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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

EUBANK BAPTIST CHURCH honored Walter McKenzie with a surprise birthday and appreciation dinner on January 16. A gift from the church and mission expressed appreciation for the 40 years he has served as clerk and treasurer. At the same time, the church presented their pastor, Ernest Martin, with a graduation gift. Martin received the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary on January 22.

MRS. EDNA BENSON, an office secretary in the Sunday School Board's Sunday school department, retired January 1 after more than 25 years of service. Mrs. Benson chose an early retirement because of ill health since a heart attack in 1956.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK at Georgetown College will be held February 16-19. Dr. Glenn Yarbrough, director of religious activities, announced. For the first time the Emphasis will be led by students enrolled in other institutions. General theme of the week is "Christ and the Contemporary Collegian."

ROBERT AND EDDIE RUTH FIELDS are the parents of a daughter, Valarie Carole, born December 19 in Nazareth, Israel. They have another daughter, Tamari Ann, 6, and a son, Edward Todd, 3. Mrs. Fields is the former Edwina Ruth Wehrmeyer of South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.

OUACHITA BAPTIST COLLEGE, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, by action of the trustees, has changed the name of the school to Ouachita Baptist University. The change became effective when the necessary legal documents were filed with the Arkansas secretary of state. Founded in 1886, Ouachita is the largest private school in the state and has about 1,400 students, according to President Ralph A. Phelps.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, Lowesville, Virginia, has passed resolutions of appreciation for the late Samuel W. Mantiply, a member of the church for many years. He was the father of Victor Mantiply, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Louisville. A daughter, Mrs. E. S. Stratton, is president of the W.M.U. in the state of Virginia.

WILBUR MARSHALL, Brotherhood president at the Hardinsburg Baptist Church, was unable to preside at the Baptist Men's Day services on January

24 because of a heart attack which hospitalized him. He has since returned to his home. Raymond W. Farrar is pastor.

AN ERROR appeared in the *Western Recorder*, issue of January 28, page 12 in the Baptist Forum in a letter by Warren W. Wiersbe, Covington. The word *budget* should not appear in the third paragraph in the second column. The sentence should read, "The purpose of this meeting is to get acquainted—so that the church might better know the applicant and that the applicant might better understand the church."

WAYNE DEHONEY, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and speaker for the graduation exercises at Southern Seminary, Louisville, January 22, said, "we have gotten sidetracked on secondary issues." He contended that

this is the cause of the waning growth of Southern Baptists in recent years. One of these secondary issues, the president said, is theological controversy within the convention. Dehoney said the denomination's present program of self-study, detailed analysis and restructuring of organizations has pushed the main tasks of proclamation and witnessing into the background. "We have studied ourselves until we have a paralysis of analysis," he claimed.

PAUL DULING, New York regional director for POAU, said at a meeting of the Metropolitan Ministers Fellowship of Greater New York that banners, bumper stickers, and posters with religious slogans have become "a busy attempt to avoid the real problem—putting our faith into practice."

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM receipts in the 19-year-old Alaska Baptist Convention amounted to a record \$43,288 in 1964. The 28½% increase over the previous year was the largest ever recorded in the convention.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE has been given the extensive photographic collection of the late Eugene Bradley. Bradley, the leading photographer in central Kentucky for several decades, died in 1962. His wife, Mrs. Ruth Bradley, died in 1960 after teaching piano at the college for 42 years.

A NEW RESIDENT in the parlorium of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, is Len Burnett Jagers. The new son of Pastor Bill and Dodie Jagers arrived on January 8.

AN ATTRACTIVE BROCHURE has been prepared for the observance of the 95th anniversary of the First Baptist Church, Madisonville. The brochure traces the church from its beginning in 1870 with 32 members to its present membership of more than 2,600. Dr. Harold J. Purdy is pastor for the second time in the history of the church. Anniversary committee members included C. I. Henry, Charles Larkin, Mrs. R. G. Crabtree, Mrs. Halcye Staley and Miss Stella Ford.

WILLIAM R. BRADSHAW has resigned as pastor of the Cannonsburg Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church, Somerset. Former pastorates include the Friendship Baptist Church, Font Hill, and Hustonville Baptist Church.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY:

A Ministry To The Aged And Ill

by E. C. Perkins

Church history was made in Northern Kentucky just a dozen or so years ago when the Baptist Home of Northern Kentucky was established in 1952. Northern Kentucky Baptists, long noted for their support of orphanages, Christian education and provision for their retired ministry, had not until that significant year conceived the idea of establishing a home primarily for the care of its lay membership. A number of their leaders had a deep seated desire to do so.

However, in 1952 with prayerful faith, fortitude, and foresight, the Baptist churches of Northern Kentucky, members of the North Bend and Campbell County associations purchased, with "promissory money", the grounds and buildings formerly occupied by the Campbell County Protestant Orphans Home. That outstanding institution was to move to its new home in Cold Spring and become Holly Hill Children's Home.

This magnificent plot of 5½ acres, high on the hills overlooking Newport, Covington, Cincinnati and a large stretch of the Ohio Valley, was destined through raw faith to become the site of the only incorporated and state-approved Baptist Home for the aged, not only in Northern Kentucky, but in the entire state. As of 1965, it still is. Its purpose is to provide residential and nursing care with "preference being given to Baptists and those of 60 and over".

IT TOOK NOT ONLY FAITH to the "Nth" degree, but ready hearts and hands, equipped with scrubbing and painting equipment to start this unique undertaking. There are facilities for 70 resident and nursing occupants. The first step was to make business-like financial arrangements which were accomplished through a promissory note of some \$75,000.00 to the sellers with payments to be made at stipulated times. It was estimated that renovation of the buildings, even with devoted "do it yourself" crews from the various churches, would cost approximately \$15,000. The necessary underwriting was undertaken by several of the larger churches and later paid off by entrance fees and church contributions.

It was soon evident that this pioneering project for the primary benefit of Baptist senior citizens, with its clean surroundings, home-like Christian atmosphere, home-cooked food, and a

E. C. Perkins Ft. Thomas, business man and Baptist layman, is vice-chairman of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Home of Northern Kentucky.

minimum of restrictions, could not with its original plant and equipment begin to fill the demand for its services. It was especially significant in a short time that the chronically ill had found here refuge and comfort nowhere else available. Consequently, as early as 1954, preparation was made to extend this array of service.

THE FIRST WING, serving 21 nursing patients, was opened that year with residential capacity remaining at but 16. Still demand for more and more service continued. Consequently, in 1957 a new kitchen and dining room and rooms for 10 additional nursing patients were added, followed in 1960 by construction of facilities for 18 more nursing patients. As a result of these progressive expansions, the Home now cares for some 72 patients. But there are unfilled applications yet on file with a constant stream of requests for both residential and nursing care.

Overall, in the 12 short years of its existence, the Baptist Home of Northern Kentucky has lovingly cared for 237 in the nursing section and 68 in the home proper. Progress from an original investment of less than \$100,000 to an unencumbered capital of approximately \$170,000 as of mid-1964 and total assets of \$287,000 has been possible only through liberal church support, reasonable fees and strict economy in operation. Further expansion of major proportion is now under consideration.

