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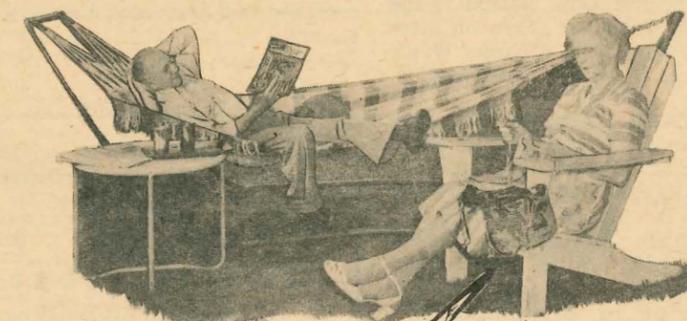
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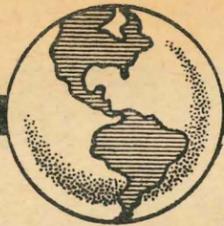
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Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy,
and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand.

Rev. 1:3



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

THE PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, Groton, Connecticut, has entered a \$100,000 bond program for construction of facilities. Pastor Jim Schneider is appealing for bond purchasers. These bonds bear 6% interest and are guaranteed by the Church Extension Society of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

T. A. CATRON Appreciation Day will be observed by the Stony Point Baptist Church, October 11, 1964. The occasion is the celebration of Brother Catron's 100th birthday. His birthday is December 11, but the celebration is being held early because of the usually cold weather in December. The day will include a message by "Uncle Tom" Catron in the morning service and an afternoon message by his grandson, George Walls. Walls is pastor in Freedom Association.

JIM G. HENRY, Berea, Kentucky, has just completed two revivals in Tates Creek Association. He was with the Middletown Baptist Church, Berea, and the revival resulted in 13 additions, seven by baptism. He was also with the Pilot Knob Baptist Church for a revival which resulted in 12 additions to the church with 10 by baptism. Denton Sears is the pastor at Middletown Baptist and Dennis Lewis is pastor at Pilot Knob Church.

JAMES GERMAN, 6 feet, 8 inch center, of the Cumberland College basketball team, will be unable to play this season due to orthopedic disabilities. Announcement was made by head basketball coach John E. Renfro.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Owensboro, voted to build a new educational building, remodel the sanctuary and other improvements at a cost of \$63,000. Franklin D. Skaggs is pastor. R. A. Utley will be with the church for revival October 4-10.

MELVIN AND SHIRLEY TORSTRICK, missionaries on furlough from Chile, have moved to New Orleans where he will continue his studies at the seminary there. Both are natives of Louisville.

CHARLES SIMMONS, pastor of the Grangertown Baptist Church, Sturgis, Kentucky, has completed a revival at the Blackford Baptist Church. The pastor at Blackford is James Gold, who reports fifteen additions by baptism.

ELDON STURGEON and his wife, Jo Ann, Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Mexico, have moved to Louisville, where he will study in Southern Seminary. Both are natives of Kentucky, he of Milton and she, the former Jo Ann Ferguson, of Sonora.

PANOLA BAPTIST CHURCH, Madison County, Kentucky, observed the 152nd anniversary of the church in September. Carl G. Smith is pastor of the congregation once known as the Drowning Creek Baptist Church. Dinner was served at the church and Clayton Garland, pastor of the Meadowthorpe Baptist Church, Lexington, spoke during a special afternoon service. The pastor compiled and presented a history of the church.

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SOME RURAL churches in Mississippi are requested to merge in 1965 in order to have a stronger program for the churches. The request came as one of 12 goals rural churches are asked to reach during the period 1964-1968.

THE PROPOSED Cooperative Program budget for the Florida Baptist Convention for the coming year is \$2.9 million. The convention's board of missions approved a distribution which forwards 43 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention for national and worldwide activities.

REGISTRATION CARDS for the 11th Baptist World Congress, meeting at Miami Beach, June 25-30, 1965, are now being distributed. Baptists planning to attend the Congress should complete registration as early as possible. The cards may be secured from the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee, or from the Baptist World Congress Committee, 1452 N.W. 36th St., Miami, Florida.

TEN NEW MEMBERS have been added to the faculty of Cumberland College for the fall term according to President J. M. Boswell. The four-year Williamsburg institution now has 73 persons on the faculty and staff.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Georgia Baptist Convention will ask the convention to approve a \$5 million expansion program for Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, half to be raised in a campaign and half to be borrowed.

THE JORDANIAN BAPTIST Church of Jerusalem, Jordan, was organized August 23 with 18 charter members. This is the first church resulting from Southern Baptist mission work in the Arab sector of the city.

A SEVEN-YEAR effort to buy property for Baptists in Jerusalem, Jordan, has culminated in success, with the purchase of a large lot in a good section of the Arab city, reports Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller, press representative for the Arab Baptist Mission. The site has a house which will be remodeled and used as a home for the pastor of the newly organized Jordanian Baptist Church.

MOST IMPORTANT:

Do You Have Eternal Life?

by J. H. Thurman

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

Eternal life is an expression which is used prominently and almost exclusively in the Bible, or writings based thereon. It is seldom found outside religious literature.

I. What Is Eternal Life?

1. Eternal life is the life of God, Who is from eternity to eternity.

Animate life is not eternal in duration. The life of all God's creatures, at most, is a matter of a few weeks, months or years.

2. Eternal life is that spiritual life which is effected in the heart of the believer in Christ by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth" (James 1:18); "For in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel" (I Corinthians 4:15b).

Before one can have spiritual life he must be born spiritually. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Jesus said, "The seed is us with the word of God" (Luke 8:11). When the Word of God is sown in an unregenerate heart and the Holy Spirit uses it to effect conviction of sin, it usually produces spiritual or eternal life.

3. Eternal life is Christ living in the believer.

"Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20); "... which is Christ in you the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

4. Eternal life is the present possession of every believer in Christ.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36a). "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11-12).

An unbeliever does not possess eternal life. "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

II. How Can One Obtain Eternal Life?

Eternal life may be obtained by believing on Christ. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14-15). "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Anybody who exercises a trusting, dependent faith in Christ receives eternal life.

III. How Can One Know That He Has Eternal Life?

Any believer in Christ can know that he has eternal life by reading the Bible. The first epistle of John was written for the specific purpose that believers might know they have eternal life. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (I John 5:13). John also wrote, "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself" (I John 5:10). Paul wrote, "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). The Word and the Spirit give a believer in Christ the assurance that he has eternal life.

