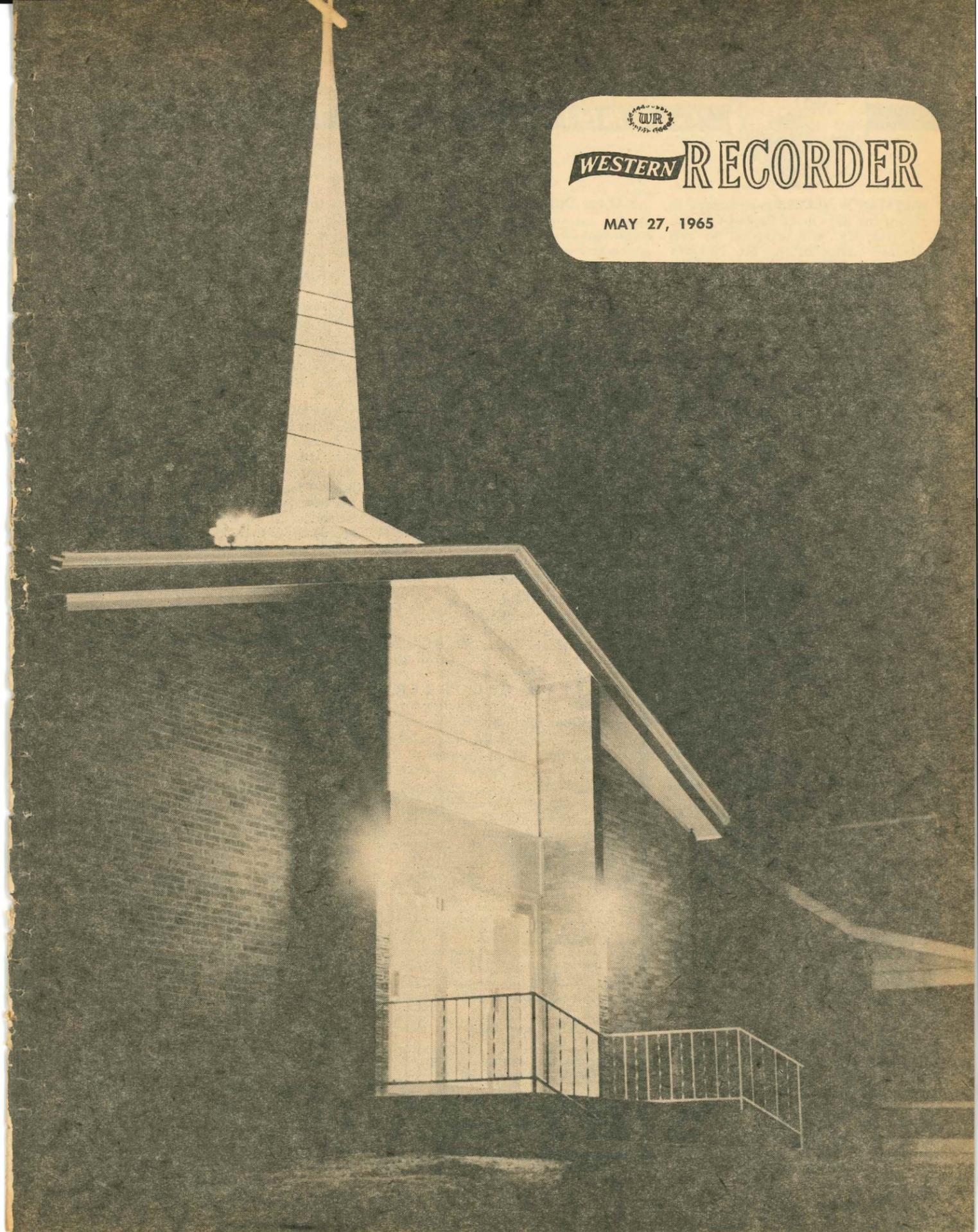
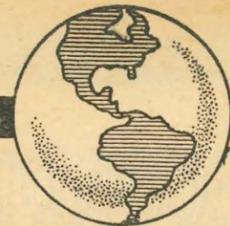




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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

WAYMAN W. HAYES has resigned as pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Mt. Olivet, Ky., and accepted the call to become pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Keene, Kentucky. His last Sunday at Mt. Olivet was May 16.