How has all this been accomplished in

the 12 short years the Baptist Home of Northern Kentucky has been in the Lord's service? These last two words are the primary reason, plus unstinted, unselfish and unlimited devotion to the welfare of this deserving group of senior citizens by those of us who will join them one of these days. A sizeable book could be written revealing the unlimited assistance given by the multitude of church organizations, not all Baptist, and by individuals.

From an operational standpoint the Home functions through a Board of Directors made up of the pastor and a lay-member of each supporting church. The officers of this Board, together with the chairmen of Standing Committees, constitute an Executive Committee charged in turn with the responsibility of employing a Superintendent and staff for the proper operation of the Home.

REV. LEO DRAKE has been superintendent of the Home since January 1, 1959. He is ably assisted by his consecrated wife, a graduate nurse.

Currently the members of the Executive Committee and their positions are: R. C. McNay, chairman; E. C. Perkins, vice-chairman; Wm. Galvagni, secretary; Roy Sayers, treasurer; Clarence Smith, auditor; Charles Thorpe, maintenance; Rev. P. E. Taylor, personnel; Dr. W. V. Pierce, medical; James Ware, attorney; Byron Stephens, past president.

The Ladies' Auxiliary representing all of the cooperating churches is of special significance through its activities. These groups and others meet at regular scheduled intervals and on special call. In the meantime there is a constant flow of interest in the Home and its folks from various other church and community groups.



"CLEAN SURROUNDINGS, home-like Christian atmosphere, home-cooked food and a minimum of restrictions . . ." are enjoyed by those in Northern Kentucky Baptist Home.

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Cooperation, Conformity and Coercion

Is there too much pressure for Baptist churches to conform to denominational recommendations? Is the end result a kind of coercion that threatens the local autonomy of a church? There are signs that this is so in spite of all the efforts to avoid it.

The most coveted possession of a Baptist church next to the New Testament message of grace is its right to self-control and self-determination. Baptists began this way and never intended to relinquish their autonomy even when they began voluntarily to cooperate with other churches.

Cooperation is one explanation for the unusual progress of Baptists and surrender of autonomy is not necessarily involved in cooperation. Gradually, however, through the years, the tendency is in this direction. Our cooperative efforts began simply, and in the early days they were restricted mainly to missionary enterprises, including Baptist schools. Gradually, we have entered into more and more cooperative endeavors and the accumulative effect has produced a so-called Baptist program. This Baptist program has come to be regarded as the ideal or norm to which every church is pointed.

By this time we have developed an attitude that tends to judge every church by the degree of its participation in the accepted program. And so a pastor or church is reluctant to leave off any recommended denominational program or project for fear of being considered different or uncooperative.

This ought not be so. It was never intended that way. Churches were expected to take from the recommended program what they were led by the Holy Spirit to believe they needed to perform their God-given ministry and leave off the rest. The denominational program is like a cafeteria line in which a church should have sense enough to know how to serve itself.

There is a natural tendency for those whose main concern is with denominational programs to consider the program as all-important. Sometimes their zeal to exalt the program appears to border on coercion. When this becomes the case, it's time for some re-examination and re-adjustment.

Baptist churches don't become great by blindly following denominational recommendations. They become great by following the living Lord and building their program on the principles of the New Testament. What the Lord wants and what the denomina-

tion recommends may be or may not be the same. The danger comes when a church no longer seeks for itself explicit guidance from the Lord of the church and assumes the denominational program is the Lord's program.

Let us continue as Baptist churches to cooperate with each other in worthy endeavors but let us never confuse cooperation with conformity. Let us readily accept helpful suggestions from denominational leadership but not let such recommendations amount to coercion. Above all, let us not judge Baptist churches by how much of the denominational program they accept, but by how close they come to obeying the Great Commission, whatever methods they use.

Who's To Blame?

In this day when sensational news breaks almost every hour, we are almost shock resistant. However, when news that more than 100 cadets have resigned from the Air Force Academy under the cloud of cheating on examinations, we are deeply disturbed. These are among the most select of American youth. Presumably they have gotten into the Academy only after showing excellence above the average of their fellow youth.

These are not the first young men in recent years to shock us by such behavior. A similar scandal was uncovered at West Point in recent years and a number of college athletes were found to be throwing games or shaving points for bribes from professional gamblers.

Is the Air Force Academy scandal then just another incident with no particular significance or is it a sign of moral decline in America? Are these young men glowing exceptions to the moral atmosphere of our day, or are they much like other youth? Is their most unfortunate distinction that of getting caught? Considering the moral climate of our day, are they to be pitied as well as judged?

Surely discipline is in order for the cheating cadets. The one thing worse than the exposure of wholesale cheating would be the ignoring of it. The use of rigid standards and firm discipline for violations is a good reflection upon the Air Force Academy. These young men must be taught to observe high standards. They will be leaders and examples for thousands of other American youth and therefore must possess character and unimpeachable honesty.

At the same time a corporate guilt should be con-

fessed. All of us must share the blame for these young men are the product of our time and the morality of our age. They read the newspapers. They know of price-fixing by the largest companies in America, vote buying in political elections, outright lying by highest government officials concerning American intelligence actions, champagne and sex parties in high places and such scandals as suggested by the Bobby Baker investigations.

Who can view the moral lapse of such young men without a firm belief in the perennial presence of the

demonic? Yet, we witness a constant tendency in America by many to undermine and belittle the moral standards taught in the Bible.

These young men upon confessing their guilt should be surrounded with Christian compassion and restored through the redemptive ministry of God's people. At the same time, the youth of our land should be taught in church, school and home the simple but supreme virtues taught in the Bible and exemplified in Jesus Christ. This teaching is far more effective in example than in mere precept.

BAPTIST FORUM



Sunday School Board Statement

NASHVILLE — The members of the elected Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Nashville on January 25 and 26, 1965, have been fully advised by the administration of the agency regarding the unintentional error listing certain inappropriate books in the Training Union quarterly for Young People seventeen through twenty-four years of age in the third quarter of 1964.

This elected Board has also been fully advised regarding the steps taken concerning involved personnel and procedures responsible for permitting such a situation to arise. We have been further fully advised concerning the information that has been made public by the administration in response to inquiries. In addition, we have been shown that every individual letter written on the subject in earnest inquiry has had a reply. The situation was previously reviewed with us in our July, 1964, meeting, and in subsequent Executive Committee meetings.

This Board joins with Dr. James L. Sullivan of the administration and with involved personnel of the agency in expressing deepest regret over the occurrence, recognition that the error was unintentional, satisfaction that appropriate steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence, and understanding that the books at issue have never been stocked in Baptist Book Stores.

We also reaffirm our confidence in the administration and in the personnel of the Sunday School Board as to their dedication to God's task and to the objectives of the agency as stated by the Southern Baptist Convention. We appreciate the magnitude of the publication and education tasks of the agency, and the multitude of possibilities for misunderstanding or mistake. Through the

years, there have been remarkably few significant errors. For this we are thankful to God and grateful to careful and proficient personnel. It is our prayer that future publications and educational programs will continue inasmuch as is humanly possible with the help of the Holy Spirit to be free from human flaws, to be biblically based, doctrinally sound, and always honoring God.