IV. Can Eternal Life Be Lost?

According to the Word of God, eternal life cannot be lost. Christ said, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:28-29). Paul said, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Timothy 1:12). One trusts Christ to save him by committing

BE A BLESSING:

A Simple Christian Ministry - Write A Note

by J. B. Daley

One day a pastor sat in his study, burdened with the weight of seemingly unsolvable church problems. He sought to pray but was not quite able to lay it all before God, the burden was so great. He sought to read his Bible, but only words passed through his mind. In the midst of this hour of burden and confusion, the mail arrived. Among the many advertisements, periodicals, and promotional materials was a small envelope addressed to the pastor and marked "personal". It was not a letter, only a short note which in effect said, "Thank you for being my pastor. I love you and your family. I am praying for you." From the moment these words were read, the heavy burden was lifted, the problems were not so large, they could be solved. The presence of God was manifest and prayer was easy.

[J. B. Daley, a native of Kentucky, is now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Marks, Mississippi.]

the keeping of his soul to Him Who is certainly able to keep it. For each child of God there is "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Peter 1:4-5). Both the believer and his inheritance are kept by the power of God, and this makes them safe and secure.

V. Who Can Obtain Eternal Life?

God's provision of salvation through Christ is sufficient for all men. In fact, it took just as much to provide salvation for one man as it did to provide it for all. It took the death of Christ as our substitute. "Because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all" (II Corinthians 5:14b-15a). "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Corinthians 5:21). "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Peter 2:24). "And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2). These scriptures clearly state that God has made ample provision of salvation or eternal life for every person who will believe on Christ.

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and the words of the Bible sparked with vitality and life.

On another occasion, the pastor had made an extended visit into a home during which the idea of making Christ the center of the home was the main topic of discussion. He left desiring and praying that this visit would be meaningful and helpful, but not really sure of himself. The next morning's mail gave forth only a short note which said, "Thank you for visiting our home today. You have helped us so much. We are praying for you."

These are but two simple, personal examples to show the greatness of what can be a simple Christian ministry, writing a note.

Such a note may be written to anyone at any time. Surely a word of thanks and encouragement to your pastor is always in order. But he is not the only one. You may help someone by saying in just a few short words,

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Honesty Demands Church Discipline

All power to Pastor George Bausum and the Corinth Baptist Church of McQuady. This enlightened pastor and courageous church are in the process of inaugurating a scriptural plan of church discipline. (See page 8 of this issue.)

There is no greater need today in Baptist churches than some effective plan of church discipline. The absence of church discipline has brought us to a day when it is difficult to distinguish between the world and the church. The conditions that prevail today among church members is a disgrace to the name Christian. Non-Christians have plenty of reason to ask if being a Christian makes any difference.

People who live in the shadow of the church, but never darken the door are continued in good standing. Members who live in open sin, even in adultery, are not called upon to give account.

Simple honesty demands that we make use of some plan of discipline to give a more accurate picture of our actual strength to the world. We boast of more than ten million Southern Baptists and leave the impression that all of these are working at the job of being New Testament Christians themselves and making the world Christian. We know, however, that one-third of these ten million has already left the churches they joined and have not joined churches where they now live. Another one-fourth of these ten million never attend the church to which they belong and support it in any other way, though they live in easy reach.

Actually we are practicing deceit. By the way, we count membership, we are saying we are ten million strong. Actually we are four million strong and six million weak. Our methods of counting are more like the world's way of reckoning than that of the New Testament. One wonders what an inspired New Testament writer would do with our Southern Baptist statistics.

Even more than to the world do we owe to these careless church members some effort to lead them to face reality. As it now stands, we are providing a feeling of security to many who have no reason to feel secure. We don't actually claim that all church members are saved, but our actions seem to assume this. Once a person goes through the accepted forms of public profession of faith, baptism and church membership, he ceases forever to be an evangelistic prospect no matter how he lives or how he treats the church. This ought not to be so and the answer would appear to be in some plan of church discipline.

One of the basic beliefs of Baptists is a regenerate church membership. We renounce infant baptism because we hold one must be able to exercise his own personal faith before becoming a church member. But infant baptism is not the only practice that permits unregenerate persons to join a church. Once in, only some form of church discipline can bring such a person to face reality.

A bigger problem than unregenerate church members is the multitude of Baptists who are spiritual infants. Their pettiness keeps thousands of churches in turmoil and renders them powerless.

These spiritual babies need discipline just as physical children need discipline. To withhold discipline from our children makes delinquents out of them, and the absence of spiritual discipline produces the same results in our churches. Church delinquency has never been so high. The answer is church discipline not for punishment sake, but for instruction and redemptive purposes.

The New Testament unmistakably teaches church discipline. Jesus gave his disciples a plan for reconciliation of differences within the fellowship including the alternative for refusing to be reconciled.

Paul advocated strong disciplinary action for Corinthian church members guilty of moral breaches for which there was no repentance.

Our Baptist forefathers practiced church discipline. In some cases their zeal ran away with their wisdom and punitive discipline for petty offenses was the result. Reaction to this might explain our current disdain for any kind of church discipline. We don't need to return to that day, but we sorely need a fair and compassionate church discipline based upon the New Testament.

Hold On!

Mr. and Mrs. Baptist, hold on to your hats. The Baptist whirl from now to Christmas is truly fast and furious. The next three and one-half months will be full of good causes galore, and most of these will involve a special offering.

Consider all the causes a pastor is faced with promoting and the congregation challenged with responding to in the coming weeks. Right now is the annual emphasis upon prayer and study for state missions climaxed with an offering. Only a few weeks away is the biggest one of them all, the annual Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Prayer and Offering. This has become church-wide in many places and now provides half of all the funds for the work of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Between these two W.M.U. sponsored offerings will come several others. One of these is the Thanksgiving One Day's Pay Offering for our Kentucky Baptist Child Care ministry. This is most worthy and must produce \$250,000 or our present outstanding child care program will suffer. Most churches during this period will also be in their annual stewardship emphasis which involves a budget pledge from each member.

Christian Education Advance is still with us in a big way and it seems imperative that many churches do something special this fall in the way of seeking contributions and pledges for our desperate Baptist schools. Many churches will have fall revivals which will in many instances include a special love offering.

On top of all of these, there are local emphases from place to place. In the Louisville area, for example, Baptists are being asked to contribute \$200,000 to the operating expenses of Kentucky Southern College and this is to be given this fall.

Surely all these are worthy causes, but let's face it. The number of these and the rapidity with which they come makes it difficult for the pastor and frustrating to the people.

BAPTIST FORUM



Needed To Be Said

This is just a note to express to you my personal appreciation for printing a couple of things in the August 20 issue which needed to be said.

First the letter from Walter Pope Binns ("An Intolerable Situation"). I feel this letter expresses very well the view of many Baptists. In a matter so serious as stuffing the ballot boxes, we need to quit "beating around the bush" and get to the bottom of the matter. Baptists have a right to know the truth.

