sympathy and compassion.

(2) Love is not envious. Verse 4.

Envy is the begrudging admission of relative inferiority. It causes its possessor to want to deprive another of something he has. In contrast with envy, love has no ill feeling whatsoever at the honor, success or prosperity of others.

(3) Love is not boastful. Verse 4.

Love is never inflated with self-conceit. Pride and self-conceit never spring from love, but always from selfishness. Boasting is prompted by a desire for human praise. Instead of looking for applause, love is interested in the welfare of others. Self-inflation and boasting are in evidence and advertisement of littleness.

(4) Love is not rude. Verse 5.

Love is not discourteous or unmannerly. It always recoils from rudeness and strives to do good things in a splendid manner.

(5) Love is not selfish. Verse 5.

Love is self-emptying instead of self-seeking. It is never self-assertive. Love delivers from inbred selfishness and carnal self-seeking, and seeks the welfare of others.

(6) Love is not easily provoked. Verse 5.

Love does not keep a record of the wrongs and injuries it has suffered and then give way to anger. Lack of love is what makes people sensitive, easily offended and likely to think evil of others.

(7) Love is not resentful. Verse 5.

Love is never fiery with resentment at slights, whether real or imagi-

nary, but rather ignores them. It is always ready to give as charitable an interpretation as possible to the weaknesses of others.

(8) Love does not take pleasure in evil. Verse 6.

Instead of rejoicing over wrong, love rejoices in that which is right. No true follower of Christ ever rejoices in the fact that another person has gone wrong or fallen into sin.

B. Positive Properties of Love.

I Corinthians 13:6-7.

(1) Love rejoices in truth. Verse 6.

Love always rejoices in the propagation, progress and triumph of the truth. Love causes one to rejoice when people accept the truth, live in conformity to it and faithfully proclaim it.

(2) Love bears all things silently. Verse 7.

Love bears all hardships and trials uncomplainingly and with triumphant courage and bravery.

(3) Love believes. Verse 7.

Love seeks to avoid undue suspicion and believes the best rather than the worst about others. It trusts implicitly and completely in the promises of God.

(4) Love is hopeful. Verse 7.

Love is optimistic in the face of all unfavorable appearances and adverse circumstances.

(5) Love endures. Verse 7.

This property of love is demonstrated by the aged mother who is waiting in the entrance of the penitentiary to take home with her a son who is soon to be released.

III. The Permanence of Love.

I Corinthians 13:8-13.

Love is not a passing emotion that exhilarates temporarily and then is soon gone. Rather, love is permanent and imperishable. Love never fails. The time will never come when love will give way to some higher quality. Never will it cease to be, for love is eternal. Greater than faith or hope, love survives time, disaster and death.

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Pastor-Church Info Services Predicted

NASHVILLE (BP)—It is laymen and ministers, not denominational workers, who influence Southern Baptist churches most in selecting a pastor, said Leonard E. Hill in a speech to the annual Southern Baptist Convention Communication Conference here.

The production editor of the Baptist Program also predicted state conventions will eventually provide an information service to assist churches seeking pastors.

Speaking to state and SBC denominational workers on the subject, "Pastorless Churches and Churchless Pastors," Hill reported a survey of 1,919 Southern Baptist churches indicated laymen influence 32 per cent of the churches most in their selection of a pastor.

Ministers are a close second, influencing most the selection made by 31 per cent of the churches. Associational workers are a distant third, having the greatest influence on 11 per cent of the churches.

Only six out of 100 churches indicate a state denominational worker influenced them most the last time they secured a pastor. However, as churches increased in size they tended to seek help from state workers much more often, according to Hill.

Several states have already begun to take initial steps to provide some type of information service to aid churches seeking a pastor, Hill said. "This is an informational service, not a placement service," he emphasized.

"If the state conventions don't do this, other groups will," he added. "Some private groups are already entering this area because of the need. But state conventions have at least two advantages over private efforts to provide information."

"They will probably find it easier to secure the cooperation of a large number of churches and pastors—very essential to such a project, and they would probably provide the service at much less direct cost to those using it."

The big question to be answered, according to Hill, is, "Will such a formal information service be compatible with the leadership of the Holy Spirit? The answer is: the same tensions will exist with it as do presently under the informal methods used to secure information."

Hill added, "Whether the leadership of the Holy Spirit is acknowledged depends on the individuals involved, not on whether a formal or informal method of securing information is used."

The value of such a service would rest on three factors, Hill said: (1) the motives for its use, (2) the quality of the service (accuracy and amount of information), and (3) the ability to interpret and to continue to interpret its proper role to pastors and churches.

The denomination leaders were told they had a responsibility to help educate church members about calling a pastor. "But the big responsibility for developing do-it-yourself churches in this regard rests with the pastors," he said. The survey indicated less than one out of four pulpit committee chairmen had ever gotten any help or instruction from a preacher regarding how to secure a pastor.

A Donkey or An Elephant?

(Continued from Page 3)

upon separation of church and state, bitterly oppose.

The United States has largely been spared such mixtures of church and politics, except in isolated local instances.

In recent times the nearest that American national politics has come to such patterns occurred in the presidential elections of 1928 and 1960. In both cases, the problem centered in the nomination of a Roman Catholic presidential candidate by a major party.