Favors Homes for the Aged

Dear Editor:

As a life long Kentucky Baptist, I feel at liberty to express myself freely and frankly on a subject that has been on my heart for some time. It is my concern for "Senior Citizens". I certainly appreciate the *Western Recorder* and its fine editorials, but look in vain for any mention of any organized plans to help "Senior Baptists".

Dear old saints who have given their very lives in faithful service to the Lord through our Kentucky churches are practically forgotten. I do not mean to criticize anyone, but, feel this is something for all of us to think and pray about.

America's fastest growing age group, over age 75, is estimated at 14,000,000 by 1970. Many of these are in nursing homes, living with children, or otherwise "Out to Pasture." Other denominations and Baptists in other states are building homes for the aged and I think this should be a concern of our Kentucky churches.

We are devoting much effort, space, and expense to promoting "2% for C.E.A.", "Investment in Youth," etc., with pages of publicity, mailings, and promotion for younger people and that is fine, wonderful. It would, however, do my heart good to see one line in print or one penny spent by Kentucky

Baptists for Homes for senior citizens

If our churches continue to ignore this problem, it may be necessary for Baptist laymen to organize outside our church establishment to help solve the problem.

Of course, these are only my humble convictions, but, this is not only a present problem, it is a growing problem, and I wonder how our Lord would feel about the matter.

Lexington, Ky. Fred M. Menefee

Sharing In Victory

Dear Editor:

Harold Thornton served faithfully as deacon of the South Side Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, for seven years.

On Saturday, January 9, 1965, the Lord called him home to Glory. Harold magnified his Lord in his life and in his death. Four times in two years he faced major heart surgery, but each time with utmost faith and confidence in God and always praying "not my will, but Thy will be done." His faith has left its mark on the doctors, nurses, yea on all of us that knew him.

In Harold's battle for life it was necessary to have many pints of blood. Our church alone could never have supplied all that was needed. When this need was made known to our sister churches, twice since Thanksgiving, they responded in Christian love and gave that this dear man of God might have a chance for life. To the many who gave their blood and joined with us in prayer for him, we give our thanks.

When the Doctor came in to tell us Harold had passed away, we felt for a moment a sense of defeat. The battle was over, Harold had lost. Then we realized Harold hadn't lost at all, but had marched triumphantly, victoriously into the presence of his God. In that moment of loss we were overwhelmed with the words of the Apostle Paul, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Covington, Ky. William L. Hodje

'70 Onward Groups Plan SBC Future Work

One of the Southern Baptist Convention Atlantic City actions is digging deep where it counts—in grass roots study of the denomination's future.

Despite the lack of fanfare or wide publicity, 615 Baptist leaders are working hard to establish a basis for the Convention's program emphases for the period beginning in 1970. They are meeting in 41 study groups extending from Hawaii to Maryland.

The second round of a series of three study group sessions of three hours each, was finished by the end of January. The first round met in December and the third will meet in February. Kentucky representatives are J. Chester Badgett, Campbellsville; H. E. Coker, Hodgenville; and Lester E. Jones, Glasgow.

The huge effort known as "70 Onward" planning is part of the long-range emphasis voted by the Atlantic City Convention. Leadership has been assigned to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Porter Routh, executive secretary.

A special "70 Onward" Steering Committee composed of representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies has worked out details for the project.

The 41 groups will officially finish their work in late spring, when the chairmen will convene in Nashville on May 10 for a three-day meeting to shape

the final report. Their findings will become the basic paper on which the steering committee will shape a long-range Convention emphasis for consideration by the Executive Committee and recommendation to the Convention.

A preliminary report is expected to be presented to the Convention at Detroit in May, 1966, and a final report at New Orleans in May, 1967. The emphasis to become effective in 1970 will replace the one currently being promoted as "A Church Fulfilling its Mission."

Each of the 41 grass roots study groups is composed of 13 local members and two denominational representatives, one from the state in which the group is meeting and one from an SBC agency. At least six of the 13 local members are lay people.

All members were chosen for their active participation in local church activities. Each group will follow the same agenda, planned to produce answers to the question: What are the proper basic areas of activity for a church? Careful use of the Bible will be made.

Chairmen and writers for the study group were chosen because of their insights into church and denominational problems. They met in Nashville, November 19-20, for a two-day training session directed by Porter Routh.

Members of the "70 Onward" Steering Committee are Albert McClellan, Executive Committee, general chairman; W. L. Howse, W. O. Thomason, R. H. Falwell, James H. Daniel and Martin B. Bradley, from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Miss Alma Hunt, Miss Elaine Dickson and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, from Woman's Missionary Union; George L. Euting, Victor N. Varner and Roy Jennings, from the Brotherhood Commission.

James V. Lackey, Stewardship Commission; Travis Adams, Education Commission; Foy Valentine, Christian Life Commission; Arthur B. Rutledge, L. O. Griffith and C. E. Autrey, Home Mission Board.

Eugene L. Hill, Rogers M. Smith and Harold Basden, Foreign Mission Board.

The Steering Committee is divided into four work groups. Work Group I is directing the 41 study groups in their effort to answer the question, What are the proper basic areas of work for the churches? Work Group II will study the problem of the relationship of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies and other groups to the basic areas.

Work Group III will study the present accomplishments of the churches in the basic areas. Work Group IV will develop a forecast of possibilities of accomplishment by the churches in the basic areas.

Hymn Writing Winners Named

Winners in the 1964 Southern Baptist hymn writing competition have been announced by Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of the Sunday School Board's Church Music Department, sponsor of the competition.

First Place winner is Roy Corley of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La., whose entry was "Walk Ye In Him."

Winner of second place is Miss Mary Ella Hall of Raleigh for "I See the Christ Among the Crowd." Honorable mention award winners are: Mrs. Clarence Lloyd, Maryville, Mo.; Robert E. Brickhouse, Warrenton, N. C.; Ervin C. Johnson, Bryan, Tex.; Mrs. Marjorie Lou Stump, Liberty, Mo.; Mrs. Virginia P. Figh, Montgomery, Ala.; and James Tarpley Bolding, Lubbock, Tex.

The Church Music Department received 516 entries from 28 states and Japan. Texas was first with 98 entries. North Carolina was next with 56, and Georgia followed with 55.

Prize money in the amount of \$450 went to the eight poets for their winning entries. An award of \$200 was made for the first place hymn text.

"Walk Ye in Him," the first place entry, will appear in the choral insert of the August, 1965, issue of *The Church Musician*.



FLOOD RELIEF—Food and clothing for persons displaced by floods in the mountainous northern California coastal region must still be flown in. Here E. J. Combs, left, director of language missions for California Southern Baptists, starts the chore of unloading, most of the supplies for members of the church at Hoopa, Calif. Missionary superintendent George Kendall of Eureka, Calif., is putting the boxes in the station wagon. Between Combs and Kendall stand H. D. Shields, Hoopa church pastor, and Mrs. Shields. (BP) photo from California Southern Baptist.