Secondly, the most excellent article "Quality Sacrificed for Quantity" by Fred Hood should be read carefully and prayerfully by every Southern Baptist in the land. Brother Hood is to be commended for his courageous stand for the truth. I know that such an article will not win the writer many friends among Southern Baptists but if it will only cause us to open our eyes and take an objective look at the charges he brings, he will be well repaid. It is by far the most relevant article I have read in a long time and deserves wide-spread distribution.

Murray, Kentucky Jack Jones

Against Federal Loans To Baptist Institutions

Being vitally interested in Baptist affairs, I have been in attendance at the last three state conventions. Nothing has rocked my conception of a free church like the action taken in regard to

federal loans to Baptist colleges and hospitals.

As I understood the action of the Kentucky Baptist Convention last year they voted to table until this year a motion that would have instructed the authorities of Baptist colleges and hospitals not to accept government loans or grants. I am reminded this motion carried three times before the motion to table was passed.

Is this motion to be taken off the table this year? Have any Kentucky Baptist institutions taken any government money since the last session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention?

I strongly oppose any of our institutions accepting any monetary help of any kind from our federal, state, or local governments as I believe such acceptance would seriously violate my concept of church and state separation.

Lexington, Ky. Leslie A. Parke
Training Union Is Important, Too

Dear Editor: We who are charged with the responsibility of developing and promoting Training Union would like to demand, good-naturedly of course, equal time in your editorial space. What you have said, both constructive and critical, of Sunday School could justifiably have been said of Training Union.

Recently I read a statement which said in essence that if the present trend of disinterest on the part of Southern

We teach our people to tithe through the church. This is as it should be and this provides the basic support for the work of the local church, the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. This is our lifeline.

But how long can we expect it to survive with so many urgent special appeals? We know all special offerings should be made above the tithe. But with the present cost of living for most Baptists, how many can go much beyond the tithe? The only way some of our members will respond to these special appeals is to use part of their tithe. If very many Baptists begin to parcel out their tithe for these causes, we will be in trouble.

We don't mean to be competitive in these appeals, but this tends to become the case. There will be a considerable amount of the tithe in the Lottie Moon Offering this year. There must be a better way for us to coordinate our efforts and appeals. In the meantime, each Baptist must seek the will of the Lord in deciding how to respond.

Baptists toward attendance of night services (Training Union, Sunday night service and prayer meeting) continue, then the effectiveness of our ministry will be severely weakened. Of greater concern is the fact that if this eroding effect of disinterest is permitted to spread, it will eventually extend to our day services as well.

Interest in any promotion of Training Union must be continued vigorously, because much of the success of a church rests in the hands of loyal and dedicated Christians who make up the rolls of membership in our Training Unions. Somerset, Ky. Oscar Davidson

Re-examining Our Sunday School

Dear Editor: After reading the portion of your editorial of September third, in which you discuss the possibility of Sunday School being the most wasted hour of the week, I felt compelled to speak of the problem.

According to Dr. Elton Trueblood in his excellent book, "The Company of the Committed," less than three percent of our college young people are "deeply concerned and dedicated Christians of any variety." And even that pathetic percentage is on the decline. This is in spite of an effective effort by some to come to grips with the problem.

Yet, in the vast majority of our churches the response to this enormous challenge is dull, dry and uninspired. Why is this true? As you underlined in your editorial, Dr. Daley, often the lesson itself is only a brief, incidental segment of an hour primarily expended on announcements, getting the records, outlining church activities, and socials. A teacher, who is less than totally dedi-

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"Shall Give An Account"

The Bible teaches that man is a steward of all he is, has, and influences—and that he "must give an account" of the things done in the body—good and bad. Nothing is more certain than that God keeps books, and man must "OK" the accounts as God keeps them.

This brings either joy or fear. It brings joy if one is honestly and willingly doing the will of God as best he knows. It brings fear, paralyzing fear, if one lives carelessly, cruelly, selfishly.

With institutions, nations, churches—it is the same. The accounting of God. Every sincere Christian acknowledges his stewardship, and seeks to be "found faithful". The "well done, good and faithful servant" is the desire of all Christians now and when they shall see Him face to face.

ANNUAL CHURCH GIVING RECORD

In the next issue of the *Western Recorder* will be the record of missionary giving by each Kentucky Baptist church. Three columns will be shown: (1) **Cooperative Program Gifts** for Kentucky and world missions; (2) **Designated Gifts** (Children's Homes, Hospitals, Cedar-moore, etc.); and (3) **Gifts to Christian Education Advance**.

Check up on your church. What percent of your total income was given for Missions? Was it enough? Was it what the Lord wants done? Our ideal is 50-50, 50% for local expense, 50% for missions through the Cooperative Program.

WE PASSED OUR GOAL!

Our goal last year (ending August 31) was \$2,850,000 for operational **Cooperative Program**, and \$50,000 over-and-above to go to **Capital Funds**. We reached the \$2.85 million, PLUS \$3,654.23—for Capital Funds. It goes this year to our State Assembly. In addition our churches gave \$2,194,445.42 (CEA included) in Designated Gifts last year.

We thank each church and pastor for this victory for missions. Our new Cooperative Program goal is **\$3-million**, plus \$1000,000 for Capital Funds. Will your church raise its giving to reach it?

Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders

Kentucky Baptists

Paducah Pastor Moving To Knoxville, Tennessee

F. G. Schlafer, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle Church, Paducah, has accepted a call to become pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

He resigned at Paducah September 6 and will assume his duties in Knoxville on November 1. He has been pastor at Tabernacle four years.

Schlafer was pastor of Paducah's First Baptist Church from 1952-54. He went to Birmingham, Alabama, after his two years at Paducah. He came to Paducah originally from Lebanon, Kentucky.

"Visiting Fireman"

by J. R. Estes

One of the joys of being an employee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is the opportunity of visiting the churches throughout the state. It has been my



J. R. Estes

joy in the last three months to travel more than 10,000 miles in speaking engagements on behalf of Christian Education.

Among the pastors who have been gracious enough to let me preach to their churches on Sunday are the following:

Eldred Taylor, First, Somerset; Herman Rowlett, Lebanon Baptist, Lebanon; John Huffman, First, Mayfield; Bob Jones, Northside, Mayfield; William Rogers, Melbourne Heights, Louisville; John Claypool, Crescent Hill, Louisville; Victor Mantipl, Southside, Louisville; Herman Bowers, First, Frankfort; Edwin Perry, Broadway, Louisville; Ed Foley, Horse Cave Baptist, Horse Cave.

In addition to this, it has been a pleasure to visit numerous associations and to have opportunity for fellowship with pastors' groups and other church leaders in regional meetings. The candor with which our Baptist brethren are coming to the Christian Education Advance program is refreshing and there is a growing dedication to the achievement of our goal of raising the money which our schools so desperately need.