BILLY GRAHAM opened a major crusade in Copenhagen, Denmark, on May 8. The eight-day crusade was the only meeting the international evangelist will hold out of the United States in 1965. Following a four-day tour of Alabama in which he spoke five times, Graham described the meetings "very gratifying." The evangelist had cancelled a number of private appearances in Great Britain in order to accept what he termed "urgent invitations from a number of places in Alabama."

STANTON BAPTIST CHURCH, Harold Mauney, pastor, held a revival May 2-9 with Ray Cummins, pastor of Campton Baptist Church, as music director while the pastor did the preaching. There were 17 decisions registered, with three of these professions of faith. May 9 saw the highest attendance in some time with 171 in Sunday school and 95 in Training Union. The church has recently voted to participate in the county missions program made possible by a special gift to Kentucky Convention. The church is in the process of finding a Powell County Baptist Missionary to do mission work in the county under the direction of the missions committee of the Stanton Church.

SLATE BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH, Rt. 2, Somerset, was dedicated debt free on April 25. The church and furnishings have been estimated at a cost of \$18,000. Pastor Alonzo Mitchell delivered the sermon at the dedication services.

ACCORDING TO UPI study of the Sex Revolution by Patricia McCormack, the rate of infectious venereal disease among teenagers 15-19 is twice that of all the rest of the population put together.

ALUMNI of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will hold their annual luncheon on June 2 during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. It will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Embassy Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Tickets are \$3.00.

RALPH CURRY, Georgetown College faculty member, has been awarded a Fulbright Lecture Grant and will teach at the University of Iceland, Reykjavik, during the 1965-66 school term. A native of Cave City, Kentucky, he is a graduate of Western Kentucky State College and holds the M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

RONALD HEISE, a native of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, and a faculty member at Georgetown College, has been awarded a three year National Defense Graduate Fellowship and will complete work on the Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky. Prior to coming to Georgetown in 1963 he taught at Valley Forge Military Academy.

BURTON CALLICO has resigned as pastor of the East Hickman Baptist Church near Lexington. The effective date of resignation is May 30 and after

that time, Mr. Callico will be available for pulpit supply and interim pastorates. His address is Route 5, Lexington, telephone number 266-6478.

THOMAS D. TOLER, SR., retired Baptist minister, was evangelist with the Baxter Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, for a May revival. Toler is serving as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Strettsboro, Ohio. He is available for revivals and Bible study weeks. Robert Holland is pastor at Baxter Ave.

RAYMOND HOPPER, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, has resigned after two years service. He and his family will move to Mississippi Southern University where he will teach and complete his work on a doctor's degree. While at Hopkinsville, he taught at Bethel College as well as served First Baptist Church. Sidney M. Maddox is pastor. Hopper has also taught at the city schools in Hopkinsville.

ONE STUDENT from Kentucky will be among the 202 graduates from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the May commencement. He is Wendell R. Brogan from Dixon. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

MRS. CORA MARTIN, mother of Mrs. Robert Holland, wife of the pastor of Baxter Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, died May 8 at the Baptist Hospital in Louisville. She was 69 years of age and also the mother of Edward Martin, director of Special Events of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce. She was buried in the family cemetery near Owensboro, Ky.

GLENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Route 1, Utica, Kentucky, will celebrate its centennial and dedicate the new educational building on July 25. C. R. Hill, former pastor, will speak at the all day affair. Former members and friends are invited to attend.

BOB W. BROWN, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, was evangelist in an April revival with the East Hill Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida.