Brazilian Baptist Calls For America's Evangelism

DALLAS (BP)—The president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, speaking to 8,000 Texas Baptists here, issued a challenge for Southern Baptists to take the lead in conducting an evangelism campaign covering the entire American hemisphere in 1970.

Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, told the Texas Baptist evangelism conference of plans for a nation-wide Baptist evangelistic campaign in Brazil this year, and then said that the United States needs such a campaign even more than Brazil.

He suggested that Baptists of every country in South, Central and North America unite in 1970 for one, huge campaign of total evangelism.

"And if we have an America-wide campaign in 1970, why not a world-wide mass evangelism campaign in 1975," he asked.

Lopes, pastor of the Vila Mariana Baptist Church of Sao Paulo for 24 years and president of the largest Baptist convention in South America, spoke immediately following a message by Southern Baptist Convention President Wayne Dehoney, head of the largest North American Baptist convention.

Dehoney, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Tenn., called for the SBC to end a period of self-analysis and criticism and launch the greatest evangelistic and missionary offensive the world has ever known.

Virginia Exceeds Goal

RICHMOND (BP)—For the second year in succession, the Baptist General Association of Virginia has surpassed its Cooperative Program goal. Total 1964 receipts for the state were \$3,710,969, on a goal of \$3,570,000, making an overage of \$140,969. Of this amount, 37 per cent went to the Southern Baptist Convention, according to state officials. The remaining 63 per cent stayed in the state for capital needs in Virginia's educational institutions.

Preacher Checks Out New Turbine Vehicle

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (BP)—Things have come a long way since Baptist preachers traveled by foot or horseback to carry on their ministry.

Alton H. McEachern, pastor of Westmoreland Baptist Church here, is one of 200 people in the United States who will drive an experimental turbine automobile for 90 days.

Chrysler Corp. selected the drivers from among 30,000 who wrote in volunteering to operate the new type vehicles.



CONVENTION PRESIDENTS CONFER—Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, left, and Rubens Lopes, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, discuss plans for a nation-wide evangelistic crusade to be held in Brazil this spring.

HOME BOARD:

Seven Appointed Under Urban-Rural Missions

ATLANTA (BP)—The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed seven new missionaries to various ministries across the United States.

The January appointments make a total of 2,372 missionaries now serving under this agency, most in cooperation with state Baptist mission boards.

Appointed under the urban-rural missions department, Joe A. Mauldin becomes a pastoral-superintendent of missions to Mesa, Ariz.; Tommy Austin becomes a superintendent of missions to Lancaster; James Rigler, a mountain missionary to Bijou; and James Warren, a superintendent of missions to Ukiah—all in California.

Foy O. King becomes a mountain missionary to Pukalani, Hawaii; Durward Hazzard, a pastoral-superintendent of missions to Taylorsville, Ind.; and Willard Martin, a superintendent of missions to Monroe County, Mich.

Mauldin, a native of Jones County, Tex., served as pastor of the Hi-Way Baptist Church in Mesa, Ariz., prior to his appointment. He attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

Austin, a native Texan from Olton, attended Texas schools—Howard Payne College in Brownwood and Southwestern Seminary. For the past 17 years he was pastor of six churches.

Rigler, once a mission pastor in North Fork, Calif., is now a mountain mission-

ary in Bijou, Calif. He studied at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and Southwestern Seminary. He is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

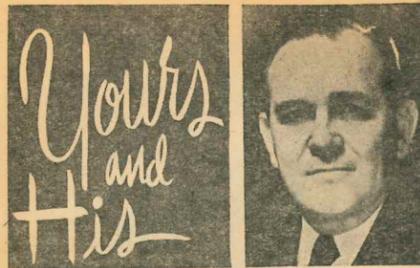
Warren, born in Nacogdoches, Tex., was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Sausalito, Calif., previous to his appointment to Ukiah, Calif. He received degrees from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, and Golden Gate Seminary.

King becomes a mountain missionary to Hawaii, after serving as a pastoral missionary in Ely, Nev. A native of Morgan Mill, Tex., he is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and Southwestern Seminary.

Hazzard, a graduate of two Texas schools—The University of Corpus Christi, and Southwestern Seminary—is a native Texan from De Leon, where he has been the pastor of Comyn Baptist Church for the past three years.

Hinson In Charge

LOUISVILLE (BP)—G. Maurice Hinson, professor in the school of church music, will assume administrative responsibility for the school next semester at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here. Hinson has been on the faculty since 1957 and will serve in the place of Dean Forrest H. Heeren. Heeren will be on sabbatical leave at the University of Indiana.



Ready for Revival?

Experienced persons know that "a good ready" is the best insurance for a good job well done and satisfying.

Are you getting ready for your **soul-winning revival** this spring or summer? Take an interest in all the lost people, but you settle on some few and give them careful and prayerful attention. Invite them into your home for an evening, perhaps a meal. Go to their home, place of business, and be interested in their total lives. Pray for them, and give them the needed Word of God just at the right time. At the time the Holy Spirit directs, come to grips with their total need of Christ as Saviour and Lord. Of course, personal work does not replace your church's general publicity, promotion, and prayer. God answers prayer.

Are you getting ready for the **Christian Education Revival** Feb. 21-March 7? This is what the CEA director calls the special emphasis on Christian and missionary education in Kentucky: the promotion of the Christian Education Advance campaign in each church that will. Plan now—pastor, superintendent of the Sunday School, Training Union director, W.M.U. and Brotherhood president! Fine lessons for Sunday School and programs for Training Union, WMU and Brotherhood meetings have been prepared by wise Kentucky Baptists, and will be mailed from the CEA office in Middletown in time for proper use.

We sincerely hope that there will be a "revival of concern" for our Baptist schools, BSU work, and RA-GA missionary education Camps—these are the things included in the CEA Campaign.

Won't you take a pledge card, pray about it—how much can we give? \$1 a month, \$5 or \$10—for the next 50 months? It will bless all our work. Send your pledge to the CEA office, Middletown—perhaps your church will collect them and send them all to us. But, do it soon! We must have that \$9-million if our schools are to live, and our camps and student centers built in our day!

Harold G. Sanders

Kentucky Baptists

Southwind Train Available For Baptist World Congress

Roy L. Puckett, pastor of the Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Louisville, has supplied the *Western Recorder* with some information about the Southwind Train schedule for those who might desire accommodations to the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Florida, in June.

The Southwind is an all-reservation train. Travel time from Louisville to Miami is about 25 hours. Coach and first-class space is available. Various arrangements for pullman are also available.

For dates, rates and departure times, those interested may call L. R. Worley, district passenger agent, at the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, Louisville. Telephone number is 585-5325 and the address is Room 101, Union Station.

Missionary's Wife Killed In Auto Crash

Mrs. Chase Jennings, wife of the superintendent of missions for Northern Kentucky Baptists, was killed in an automobile accident in Washington, D.C., on January 31. She was 60 years old.

In Washington for a school of missions, Mrs. Jennings was enroute to her hotel from a Sunday morning speaking engagement when the accident occurred. Transportation was provided by her host church and the driver of the car in which she was riding was killed also. A third person was killed and a fourth was not expected to live.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REVIVAL will mean more students confronted by the cross of Christ. Observe it in your church, February 21-March 7, 1965.