On the past weekend, it was my privilege to be in Benton, Kentucky, and to preach in the First Baptist Church where Billy Hurt is pastor, and in the First Missionary Baptist Church where J. Frank Young is pastor. Benton Baptists are among the most staunch believers in our basic Baptist principles. In both of these churches there was evidenced a strong concern for our young people.

The Baptists of Benton have provided

lovely church buildings and other helpful facilities for the ministry there and are constantly enhancing their work in the community. Both Brother Hurt and Brother Young are a credit to the Baptist ministry. Brother Hurt is working toward his doctor's degree at the Seminary and still finds adequate time to conduct a full ministry in his church. Brother Young only recently celebrated his fifteenth anniversary as pastor of First Missionary Baptist, Benton. In honor of this occasion, the church presented Brother Young with a lovely plaque, and the entire service on Sunday morning, August 30, was devoted to honoring the pastor. Among the unique gifts that Brother Young has is musical talent. He has composed numerous hymns, gospel songs and cantatas. The choirs of his church ably present the music that their pastor composes.

Both of the Benton churches have indicated some strong desire to respond to the challenge of CEA. The First Missionary Baptist Church has already adopted its goal and is, therefore, one of the honor churches in our Convention. I believe that the Baptists of Benton are typical of our Western Kentucky people. They are devoted to their church, strong in Baptist doctrine, and unselfish in the support of all missionary causes through our Kentucky Baptist Convention. Christian Education is one of these missionary causes.

Let us continue to spread the good word and encourage our people to share in financing our Christian Education program. It is a "matter of life or death."

Charles W. Elsey Passes At Shelbyville

Dr. Charles W. Elsey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky, for thirty-one years, passed away at his home September 2, 1964. He had attended prayer meeting that evening as was his custom, and while he and Mrs. Elsey were preparing for bed he was stricken by a heart attack.



Born in Laurel County in 1880, he was a graduate of Georgetown College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; his Alma Mater conferred a D.D. degree upon him in 1913.

Dr. Elsey served Kentucky Baptist churches and institutions for 55 years. Ordained in 1902, he was pastor of the Felix Memorial Baptist Church (now

Parkway Baptist), Lexington, until 1908; Cynthiana Baptist Church, Cynthiana, 1908-1921; president, Cumberland College, 1921-1925; pastor, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, 1926-1957.

Service to the Kingdom and the denomination including membership on the Home Mission Board, the trustees of Georgetown College, the *Western Recorder* Board of Managers, and moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Birdie Gibson Young of Lexington; in 1962 they observed their Golden Wedding anniversary. Mrs. Elsey was State President of the W.M.U. from 1921-1923 and served on its Executive Board for 25 years.

The funeral service was conducted at the Shelbyville church on Friday, September 4, by Vernon R. Dutton, a nephew of Dr. Elsey who is pastor of the Matthews Memorial Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and by the Shelbyville pastor, Fred T. Moffatt, Jr. Forty ordained deacons served as pall bearers.

Charles W. Douglas Moves To Princeton, First Baptist

Charles W. Douglas, for the past 3½ years the minister of music and assistant to the pastor at Twelfth St. Baptist Church, Paducah, has accepted a similar position with the First Baptist Church, Princeton.

A graduate of Baylor University, Douglas has attended Southern Seminary. He and his family will move to Princeton October 14. J. Bill Jones is pastor at Princeton.

PIKE:

Association Time in Eastern Kentucky

by R. G. Puckett

For denominational servants annual association time means three things—miles, meals and meetings. Quite often these three combine to create added interest, acute indigestion and unique inspiration.

This writer drew the assignment to represent the *Western Recorder* at Pike Association, meeting with the First Baptist Church, Belfry, Kentucky.

A native Kentuckian can fully appreciate the sharp contrast of the 1964 highway system of the Bluegrass State with what it was a decade ago. From the Baptist Building at Middletown, I-64 provides a fast route through the beautiful Bluegrass Country. Gently rolling fields, white fences that confine frisky colts and fields of tobacco turning a golden yellow with tips of green make for a panoramic view that is not soon forgotten.

At Winchester I-64 gives way to the Mountain Parkway on the route to Pike County. Giant slices through limestone hills break up the many seas of golden-rod. This super-highway is an economic boost to the Appalachian country. Tourists and trucks, hauling products in and out of the mountains, bring some relief to a depressed area.

The super-highway and its monotonous miles becomes more appreciated when it ends at Salyersville. Construction is underway for an extension into

Prestonsburg and eventually Pikeville. For now, a traveler must content himself with two-lane highways, hills and curves, trucks and slow-moving vehicles.

Pastor Chester Culver and the First Baptist Church of Belfry were hosts to the sixth annual session of Pike Association. At noon, the heavy-laden tables spoke eloquently of the hospitality of the hills. An assortment of meats, fresh vegetables from the gardens and more than a dozen types of cakes and pies for dessert cause any self-controlled man to forget and overeat.

Procedures in the annual associations vary a great deal across Kentucky. Some are more formal with an air of business and haste. Others are informal, geared to the needs and purposes of the first unit of Baptist fellowship outside the local church.

So it was with the Pike Association. A new effort was made this year to enlist young people. On Thursday night in the opening session, more than 300 people filled and overflowed the Belfry church for the youth-night program. Bill Jagers, pastor of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church in Prestonsburg, brought the message. Those serving in the association for several years called it the most significant meeting they had known in associational life. Plans are made for regular youth meetings during the year.

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KENTUCKY'S Sixth Annual Brotherhood Convention will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, October 1 and 2.

McQuady Church Adopts Discipline Plan

A comprehensive plan for church discipline has been adopted as church policy by the Corinth Baptist Church, McQuady, Kentucky. Based on Matthew 18:15-17 and the Church Covenant, the plan is entitled "Encouragement in Discipleship." It provides for private attempts by pastor and deacons to restore the offender, public hearing as a last resort, and exclusion if necessary. Also included are many safeguards against hasty and ill-advised action.

Following the introduction of the subject by the pastor, George Bausum, in a sermon on June 14, church discipline was intensively discussed throughout the church. The deacons were voted the task of drawing up a proposed plan, which was distributed to the church families beginning August 5. After a month of reading and discussion, the plan was slightly amended and adopted by secret ballot on September 2. The vote was 37 for, 17 against, with 7 abstaining. A second vote will be required in January, 1965, before the plan will actually go into operation. Meanwhile, it will be explained in the home of each member of the church by the deacons and pastor. When finally adopted, the plan will be non-retroactive.

The plan generally works like this. A member comes under disciplinary consideration only when the deacons and pastor have prayerfully considered the case and have voted by a two-thirds majority secret ballot. Following this action by the deacons the member is visited by the pastor and two deacons. If the first meeting is not satisfactory, a second visit is made in the spirit of Matthew 18:15-17. If the second visit is also unsatisfactory, a public hearing at a regular business meeting is scheduled. The person involved will be notified at least two weeks prior to the hearing and will have opportunity to answer the charges.