ELKHORN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION has issued a formal invitation to the Billy Graham team to conduct a crusade in Lexington, Kentucky. No date has been decided.

BAPTISTS:

What Will We Do With Our Institutions?

by T. B. Maston

What are Baptists going to do about their institutions? Some of them are in serious financial trouble, far more serious than most Baptists realize. This would seem to be an appropriate time for a frank discussion of the problems, financial and otherwise, that Baptists face regarding their colleges, hospitals, children's homes, and other institutions.

Introductory Statements

It is hoped that this article will in no way add to the burdens of institutional administrators, many of whom are under terrific pressure—a pressure that it seems will increase rather than decrease.

The viewpoint of this article is definitely not anti-institutional. Baptist institutions are a vital part of the total denominational program and some of them are doing a constructive and distinctly Christian work.

It seems evident, however, that Baptists in some states are over-institutionalized. Their state conventions own and operate more institutions than the people are supporting and possibly more than they can support adequately. In some states the institutions could absorb the total cooperative program income. To provide for them adequately would mean the neglect of every other aspect of the denominational program.

It possibly should be added that institutions that are owned, controlled, and even inadequately supported by Baptists are justified only so far as they contribute to the life and work of the denomination and the cause of Christ at home and around the world.

The Options

Even if every Baptist institution measured up fully to its responsibilities, the support in many and possibly most states would still be inadequate to maintain all of them. What are some possible ways out of the perplexities Baptists face regarding their institutions?

1. Some suggest that Baptists should permit their institutions to accept the government assistance that is available. They contend that this is the only way many of our institutions can survive. On the other hand, many Baptists would rather lose their institutions than keep them alive with government funds. They contend that in the long run Baptists, the Christian movement in general, and even the nation would lose more than would be gained if the institutions were preserved through assistance from the state.

There is no attempt here to evaluate the various assistance programs, some of which are more or less directed to the students and others where funds are made available for service rendered.

There may be some difference of opinion among Baptists concerning these programs but there should be no serious question about direct aid from the government for such matters as buildings and teaching. Really, the further our institutions can keep away from entanglement with the government, the better for them and ultimately for the nation itself.

2. Baptists may do nothing about their institutions, which means in many states that some of them will die a natural death. If this "do nothing" attitude prevails, it is possible that some institutions will die that would contribute much more to the work of God in the world than some other institutions that may be able to survive. The ability to survive is not a sufficient test of the value of an institution to the cause of Christ.

3. If Baptists will not or cannot support adequately all their institutions, let them deliberately, consciously, and intelligently close some of those institutions and retain only what they can and will support. This will require courageous statesmanship by denominational leaders and others but it will pay rich dividends in the long run.

CHRISTIANITY:

Mark Of The Age: An Easy Religion

by Thomas E. Adams

Sometime ago I let my subscription to a certain magazine expire. The other day I received a fascinating plea for renewal.

This notice contained a letter stating that my credit was "as good as gold", a convenient order form, a business reply envelope, and even a small ball point pen to fill my renewal. This was topped off by an offer of a 50 per cent discount on the price of the magazine.

The point that impressed me most was not the appeal to my ego. Rather it was the fact that the whole thing was designed to look and to be so easy!

This is characteristic of our age. All of us are looking for the easiest way. The path that offers the least resistance. The road that promises little or no effort. These we crave and seek diligently.

While the easy way may be excusable and even desirable in some secular pursuits, it becomes a tragedy when it is carried over into religion.

An age which has been satirized by Vance Havner as having "more ear-itch than heartburn", finds no delight in such statements as "whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself,

4. Baptists might wisely give up the control of some of their institutions, permitting them to become private or even public institutions. For example, it is doubtful if Baptists should seek to operate professional schools such as a school of medicine or law. There are increasing questions about many hospitals. In addition to professional schools, there are other educational institutions in some states that Baptists might wisely free from denominational control. Why should we continue to control institutions when we provide little of their financial support? It is really doubtful if an effective control of what they do can be maintained if we do not provide, directly or indirectly, most of their support.