A native of St. Joseph, Missouri, she was Lucretia L. Gaunce before her marriage to Chase Jennings July 22, 1924. Jennings has been in the Northern Kentucky mission work since 1948. Mrs. Jennings was a part-time worker in the Baptist Goodwill Center, Newport.

Funeral services were at the Southside Baptist Church, Covington, where William L. Hodge is pastor.

Clear Creek Students Called As Pastors

Several men from Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, have been called as pastors of churches.

Dr. J. W. Lester, professor of evangelism, has been called as pastor of Alva Baptist Church, in Alva, Kentucky. Dr. Lester has been serving as interim pastor at Alva and will retain his faculty position at Clear Creek.

Hayward Yeary, due to graduate in May, has been called as pastor of Freedom Baptist Church in Rockcastle County Baptist Association. He formerly was pastor of Jenson Baptist Church, Jenson.

T. D. Hooker, a first-year student from Chatsworth, Georgia, has been called as pastor of Sinking Valley Baptist Church near Barbourville, Ky.

Lester DeBusk, pastor of the Whipple Mission of the First Baptist Church, Pineville, was recently ordained to the ministry. The mission is located off U.S. 119 near Page, Kentucky. DeBusk, a first-year student at Clear Creek, is from Brooksville, Florida, and was ordained in services at the Gulf Ridge Baptist Church in Brooksville, Fla.

Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah, Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

The Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah, celebrated its 10th anniversary February 7.

Organized on February 6, 1955, with 63 charter members, the Reidland Church was sponsored by the Oaklawn Baptist Church. Oaklawn gave the new church its present site debt free and \$1,000 for operating expenses.

In the ten years, the membership of the church has grown to 425 with an average Sunday school attendance of 316 and Training Union 126. Property value has increased from \$14,000 to \$217,000.

Three pastors have served the church in these ten years. Craig Ratliff served 1955-57, Charles Vincent, 1957-63 and Larry Maddox, 1964 to the present.

Ratliff brought the messages at both services on February 7.

Kentucky Pastor Moves To Tennessee Church

Wayne C. Newby, pastor of the Barlow Baptist Church, Barlow, Ky., since 1960, has resigned his position to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Tennessee.

Newby is president of the West Union Baptist Ministers' Conference. Last year he was assistant moderator of the West Union Baptist Association.

A native of Woodbury, Tennessee, he is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Newby is the former Ruby Davenport of McMinnville, Tennessee. They have three children and will move to Tennessee the week following February 14, the last Sunday with the Barlow Church.

More "Expositors" Printed At Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The January Bible Study issue of *Review and Expositor*, published by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been reprinted, following a complete sell-out of the first printing of 5,000 copies.

Church leaders who are preparing to teach the Book of Deuteronomy during Bible Study Week will find this issue of *Review and Expositor* helpful and informative. Individual copies may be ordered for \$1.25 each from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

National Meeting Of Child Care Directors Slated

Superintendents of Child Care Programs for Southern Baptist state conventions will meet in Washington D.C. on February 16-18, for the 17th annual meeting. Presiding over the meeting will be Kentucky's Ford Deusner, president of the group for 1964-65. Deusner directs the program of child care for Kentucky Baptists. He is a charter member of the national organization and has attended each annual meeting since its organization except two. Mrs. Deusner will attend the meeting with her husband.

Attending the meeting also from Kentucky will be Superintendent J. D. Herndon and Mrs. Herndon of Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown; Superintendent and Mrs. Ralph McConnell, Glen Dale Children's Home; and Mrs. Virginia Fields, superintendent of Pine Crest Children's Home, Morehead.

Martin Gule of the Children's Bureau, Department of Health, Education and Welfare of the U. S. Government, will

be the featured speaker. One address is entitled "Changing Roles of Sectarian Agencies in America."

Other program personalities include Foy Valentine, Robert Elkins, Robert Denny, Harold Bennett and several of the state superintendents.

Auburn Baptist Church Ordains Deacons

Five deacons were ordained at special services at the Auburn Baptist Church on January 24. Ordained were Thomas Hayes, J. D. Holland, Ralph Jordan, Delbert Reeves and Joe Young. All are from the vicinity of Auburn.

Garland P. Robbins, chairman of the deacons, presented the candidates for deaconship to the ordaining council composed of ordained ministers and deacons from the Baptist churches of Bethel and Logan Associations. Darrell C. Richardson, pastor of Auburn Baptist Church and moderator of the Bethel Association, served as moderator of the ordaining council. Hayden Reed was clerk.

Kentucky Baptists

Program personalities included Foster Howard, pastor of Dripping Springs Baptist Church; Reed Rushing, district missionary; Marvin Gullet, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Auburn, interrogator; James Green, pastor of Second Baptist, Russellville, and Thurman Nunn, pastor of Forest Grove Baptist Church.

W. F. Martin, a deacon at the Forest Grove Baptist Church, led in the benediction. After the laying on of hands, the congregation came and gave the deacons and their wives the hand of Christian fellowship.

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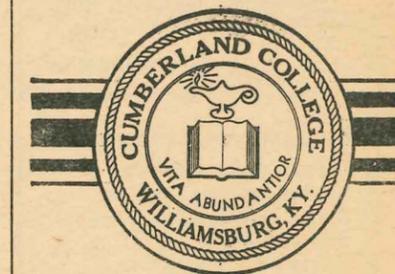
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Burned Negro Church Rebuilt By Donations

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)—The new building of the Christian Union Baptist Church in Jackson has been dedicated. It replaces one destroyed by fire last July.

The brick building, nearing completion, overflowed with Negroes and whites.

Reporters from newspapers, television and radio, including the major television networks, were present to record the historic service.

This church is one of the 13 Negro churches in the state being assisted by the inter-faith Committee of Concern and was the first to be dedicated.

William P. Davis, Jackson, chairman of the committee, presided over the

service at the request of E. D. Hogan, pastor. Davis is secretary of Negro work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

"Let the word go forth to the world that anarchy, demagogery and violence cannot exist in this state of ours," Davis said.

The bishop co-adjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi delivered the dedicatory address. Perry E. Nussbaum, rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, Jackson, read the scripture.

The Christian Union Church was organized in 1895 and is affiliated with the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Mississippi and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. It has an active membership of 150.

The building and equipment cost \$14,000. This does not count the value of donated labor.

The Committee of Concern is an inter-faith group of Mississippi white and Negro religious leaders, both clergymen and laymen, organized to assist in reconstructing the recently burned church buildings.

Working with the Committee of Concern in its assistance of Mississippi churches are Quaker volunteers and members of the Mennonite disaster service from various sections of the country.

Gifts of \$51,324 have been received by the committee to date. It has allocated \$38,000 to assist 13 churches. Others are being considered for aid.

Speakers Describe Institutional Dangers

RICHMOND (BP)—Two speakers at the annual workshop of the (Southern) Baptist Public Relations Association here lighted danger flares to call attention to problems association members will meet as they interpret Southern Baptists to themselves and to outsiders.