A member can be suspended following the hearing but only by three-fourths of the members present and voting. The suspension is for six months during which the member has opportunity to be restored. Following the six-month suspension, the member is automatically dropped from the church roll.

The plan also involves non-resident members. After six months and one letter from the church, non-resident members are automatically suspended and sent another letter. At the end of one year, members who have not moved their letters are dropped. Exceptions to this are those who are too old or sick to move their church letter. The McQuady pastor, George R. Bausum, has assured the members of the safeguards

included in the plan and has described the purpose of the program as to gain and maintain the cooperation and vote of every member.

Louisville Pastor's Wife Killed in Automobile Crash

Mrs. Betty H. Meers, wife of Harold G. Meers, pastor of Highland Park First Baptist Church, Louisville, was killed in an automobile crash on Watterson Expressway in Louisville on September 16.

Mrs. Meers was a first-grade teacher at Emerson School in Louisville and was returning home in the late afternoon traffic when the accident occurred. A car crossed the median and hit the car she was driving head-on. Meers was in a revival in Chillicothe, Ohio, at the time of the accident.

A native of Washington County, Mrs. Meers was a member of the Mackville Baptist Church during her younger years. She was a graduate of Western Kentucky State College. She died from head and internal injuries at the age of 28.

The Meers are parents of three daughters: Susan, 5; Patty Lynn, 2; and Carol, 5 months.

Funeral services were at Highland Park First Baptist Saturday, September 19, at 10:00 a.m. John M. Wall, pastor of Dry Ridge Baptist Church and former pastor of Buffalo Baptist Church where the husband of the deceased grew up, officiated at the services.

Dr. A. D. Odum Retires

Dr. A. D. Odum who has spent 33 years as a minister in Mason County has retired. He announced his retirement on August 30 to the May's Lick Baptist Church. Dr. Odum practiced law six years before entering the ministry. He is a native of North Carolina and has an A.B. and an LL.A. degree from Wake Forest College. In 1963 he took a leave of absence from the pastorate to serve the United States Army as chaplain. He served 30 months with the rank of captain and was elevated to the rank of major in the reserves.

Dr. Odum was awarded an honorary degree from Georgetown College in 1942 and was named rural minister of the year from Kentucky in 1957.

Dr. Odum is married to the former Ann Adams of Chattanooga, Tenn. The couple will move to Louisville in late September and will live at 20 Westport Terrace in the St. Matthews area.

Miss Rose Marlow's Life Story Written by Classmate

Mrs. Anna Mae Smith, Georgetown, Kentucky, has written her second book. Entitled, "Adventuring with Rose", the

book is a biography of Miss Rose Marlowe, Southern Baptist missionary to China and Japan from 1921 to 1956.

Mrs. Smith says the volume was suggested three years ago by Miss Alma Hunt, Southern Baptist W.M.U. Executive Secretary. Miss Marlow and Mrs. Smith were classmates at the old Woman's Missionary Training School around 1920. An introduction to the 39-page biography is written by Dr. Winston Crawley, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Area Secretary for the Orient. The book is dedicated to Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Stout, former missionaries to China, who now live in Louisville on the same street where Miss Marlowe lives. Dr. Stout was pastor of the Georgetown Baptist Church following his missionary service.

Because many missionary circles in Kentucky and elsewhere are named for Miss Marlowe, Mrs. Smith believes her life story will be desired. The book is available for \$1.10 a copy and should be ordered from Mrs. Anna Mae Smith, 315 Montgomery, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324.

BAPTIST FORUM

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cated, could become discouraged with such a system. Certainly this approach offers poor incentive for painstaking preparation.

If there are not enough enthusiastic, dedicated people who qualify as teachers, which should take precedence, the available teachers or the system? Is it not logical that this system which so rigidly requires division by age and sex, could be made flexible enough to adapt to the supply of really good teachers? I submit that it is better to have large classes, or even risk allowing the men and women to sit together, than to press reluctant or incompetent people into service as teachers. For the effect of using such unqualified teachers is not only to dull the thrust of the message, but often unscriptural concepts are taught. Concepts which sooner or later may cause the student an agonizing re-evaluation of his beliefs. Some may lose interest altogether, because of an inability to find Christ in the obscurity of what has been taught.

I do not consider myself an authority, nor do I feel that I have all the answers. But, it would seem that evidence is piling up. Evidence substantiated by fact, and recognized by responsible Christian leaders. It seems to warn us of the disaster we court when we distort religiosity into some kind of an idol.

My point is simply this: Isn't it time to stop worshiping the church, its building, its program, and its legalism? Let us return to our true responsibility in Sunday School, which you stated so well, "Imparting the mind of God as re-

vealed in the Holy Bible to pupils in such a way as to change their lives . . ." And let us never lose the focus of our faith, Jesus Christ, and our relationship to him.

Lexington, Ky. John R. Cooke

Agrees With Mr. Sampey

May I add a few words to the letter by John R. Sampey III and state that I thoroughly agree that the Southern Baptists are not silent about things that concern all Christians—the saving grace of the Gospel of Jesus. This should be the most important goal of the Southern Baptist Convention and all Christians. We should be silent when our leaders or leaders of other churches tell us what we must do in union with them as one on many civil issues and political issues. Neither Paul nor any of the other early Christians had any particular interest in social reform or political revolution. Their dedication was spiritual. Yet, at the core of Christian faith is the most revolutionary idea ever conceived. The idea that individual man, regardless of who he is, is infinitely important. Christianity gave birth to individualism, belief in the sacred importance of the human individual.

Many of the liberal Christian leaders are replacing the true revealed religion with the social gospel religion and that is one of the dangers to our faith. There is, as Mr. Sampey stated, a dangerous trend toward the extreme liberalism, modernism and shift to the left among some of the clergymen and organizations of churches. I am sure we Baptists as a whole will not approve any association with them. There is a trend among some Southern Baptist leaders for a union with the Northern Baptist churches who belong to a council which is promoting a one-world church. This is entirely contrary to the plain teachings of our Bible and our Southern Baptist belief from the Bible. They claim that this will be the fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus (John 17:14-21). Unity among God's people is spiritual and differences in the understanding of the Bible (linguistic, cultural, national and other factors, in God's providence) clearly indicate and make it entirely impossible for all churches to be one super organization or a conglomeration of denominations. All of us true believers are already one. We are one in the way that our Saviour asked for this unity. We may not be one structurally, but we are one spiritually and that alone is the burden of our Lord's intercession for us. They are trying wrongly to answer a prayer which our Lord Jesus never addressed to men, but to the Father. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

Lexington, Ky. Leslie A. Parke

Heart Hunger Evident in Orient People

by Ione Gray

Director of Press Relations, Foreign Mission Board

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its September meeting, heard its executive secretary, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, report on a trip to the Orient which he and Mrs. Cauthen made in July and August. They visited Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan (Formosa), Okinawa, Korea, and Japan.