American citizens are entitled to believe politically as they choose. But Christians are not entitled to identify the gospel of Jesus Christ with any partisan political program.

There is no "Christian Party" and no official Baptist candidate for any office. The Democratic Party is not dedicated to the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and the Republican Party is not conducted in accordance with the Sermon on the Mount.

Americans for Democratic Action is not a Christian organization, and the John Birch Society is not entitled to claim God's approval or the church's sanction on its activities.

Every Christian has a moral and spiritual obligation to be a good citizen. This involves intelligent consideration of such civic activities as voting, party membership, and candidate support.

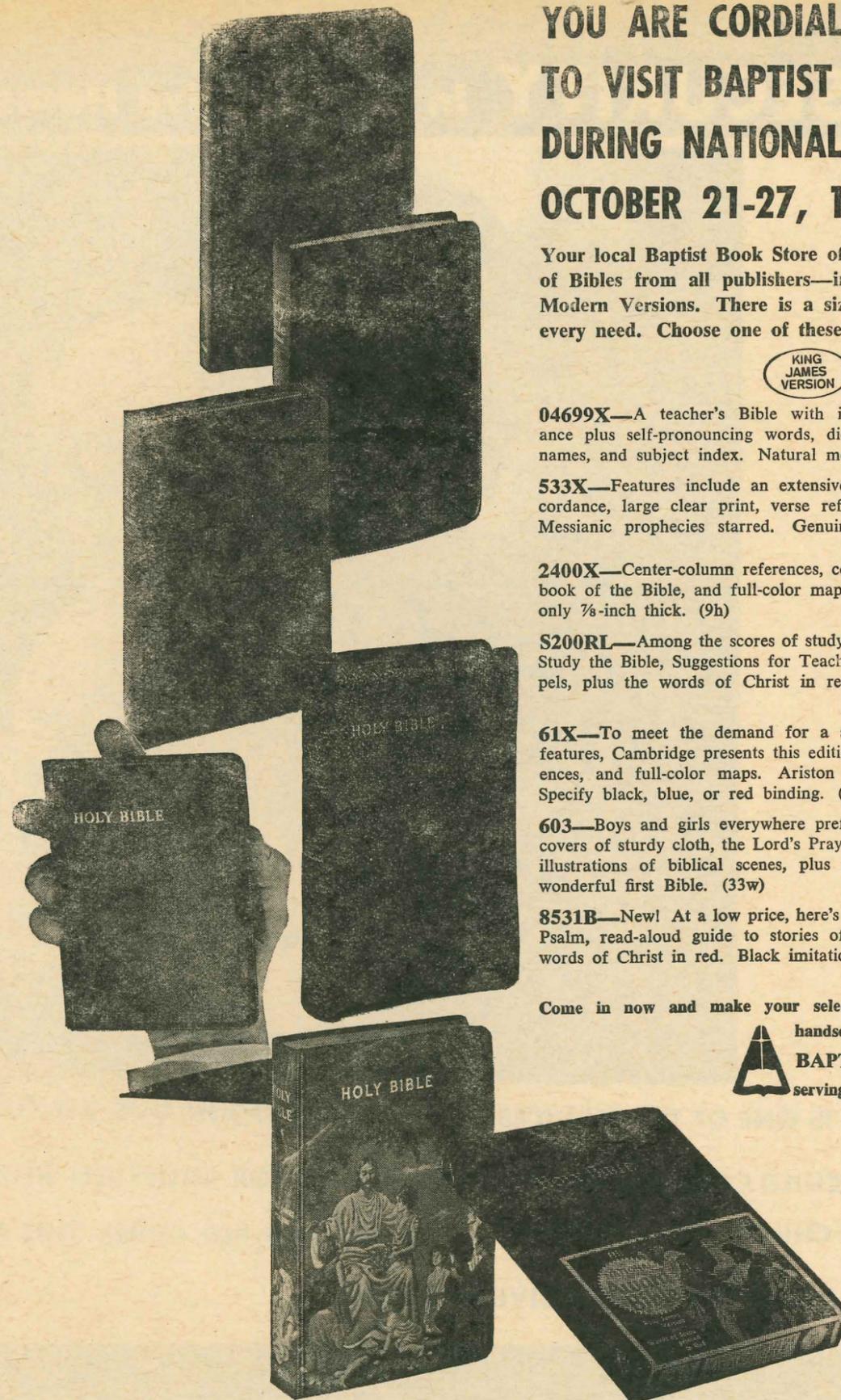
But the lesson of history is that, in honest obedience to conscience, sincere believers end up in widely diverse political groupings. Such political differences are not tests of Christian fellowship and must not be allowed to divide Christian brethren.

Democrats, Republicans, left-wingers, right-wingers—these are passing political phenomena. As they come and go, the churches are called to be God's instruments in the midst of them, proclaiming the redemptive gospel of Jesus Christ and His judgment on a sinful world.

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ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT IS ONE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH OUR KENTUCKY BAPTIST PROGRAM OF CHILD CARE. 44 CHILDREN WERE PLACED FOR ADOPTION WITHIN THE PAST YEAR BY OUR CHILDREN'S HOMES, AT A COST OF \$400 PER CHILD. THIS PROGRAM STANDS OR FALLS WITH THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING.

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