Stewart A. Newman, professor of theology and philosophy of religion at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., told the workshop there is a danger even in Christian vocations of sacrificing the person for the sake of the institution.

Charles T. Wellborn, professor at Campbell College (Baptist), Buies Creek, N. C., discussed the image—how Baptists appear to others—the denomination has.

Members of the association hold positions which interpret Baptist beliefs, convention actions and everyday life, and thus affect the way Baptists appear outwardly.

"I'm really more concerned about the kind of image we are presenting to the world than I am in the technical processes by which that image can be disseminated," Wellborn cautioned.

"What kind of image would Southern Baptists build for themselves if they seriously started trying to be, from the pulpit, from the pew, within the complicated bureaucracy of denominational life, and everywhere else . . . tried to be discerning that good and perfect and acceptable will of God and then proclaiming it, both in word and life?" he asked.

Association members serve Baptist agencies. Some produce films, posters, magazines, news and feature articles and other material. Others are in promotion, development and fund-raising. Many speak to Baptist and non-Baptist groups. All have a major role in helping portray Southern Baptists.

Illinois Abolishes Student Associate

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)—In a close two-vote majority, directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association here sustained the education committee decision to abolish the position of associate secretary in the student ministries department.

The decision releases V. W. (Bob) Entrekin of Carbondale from responsibilities of the associate's office. It ends his employment with the state association as of September 15.

The education committee voted Entrekin a leave of absence effective January 15, with full salary and all fringe benefits through September 15.

Entrekin has been employed by the state association since 1949, when he became Baptist Student Union secretary for Illinois.

The latest action climaxes a series of events within the Illinois association affecting its work with students.

In July, 1962, the chair of Bible teaching program was merged with the Baptist Student Union work. A. C. Queen of Carbondale, who headed the Baptist chair of Bible at Southern Illinois University, was designated secretary of the new department of student ministries.

Entrekin, who was secretary of student work, was named associate to Queen in the new department.

About a year later, directors of student work for Baptists at two major state-supported universities in Illinois resigned their positions at the request of the education committee.

They held positions at the University of Illinois, Urbana, and at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

An official of the state association said at that time "incompatibility" and "general inability to communicate with the administration and cooperate with the program" were grounds for the committee's request.

Thomas J. Brannon Takes South Carolina Post

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)—The general board of South Carolina Baptist Convention has elected Thomas J. Brannon as director of public relations, effective March 1. For several years, Brannon has been associated with the South Carolina Area Trade School where he directed public relations.

The board will ask the convention to appoint a committee of seven at its next session to make recommendations for celebrating the 150th anniversary of the convention in 1971.

James A. Howard, retired secretary of evangelism of the South Carolina convention, was elected president of the general board.

Sudden Wind Tumbles New Building Wall

FORT WORTH (BP)—Gusting winds blew down the 130-foot long concrete block east wall of the new building now under construction here for the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission.

Two workmen were injured slightly in the freak accident. They were bracing the wall when it tumbled.

W. G. Smith, foreman of the project for Albert Smith Construction Co., was on another part of the wall when the wind hit. He said it happened so suddenly there was no time to warn anybody. Smith indicated the accident will not hamper the scheduled June completion.

Larry White, representative of the architectural firm, said the wall was completely covered by insurance and it will be rebuilt immediately.

Oregon-Washington Picks Nominating Committee

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)—The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington here has elected a nominating committee of nine to seek a new executive secretary.

This position was, until January 1, held by Fred B. Moseley, now with the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board as assistant to the executive secretary.

In other action, the executive board employed William E. (Gene) Bolin as part-time state Baptist Student Union and music secretary. Bolin will begin serving full-time in this capacity July 1.

A graduate student and an instructor in English at the University of Washington, at Seattle, Bolin is also serving as music director in Victory Baptist Church, Des Moines, Wash. He has served in many ways in the Baptist Student Union organization both at the University of Washington and elsewhere in the state.

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North Carolina Studies College Capital Needs

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—The general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has authorized the appointment of a 28-member advisory group to study capital needs in the convention's seven colleges.

W. Perry Crouch, Raleigh, general secretary-treasurer, has said the advisory committee would not be pushed for a report or for recommendations. "I do not foresee any recommendations from this committee to our convention next November, but perhaps something will be ready by the spring of 1966. If so, a special convention can be called."

In other action, the board petitioned the 1965 general assembly "to make no changes in the laws relating to the manufacture of whiskey in North Carolina nor to the sale of whiskey by the drink."

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Carrollton Youth Has 11 Years Perfect Attendance

David Wright, a member of the Junior Department of the Carrollton First Baptist Church Sunday School, has not missed a single Sunday for 11 years.



David Wright

The young man was given special recognition by the church on January 24 on the occasion of Baptist Men's Day. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Wright, 921 Eighth Street, Carrollton. His pastor is Ted L. Huckaby.

Philpot Pastor Moves To Danville, Virginia

Roger Lovette, minister of the Dawson Baptist Church, Philpot, resigned January 24 to become pastor of the Blairs Baptist Church, Danville, Virginia. He has served at the Philpot church three and one-half years.

President of the Owensboro Area Baptist Ministers' Fellowship, Lovette has led the Dawson Church to grade and departmentalize the organizations of the church. A music director was employed for the first time in the church. In

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October, 1964, the church dedicated a new educational building. In the February, 1965, issue of the *Baptist Training Union Magazine*, Dawson Baptist Church has been recognized for its relevant teaching ministry in a rural church setting.

Don R. Mathis Ordained By Hopkinsville Church

Don R. Mathis, 23, was ordained by the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.



Don R. Mathis

The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mathis, he is interim pastor of Crofton Baptist Church. A senior at Austin Peay State College, Mathis plans to enter Southern Seminary following his graduation.

Don made his profession of faith in Christ at the age of 16 and three years later announced his call to preach. He has served his home church as Training Union director, Sunday School superintendent and intermediate teacher.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Glenn Henderson, minister of education at Viers Mill Baptist Church, Silver Springs, Maryland. Henderson is a brother-in-law to Mathis.

Jack Smith, pastor of Mexico Baptist Church, Mexico, Kentucky, led the interrogation. Smith was pastor at Pleasant Hill at the time Mathis surrendered to preach. Woodson West presented the ordination Bible and James Diuguind led in the ordination prayer. Both are deacons at Pleasant Hill. Richard Tapscott, pastor of Pleasant Hill, was moderator of the council.

Dr. Cornell Goerner Visits Kentucky Churches

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Secretary for Africa, was the guest preacher at the Ferguson Baptist Church for morning services February 7. The Ferguson pastor, Ira Singleton, was a Southern Baptist foreign missionary in Rhodesia until health conditions made it necessary for Mrs. Singleton and him to return to the States. Dr. Goerner also appeared in Somerset churches during the week end. He spoke at Training Union assembly at the High Street Baptist Church in Somerset and was also guest of this church for a fellowship breakfast on February 9.

The Somerset First Baptist Church pulpit was filled by Dr. Goerner at the

evening service on February 7. Dr. Goerner is a former member of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he taught missions.