Formerly a missionary to China and then secretary for the Orient for the Board before coming to his current position in January, 1954, Dr. Cauthen said he was impressed with the vast changes which have occurred in the Orient in recent years. "The extensive damage caused by war has been largely erased," he said.

"Hong Kong is a city of new buildings where much construction is financed by overseas Chinese who consider it a good location for investment.

"Taiwan has achieved remarkable progress since the government of China took refuge there in 1949.

"Japan, which was ravaged by fire-bombs throughout its entire length, has now been rebuilt. Tokyo has undergone remarkable transformation, and, in preparation for the Olympics in October, many buildings and highways have been constructed and other improvements have been made.

"Even Korea, which was so badly damaged by the war, has now been able to recover from much of that devastation."

Dr. Cauthen said mission work in these countries has made steady progress and gives reason for much encouragement for the future. Of particular significance is the emergence of strong national Baptist leaders in each of the fields, he said.

"While the scenes of human misery and war devastation have been improved, one never loses sight of the vast heart hunger that is everywhere apparent in these countries," he continued.

"One of the clearest indications of that hunger is found in Japan, where the sweep of new religions has become phenomenal.

"The most impressive of these religions is called Sokka Gakkai, which claims to be the only true Buddhism in the world. It is asserted that 10,000,000 people are adherents of this religion which has now assumed a very aggressive attitude in Japan and is even emerging as a strong political force in the country.

"The sweep of such new religions forces upon us an awareness of the deep need of human hearts throughout the world and also a sharp examination of our own efforts to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ. We find ourselves conscious of responsibility to seek out the most effective ways of making the gospel known, realizing that no approach can be of value except as it is empowered by the Spirit of God."

Spanish Publishing House Reaches Over 40 Countries

The report of Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, dealt with the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., "said to be the largest institution in the world for the production of evangelical literature in Spanish." Founded in Mexico in 1905 in the kitchen of a missionary home and intended at first to serve the literature needs of the missionary's own work, the Publishing House now reaches out to more than 40 countries in an "international witness to Spanish-speaking people almost everywhere in the world."

Moved to El Paso in 1916, it now has a net worth of more than \$1,000,000. Dr. Means reported. In 1963 it produced 1,085,853 periodicals; 304,697 copies of 52 books; 60,315 booklets (less than 32 pages); 4,621,333 copies of 87 different tracts (3,000,000 of which were evangelistic); and 1,428,905 copies of miscellaneous items.

Twenty Southern Baptist missionaries are now assigned to the Publishing House. Ordinarily missionaries on the staff are recruited from other Missions after having had field experience. On the present staff are missionaries who have served in Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Uruguay.

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DR. BAKER J. CAUTHEN (right), executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the Board, look over cards on which Southern Baptists have pledged themselves to pray for overseas evangelistic crusades.

5,000 Southern Baptists Pray For Mission Crusades

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has received approximately 5,000 cards from pastors and other denominational leaders indicating that they are praying for the evangelistic crusades scheduled for this fall and next spring on Southern Baptist foreign mission fields.

The cards being received daily by the Board are the returnable portions of double postcards sent to 32,000 pastors and denominational leaders by Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the Foreign Mission Board.

Senders have a chance to mark two commitments. One says, "Be assured of my personal, definite, and continuous prayer for the special evangelistic crusades." The other says, "I shall endeavor to involve others in persistent intercession for these campaigns." Most of those returning cards have marked both statements.

The portion of the cards retained by individuals lists on one side the counties having evangelistic crusades and the scheduled dates. On the other side are two Bible quotations: Williams translation of John 14:13-14 and Ephesians 3:20.

Baptists of Ecuador are now (September 1-13) engaged in a crusade to launch a yearlong program of preparation for a major evangelistic effort in September, 1965. Other crusades are scheduled as follows: Portugal, October 18 to November 1; Lebanon, November 8-15; Mexico, South Zone, November 8-15, North Zone, April 4-11, 1965; Malaysia and Thailand, April and May, 1965; Brazil (10 regional simultaneous crusades), 1965.

Southern Baptists desiring commitment cards should make their requests known to Mr. Underwood, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va., 23230.

EASTERN KY. ASSOCIATION

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Friday morning brought the routine matters, including the election of officers and reports from agencies of the Kentucky Baptist Convention as well as reports of work done in the association.

Highlight of the morning program was the Introductory Sermon by D. E. Meade. Moderator Floyd Titsworth introduced Meade as the senior pastor in the association. Brother Meade recalled that less than 25 years ago, there were only three churches in Pike County. Now there are 17 churches and 17 missions. His sermon was doctrinal in nature and revealed a wide range of reading. In private conversation later, I learned that

he subscribes to 4 or 5 state Baptist papers as well as other leading religious periodicals.

Pike County is the largest county in square miles in the U.S. east of the Mississippi River. It receives more aid from the Kentucky Baptist Convention than any other area. The reasons are obvious. Out of the 70,000 people in the county, 80% are not Christian.

Pike Baptists are getting the Lord's work done. Baptisms were up from 210 in 1963 to 303 in 1964, a whopping 31% increase and a ratio of 1 to 16. This is twice as good as the SBC ratio. Gifts to the Cooperative Program and all mission causes are up. Enrolments and attendances showed a healthy gain over last year in every area except one. Of the 17 churches, 14 will have the *Western Recorder* in the budget or through the club plan in 1965. Circulation ratio is an impressive one paper for every 5½ resident church members in the association.

Friday night the program consisted of slides and personal testimonies from the churches affiliated with the association. Though Pike County is the major part of the association, churches in Floyd County, Ky., and Williamson, West Virginia are included. The reports from the churches in this manner gives a personal touch that speaks of the purpose of the annual association.

Though the area has the image of being depressed, Southern Baptist work here is done first-class. Organization, methods and spirit are not surpassed anywhere. This is true despite the competition of at least four other groups of Baptists as well as other denominations.

I headed the car toward Middletown and home, 265 miles away. The most pleasant miles are always those that take you home, especially when your spirit is full and your mind is flooded with memories of inspiration and sweet Baptist fellowship at association time in the mountains.

ETERNAL LIFE

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Who, then, can obtain eternal life? Whosoever will drink from the everlasting fountain of living waters will receive eternal life. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1). "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

[Bro. J. H. Thurman is a retired minister living in Murray, Ky. At 86 years of age he still conducts funerals and does supply preaching.]