Annuity Board Okays New Health Program

DALLAS (BP)—A health program to be administered by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board and to be underwritten by Group Hospital Services, Inc., of Dallas was approved by the board during its annual meeting here.

The health program which will be offered to ministers, and to church and denominational employees was one of three recommendations the board approved, R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the board, said.

The board also authorized the use of electronic data processing as soon as possible. It voted to credit 4 per cent to actuarial reserves in the pooled plans and 4½ per cent to purchased plans, the highest ever paid. Previous highs were in 1963, and when 4 and 4% per cent were credited to the respective plans.

Reed said the health program will provide plans to offer hospitalization-surgical-major medical benefits.

He said the board will direct the promotion of the program and will bill members for dues. Group Hospital Services (Blue Cross-Blue Shield), the underwriting company, will handle and pay all claims.

Wallace Bassett, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, was reelected president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board during the annual meeting here.

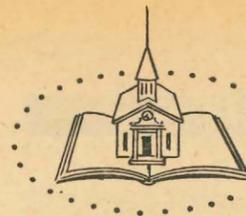
Newly elected to serve as vice-president was E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston. Reelected as vice-presidents were H. J. Blackwell, Gus Berry, both laymen from Dallas; W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, and Carlton S. Prickett, pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington, N. C.

Bassett has served on the board since its beginning in 1918.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, and other staff officers were reelected also.

Hospital Chaplains Choose Kentuckian

CHICAGO (BP)—Henry A. Buchanan, chaplain at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky., has been chosen president-elect of the Southern Baptist Association of Hospital Chaplains. This means Buchanan will assume the presidency in 1966.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



JESUS, THE CHRIST (This Lesson For Sunday, February 21, 1965)

Matthew 16:13-26

Approximately six months before the Lord Jesus was crucified, unbelief was prevalent among the leaders in Israel and opposition to Him was increasing rapidly. Fully aware of all this, our Lord took His disciples and withdrew into the region of Caesarea Philippi. There, away from the interruptions of the multitudes who usually thronged Him, and away from His enemies who sought to destroy His influence, He had a choice opportunity to instruct His disciples who had come to the abiding conviction of His deity. Christ sought to impress upon their minds the basic truths of His approaching death and subsequent resurrection. He needed time to instruct them as to the real cost of true discipleship because they were not quick to learn the things which He taught them.

I. The Person. Matthew 16:13-17.

In the light of His irreproachable life, matchless teachings, astonishing miracles and marvelous example, our Lord asked His disciples to tell Him whom they had heard others say that He was. He was not seeking this information for Himself, but He asked the question in order to get the disciples to give the subject more serious consideration. This question was also in preparation for another by which Christ intended to bring the disciples to a confession of their faith in Him.

Christ's question was answered promptly, and the answer revealed that the people had a variety of opinions about Him. These opinions were those of the common people who had followed Christ from place to place and held Him in high esteem on account of His ministry and miracles. All of them thought well of Him and considered Him to be a great and good man, lofty in ideals, full of religious fervor and wonderful in His teachings, but none of them thought of Him as the Son of God and the long-expected Messiah. Some thought that He was John the Baptist, the sensational figure who reminded his listeners of their obligations to God; others were of the opinion that He was dramatic and spectacular Elijah, calling upon them to live righteous lives; still others thought that He was Jeremiah, risen from the dead, advocating a genuine revival; and

numerous others declared Him to be one of the ancient prophets. In reality the people did not know Him, as was indicated by their failure to recognize His deity.

A proper estimate of Christ was never made by unguided human reasoning. Such a confession as those people made is not sufficient. It is not enough for men to acknowledge that He is an extraordinary individual, a perfect example, a great teacher, a moral leader and a courageous martyr, but only a man. It is tragic when men fail to recognize Him as the Son of God. A right conception of Christ is essential to a proper relationship to God.

Turning to His intimate friends and disciples, Christ asked a very pointed and personal question, "Whom say ye that I am?" This crucial question was vastly more important than the first one, and it was intended as a heart searcher.

With his usual impetuosity and in his familiar role of unofficial spokesman for the disciples, Peter rose to the occasion and answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." His answer indicated that there was not any doubt in his mind about that. Apparently the other disciples were in agreement with him.

So pleased was our Lord with this splendid confession from the lips of Peter that He highly commended him. The fact that Peter confessed that He was the Son of God, and therefore the proper object of worship, brought great joy to the Saviour. He hastened to tell Peter that it was not due to any human wisdom that he had reached that conclusion, but that it had been revealed to him by the Father. The glorious truth of the deity of Christ, which is the very heart of the Christian faith, is a divine revelation and not a human discovery.

II. The Promises. Matthew 16:18-20.

In announcing His purpose our Lord said, "Thou art Peter (Petros—literally, 'a pebble' or 'a little rock'), and upon this Rock (Petra—literally, 'a fixed rock' or 'a ledge rock') I will build my church." So, this Rock, upon which Christ promised to build His church, is Himself, the Son of the living God. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:11). As a foundation He

is solid, safe, secure and eternal. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

It would be difficult to find anything more magnificent than this glorious promise of Christ, "I will build my church." The fulfillment of this promise through the centuries constitutes the clearest possible proof of the deity of Christ. Only God could speak thus and then bring it to pass. Christ also promised His servant to give unto him "the keys of the kingdom of heaven." Inasmuch as the gospel of Christ is the key to the kingdom, it is the privilege of all Christians to present this gospel to others and thereby open the door of salvation to all who will repent of their sins and believe on Christ.

III. The Program. Matthew 16:21-23.

Now that the disciples had openly declared their faith in His deity and Messiahship, Christ began to teach them more expressly and to inform them clearly of His approaching sufferings, death, burial and resurrection. When He informed them that such was on His program, the disciples were shocked and astounded. The very idea was abhorrent to them. With rash impulsiveness Peter took Christ aside and argued the case privately with Him, trying to persuade Him not to go on with what he considered such an unwise program. Willing to defend his Lord or do anything possible to prevent Him from going to the cross, Peter expressed the hope that God would never allow such a thing to befall Christ.

In his attempt to dissuade Christ from going to the cross Peter was playing into the hands of Satan, who did everything within his power to keep Christ from the cross, because he knew that there at last the seed of the woman was to bruise his heel. In response to the remonstrance of Peter, with stern severity Christ administered a solemn and sharp rebuke, letting him know that all opposition to God's plan for Him to go to Calvary and there pay the penalty for the sins of men originated with Satan. Nothing was more offensive to Christ than an attempt to keep Him from suffering and dying to obtain salvation for sinners, so He said to Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

IV. The Price. Matthew 16:24-26.

Our Lord set forth the cost of discipleship. It involves three things.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Christian Education

"She Has Many Children"

by Joseph R. Estes

Recently it was my privilege to speak in the Victory Memorial Baptist Church concerning the Christian Education program and to lay upon the hearts of the people the great needs which our schools and student work have. The following Sunday, this church received a special offering which resulted in approximately \$3,000 being given to CEA during that week. Brother Henry W. Schafer is the pastor. The church secretary, Mrs. Carrie Lark Green, wrote a letter to us in which she said concerning the Christian Education program, "I thought I was for it—but you sure made me feel

differently about it—in fact you really made me want to give a decent contribution. I have supported Kentucky Southern but realize, as you said, we are only starting. God did not see fit to allow me motherhood but I have many 'children' in whom I'm interested, and of course do know that we need Christian schools more now than at any time in history."

Mrs. Green is one of many devoted Kentucky Baptists who realize that they have many "children" to whom they may minister through the Christian Education Advance program. The kind of unselfish giving that Mrs. Green is practicing is the only kind of giving that is acceptable to the Lord. If we give only because of some personal benefit accruing from the gift, we are not truly

giving. Of Mrs. Green we heartily say, "may her tribe increase."

The **Christian Education Revival** for February 21 through March 7 provides an excellent opportunity for all of our churches to become well informed concerning the Christian Education ministry that our State Convention supports. Every organization of the churches—Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, and Brotherhood—is being asked by its respective department secretary to present the program material that will be sent from this office. Pastors, won't you please give your people a chance to know what our Christian Education ministry is doing, what it ought to be doing, and how Kentucky Baptists can support and strengthen it. Won't you preach on one or all three of the Sundays on the theme of Christian Education? Pray God that our people may be led to give unselfishly and sacrificially—not because God couldn't get along without our money, but because we cannot truly live unless we truly give.

Sunday School

Adult Thrust, Year II Plans Interpreted

by Roy E. Boatwright

NASHVILLE—Plans for year II of the Adult Thrust, beginning in October 1965, were interpreted during the state Sunday school secretaries' meeting December 15-18 at the Sunday School Board.



Participating in the presentation were Louie L. Wilkinson, Mrs. Douglas Hills, Dr. Wilbur C. Lamm, L. H. Johnson, Jr., and Miss Hazel Rodgers, all of the Sunday school department.

The Adult Thrust, which began in 1964, is designed to reach all age groups by emphasizing the reaching of adults.

In the year II plans, materials are designed for four particular groups of adults: unsaved adults; adult prospects whose children are enrolled in Sunday school; adult church members who are unaffiliated and are not enrolled in Sunday school; and adult prospects whose children were enrolled in Vacation Bible School.

Suggested actions and program mate-

rials for reaching the four groups were specified. Of particular help to churches in the adult thrust will be "The Sunday School Builder" and "The Adult Teacher," July-October 1965 issues. All materials are correlated to aid the Adult Thrust.

In the January-March quarter of 1966, an alternate Sunday school lesson unit on witnessing, "Bearing Out Witness for Christ," will be available for young people and adults.

Detailed plans for associational witnessing campaigns and for a related individual church witnessing campaign were given. The individual church Sunday school witnessing campaign is to be used when the association itself has no witnessing campaign planned.

John T. Sisemore of the board's Sunday school department reported a total attendance of 35,486 at Adult Thrust planning meetings for the first year of the emphasis, conducted in 80 metropolitan areas in the Southern Baptist Convention in September and October 1964.

Send Reservations for CEDARMORE SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK, August 16-20 to Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore Assembly, Bagdad, Ky. Enclose \$1.00 registration fee.

Church Music

Regional Participation Prerequisite To State Youth Choir Festival

by Eugene Quinn

Youth choirs who will wish to participate in the State Youth Choir Festival must take part in a 1965 Regional Festival first. A choir may choose any of the Regional Festivals in which it prefers to participate. This decision was recently made by the state music officers planning 1965 music activities.

The state officers wish to challenge the choirs to do this, and feel that participation in a regional festival will prepare them better for the state festival.

Twenty-three choirs comprising 800 singers have already registered for the State Music Festival, which falls on Saturday morning, November 13, the great Kentucky Baptist Youth Night at Lexington.

Three Regional Festivals Set For February 26 - 27

Three of the eight regions will have their festivals on February 26-27 for all

choirs, ensembles, soloists, and all instrumentalists.

The Central Region, directed by Gus Kalos, meets at Rockford Lane church, Louisville, on February 26 for adult and youth choirs; and at Severns Valley Church, Elizabethtown, on the 27th for children's choirs.

Meanwhile, South Central Region, J. P. Jardine, director, will have its festival at Campbellsville Baptist Church, older choirs on Friday night, and younger choirs on Saturday morning.

The third region, Southern, Herman May, director, will have its older choirs section at First Church, Russellville, on Friday night, and its children's choirs at Forest Park, Bowling Green, on Saturday afternoon.

Registration deadline is February 14th. Please use the registration form printed in the festivals folder, or personally contact the regional director.

Woman's Missionary Union

State Meeting Speakers

by Mrs. George R. Ferguson

Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, since 1948; a world traveler, author of two recent books:

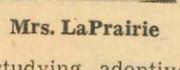


Miss Hunt

Woman's Missionary Union and The History of Woman's Missionary Union, will bring two addresses during the annual meeting of Kentucky WMU. She will speak at the opening session on Tuesday evening and again on Wednesday morning.

Miss Hunt is an interesting and informative speaker who will bring much inspiration and current missionary information.

Mrs. C. E. (Allegra) LaPrairie, missionary of the Home Mission Board and director of the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center, New Orleans, La., since 1948 will speak Wednesday afternoon.



Mrs. LaPrairie

Mrs. LaPrairie's work consists of counseling with unwed mothers to help them make decisions about their present and future lives, studying adoptive homes and placing and supervising babies in adoption.

She attended Northwestern and Tulane Universities and has a B.A. Degree and a Master's Degree in social work.

Kentucky's Mrs. H. Eldon Sturgeon, the former Jo Ann Ferguson of Sonora, missionary to Mexico since 1957, will speak Thursday morning.



Mrs. Sturgeon

Mrs. Sturgeon serves along with her husband and four daughters, in Mexico City after living in Morelia for nearly three years. Her husband is president of the stewardship and finance board of the National Baptist Convention. After their furlough he will be in charge of distributing and promoting Christian literature throughout Mexico.

Mrs. Sturgeon teaches Sunday School class, serves as a GA counselor, youth choir director and helps with special music at Easter and Christmas. In addition to home-making she serves as secretary and bookkeeper for her husband.

She is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Tulane University; has studied nursing and also studied religious education in Southern Seminary.

Sunday School Lesson

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1. Self-denial.

Self-denial is a renunciation, a disowning of self, a declaration that self shall not rule. It is the complete setting aside of self-will for full obedience to Christ's will. Denial of self is the surest way to usefulness. The Christian is to give up anything which draws his heart away from Christ.

2. Cross-bearing.

A Christian is not to bear the cross that Christ bore, but is to bear his own cross. One cannot be a Christian and not have a cross any more than he can be a man and not have a shadow.

3. Following Christ.

Following Christ is a priceless privilege and an indescribable glory. We are to follow Him when things go well with us and when they go ill with us. To follow Christ includes the thinking of His thoughts and the working out of His will. As we follow Him joy unspeakable will flood our souls.

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COLLEGE YOUTH NEEDS CHRIST! Surely no one who is at all sensitive to the temptations and tensions of contemporary life, and their intensification in the crucial years between 16 and 25, will doubt that Christ is our only hope of salvation.

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