GIRLS' DIRECTOR — Miss Marjorie Jones, former missionary to Africa, is the new director of Girls' Auxiliary department for Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. She has already taken the post in Birmingham, headquarters of the SBC auxiliary.

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A SIMPLE MINISTRY

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"Thank you for being my friend". When one is sick, or has encountered trial and conflict, you may say only, "I am thinking of you and praying for you". You may say to an author, "Thank you for writing such a helpful book", or to an editor, "Thank you for the editorial." The possibilities of such a ministry are limitless to say to anyone, "I understand", "I love you". "Thank you".

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Religious Persecution in Mexico

by R. Paul Caudill

Here in Mexico there is supposed to be the widest separation of church and state to be found in any country in the world. This is largely the result of the efforts of the liberator Juarez, the noted native Indian leader who in 1857 broke the power of the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico, which at that time was said to be in control of eighty per cent of the wealth of the nation. Now by law, only native-born citizens are allowed to administer the ordinances.

Still, there are, to this day, now and then, instances of religious persecution in Mexico. I learned of two recent incidents the other day in conversation with one of our missionaries here in Mexico.

Around three months ago in the village of Capo Mazhua a clergy-inspired mob entered the believers' homes, dragged the believers out on the street, beat them, gathered their Bibles together and burned them, while others stood by laughing in derision. Soon after the incident the official authorities were informed, and they, in turn, sent troops into the town and threatened the priests with dismissal if there were a re-occurrence of such conduct.

Also, about one year ago, one of our little churches suffered a stoning that was prompted by the priests, while the services were in progress. All of the windows of the church were broken and the car of the pastor was stoned. But no one

entered the building, and the congregation, of course, remained inside until the activity of the mob had subsided. While the rocks and stones were being thrown against our church, the priests who led the mob stood in their midst chanting "Hail Mary's". When, as stated above, persecution does occur, and the government authorities are informed, they are very quick to move in on the matter and take action.

The above incidents are isolated, but they reflect quite clearly the wide breach of understanding that exists, as well as the real basis for it, between what Pope John called the Roman Catholic Church and the "separated brethren".

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

I Timothy 1:1-11

(This Lesson for Sunday, October 4, 1964)

The four letters we are to study during this fourth quarter were written by Paul to three of his friends: Timothy, Titus and Philemon. The letters to Timothy and Titus, written late in Paul's life, are usually called "the pastoral epistles" because they were written to pastors and are concerned with the character, conduct and work of the pastors in their churches. Reflecting the maturity of experience, they contain the most complete instructions for pastors that are found in the Bible. They also contain much practical instruction concerning the behavior and work of church members in general, both in the realm of doctrine and of duty. Such counsel is invaluable to those who seek to do God's will through their churches.

Today's lesson deals with the first eleven verses of Paul's first epistle to Timothy.

I. The Salutation. I Timothy 1:1-2.

1. The Writer. 1:1.

As was customary among the Greeks in the first century, this letter revealed the name of the writer in the first verse. As soon as he had mentioned his name Paul designated himself as "an apostle of Jesus Christ." The very word "apostle" embodies the idea of a divine vocation. An apostle was clothed with the authority of the One Who sent him. Paul was not an apostle by self-appointment or by the choice of men, but this office was conferred upon him by God the Father and Christ the Son. God the Father is the fountain of salvation. He planned and provided for our deliverance from the penalty, the power and the presence of sin. Christ the Son is the embodiment of our hope. There is an infinite and glorious hope in Christ, but apart from Him there is not a single ray of hope that has any value.

2. The Addressee. 1:2a.

Paul tenderly referred to Timothy as his true child in the sphere of the Christian faith. Having been brought to a saving knowledge of Christ through the ministry of Paul, Timothy was very dear to the Apostle. Paul rejoiced in the fact that he had been the channel through which the gospel of Christ had

been communicated to Timothy and that it had resulted in his birth into the family of God.

3. The Greeting. 1:2b.

In his tender greeting to him whom he loved so dearly, Paul expressed his longing for his friend to have three wonderful blessings—"grace," the unmerited response of God to man's need, meaning here the benefits of sanctifying and sustaining grace, inasmuch as Timothy had already experienced saving grace; "mercy," the compassion of God which is exemplified in His readiness and desire to forgive in spite of the lack of merit on the part of the recipient; and "peace," which expresses the state of the one who is reconciled to God.

II. The Charge. I Timothy 1:3-11.

After a ministry of approximately three years in Ephesus, Paul had a great interest in and love for the Christians there. He challenged Timothy to remain in this strategic city and continue the battle for the truth. Paul appealed to him to continue the work of counteracting the dangerous and deadly heresies that were springing up within the ranks of the Christians. A such perversion of sound doctrine always confuse people and produce strife. False teachers have never been known to further the interests of the kingdom of God, or to improve the spiritual well-being of God's children.

Paul urged Timothy to do his best to restrain the false teachers from propagating their heresies. The very fact that

Timothy was commissioned to do all that he could to combat the efforts of these enemies of Christ and His cause implies that there was already in existence a standard of Christian doctrine. The false teaching which Timothy encountered was not so much a denial of the essential truths as it was an attempt to add to the gospel of Christ certain fruitless speculations called fables or myths and endless genealogies. The best way to offset false teaching is to teach the truth. Beware of those matters which get people occupied with unprofitable questionings of God's Word instead of edifying their own souls.

Paul said that the aim of the commandment which he was giving to Timothy was love. The Apostle urged him to speak and to act in a spirit of Christian love. Such flow flows out of a pure heart, a good conscience and an unfeigned faith.

Verses six and seven contain a scathing indictment of the self-appointed teachers of the law who were so ignorant of its contents that their words were meaningless. They displayed their ignorance by trying to add law to grace. Two undesirable conditions prevailed in the church at Ephesus, namely, false teaching and wrong doing. Doctrine and doing always go together. When one's doctrine is wrong his deeds will be wrong also. The law is good when it is kept in its rightful place and to its proper use, namely, as a means of rebuking and warning sinners and of bringing them to an awareness of their need of Christ as a Saviour. Paul told the Galatians that "the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith" (3:24). It schooled him in the conviction of his own failure and his total inability to save himself.

The remedy for unsound doctrine is "the glorious gospel of the blessed God." This gospel does not have to do with theories, speculations or guesses, but with three established facts, namely, the death of Christ, the burial of Christ and the resurrection of Christ. When the Lord committed this gospel to Paul, he did not keep it a secret, but, due to his consciousness of the needs of men, his sense of responsibility to his trust and the constraining love of Christ, he faithfully and persistently proclaimed it to the unsaved as he had the opportunity.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Sunday School

Bethel Association, 100 Per Cent

by Roy Boatwright

Bethel Association has reported a Vacation Bible School in every church, with two mission schools in addition to the church schools. This is not the first time that Bethel Association has attained this mark.



Roy E. Boatwright

Rev. Reed Rushing is the Associational Missionary and Rev. Charles Smith is the Associational V.B.S. Superintendent. We offer our congratulations to the leadership of Bethel Association for accomplishing this important phase of the work.

Vacation Bible School reports are coming in very well although there are many Bible Schools that have not been reported. Let's make this the very best year in our history as far as reporting Vacation Bible Schools are concerned. Check if you will please, to see if your Vacation Bible School has been reported.

Woman's Missionary Union

Kentucky WMU Calendar Of Activities 1964 - 65

by Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

October

1-31—Quarterly Associational Meetings

November

2—Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

11-13—Kentucky Baptist Convention—Louisville

December

6-13—Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

January

1-31—Quarterly Associational Meetings

February

14-20—YWA Focus Week
19-20—YWA State Convention, First Church, Bowling Green

March

7-14—Week of Prayer for Home Missions

19-21—GA Queen's Court, Georgetown College

April

1-30 Quarterly Associational Meetings

13-15—WMU State Meeting, Harrodsburg

May

9-15—GA Focus Week

31-June 1—WMU Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas

June

1—WMU Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas

1-4—Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas

25-30—Baptist World Alliance, Miami Beach, Florida

July

5-9—Junior GA Camp, Cedarmore

9-11—YWA Conference, Cedarmore

12-16—Junior GA Camp, Cedarmore

19-23—Intermediate GA Camp, Cedarmore

26-30—Junior-Intermediate GA Camp, Cedarmore

22-28—WMU Conference, Glorieta

29-Aug. 4—YWA Conference, Glorieta

August

8-14—Sunbeam Band Focus Week

12-18—WMU Conference, Ridgecrest

30-Sept. 3—WMU Week, Cedarmore

September

4-6—WMU Week-end Conference, Cedarmore

13-17—WMU Week of Prayer for State Missions

21-Oct. 1—WMU Regional Meetings

REPORTS

Remember! Report blanks (local and association) will be mailed from Birmingham in a special reporting bulletin during September. Watch for it! There will be two copies. One is for your files. Local presidents will mail one copy to your associational president not later than October 5. Associational presidents will mail one copy to your regional president by October 15.

Church Music

Register Youth Choirs Now For Youth Night With Billy Graham

by E. F. Quinn

Registration of youth choirs for Youth Night with Billy Graham on Friday, November 13, is urgent and simple.

To register, simply send the number of seats you want reserved for your choir, and the name of your church, to

E. F. Quinn, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown. As soon as you have registered your choir, a list of the music to be secured and prepared, and your seating assignment will be mailed to you.

Early registration of the 100 choirs for the 3,000 voice combined choir is urgent in order to plan efficiently for the greatest spiritual impact.

Rehearsal with Cliff Barrows will precede the service, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Choirs should plan to either bring a snack supper to eat prior to 5:30 en route or allow time enough to stop at a place to eat before the choir gets in its place at 5:30 p.m.

No robes will be needed. The desired dress is white shirts or blouses and dark trousers or skirts.

Further questions are invited, but please register your choir and the number that will be attending when you contact me with your questions.

Already more than 50 choirs have registered!

Training Union

Spread The News — Area Leadership Conferences!

by Mike Spear

Spread the news—don't let anyone say "I didn't know". The last week of October has been set for Area Training Union Leadership Conferences. These conferences are designed to give specialized training to the leadership in every department and union of the Training Union. Conferences will be provided for all age group leadership Nursery through Adult, including general officers and associational officers.

One of the greatest needs expressed by our churches across the state is the need for leadership training. "Our people are willing if they only knew what to do", is a frequent statement. Here is one of our best training opportunities of the year. Conferences will be conducted each day in a different area of the state. They will begin at 10:00 a.m. (local time) and conclude at 3:00 p.m. The dates and places are as follows:

October

26—First, Princeton

27—First, Campbellsville

28—Crescent Hill, Louisville

29—Erlanger, Erlanger

30—Immanuel, Lexington

Every Training Union worker is urged to attend one of these area meetings. Provisions will be made for pre-school

children. Each person attending should bring a sack lunch and the host church will provide a drink for the noon meal.

Watch the *Western Recorder* each week and meet the people who will be leading the conferences.

Brotherhood

Program Personalities For Brotherhood Convention

by Forrest Sawyer

There are a number of special features on this year's Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention Program which will be held on October 1 and 2 at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, 5308 Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky.



Settembrini



McClellan

One of the outstanding features will be four appearances of Gieole Settembrini. Mr. Settembrini was born in Italy and was the son of a Protestant preacher. He is at present time working with POAU in Washington, D. C., and is an ordained Baptist minister. He began as a vocalist and has appeared on radio, TV, at conferences and conventions in a singing capacity. He will be singing at different times during the Convention and will also speak, giving his testimony.

Another feature will be the appearance on the program of Dr. Albert McClellan of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. McClellan is the program planning secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will be presenting to the Brotherhood Convention "87 Programs" and will have discussion on the programs that are planned for Southern Baptists.

Again this year, a local church Brotherhood and an association Brotherhood will be given Proficiency Awards. The reports have been coming in and a selection will be made for these awards.

The Convention this year will be a heart filling and soul-stirring experience to any who have never attended a Brotherhood Convention and to those who are veterans of many Brotherhood Conventions, it will be an even better Convention than the others.

Music, testimonies, banquet . . . all that makes the Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention will be even better this year than ever before. **Men, Don't Miss It!**

Stewardship

Church Gets New Name And New Building

by Robert Hastings

Recently it was my privilege to supply for John T. Wallace, Jr., pastor of the Parkway Church in Lexington. They have just recently moved into a new, contemporary styled building on a 13½ acre choice site at the intersection of Interstate 75 and US 27.



Robert Hastings

This was formerly the Felix Memorial Church, and they sold their old building to the Shiloh Baptist Church when they voted to relocate. Pastor Wallace and his people went through a heroic two-year transition period when they were worshipping at two different locations. On Sunday morning, they met in a local high school. Sunday and Wednesday nights, they met in a remodeled house on their new site which also doubled as church offices during the week.

The new building with its striking architecture catches the eyes of all who pass. The first unit and grounds cost \$325,000. More educational space and a sanctuary are planned later. As an evidence of this church's local integrity is the fact they were able to make a single loan of \$250,000 from one of the Lexington banks. And no small part of this is doubtless due to the 15-year stay of the present pastor.

The same afternoon I attended a stewardship conference in Nelson Association, which also met in a new church. Wakefield Church on Highway 55 below Taylorsville was the host, of which L. C. Stratton is pastor. Organized only two

years ago, they have a small but beautiful brick building with full basement. Ray Armstrong of Shepherdsville is the associational stewardship chairman, who had planned a good program including tithing testimonies by four laymen.



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