A Recommendation

There have been special studies in several states of the relation of Baptist institutions to varying types of government assistance. With one or two possible exceptions, there has not been a comparable study of the Baptist institutions themselves. Many state conventions should have a representative committee to study objectively the institutions supported by the state Baptist convention, and then on the basis of the study make recommendations concerning what ought to be done about the institutions. Such a study should include all institutions owned and supported.

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and take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34). But the Saviour did not challenge anyone with a cheap, "bandwagon religion." By precept and example, He and His early followers shunned softness and endured hardness.

An easy religion fails. It obviously cannot connect men and women with the real springs of power, nor does it make any significant impact upon the world. Perhaps that is why it has been so long since the words, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:6) have been applied to Christians.

Someone has said that modern Christianity is by and large a spectator religion. If this analogy is true then there is definite cause for alarm. A few years ago my sports life made the switch from participant to spectator. I find that we spectators go to be entertained and not to enter into the sweet, toil, discipline and hardships of the game. Our ticket money, of course, does help provide the uniforms and equipment for the players and the upkeep on the stadium or gymnasium. Other than this, the only positive con-

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Disagreeing In Love

There is a much needed Christian grace among Baptists today. This is the ability to disagree with each other on principles without letting it become a personal matter. We have given lip service to this precious trait, but have found it difficult to practice. Our failure has resulted in unchristian conduct on the part of fellow church members and fellow Baptists in other relationships. Our Christian witness is dimmed and the world has reason to wonder if being a Christian makes any difference.

If this failure to respect and love each other while disagreeing were confined to young and immature Christians, it might be overlooked. Tragically, however, too many in high places of responsibility display the same littleness and pettiness. Occasionally it is out in the open; more often it is behind the scenes.

The ability to hold and express opposite convictions without personal feelings is basic to Baptist principles. Our belief in the competency of every individual to seek and discover God's will and the right of every individual to express himself demand that we allow for disagreement without taking personal offense.

There is a feeling in too many Baptist churches that one had better not disagree with the powers that be. By the powers that be is generally meant the pastor and the deacons. The fear is that to raise an objection to the "official" recommendation is to become a marked person.

Sometimes when this is claimed, it is not true. It is only the mistaken idea of some overly sensitive person. Regrettably, it is true sometimes and this is shameful. It is a sad day for Baptists when honest conviction cannot be expressed for fear of offending someone who has another opinion.

This doesn't mean that one must express himself on every matter just for the sake of airing his opinion. One who reacts to every proposal and expresses his private views without prayerfully seeking God's wisdom is a fool and a trouble-maker. However, one who remains silent giving the impression he agrees when he actually disagrees is a hypocrite, and one who waits until after the meeting to mouth his disagreement is a coward.

No Baptist has the right to impose his conviction or opinion on any other Baptist. A person is completely out of place who feels that if you are not for what he is for, you are against him. It's a vain and overbearing person who says if you are his friend, you will support his position. Such a person is no friend

to anyone, but rather views everyone as a tool to be used for self-advancement.

Human personality is the most precious thing in this world. Respect for human personality demands we give every person a right to his opinion without making it a personal matter. After all, no one has a corner on God's mind and any feeling of infallibility, no matter how important a person is, is completely out of place among Baptists.

GUEST EDITORIAL:

Strange Church Policy

My ears perked up. I could hardly believe what I was hearing. One lady was saying to another during the dinner-on-the-grounds at the association, "At our we order the literature for them. If they don't pay, we we order the literature for them. If thy don't pay, we don't order it."

I had never heard of such a thing and immediately I had visions of Sunday School pupils without lesson quarterlies because they had forgotten to pay or hadn't been there the day the matter was mentioned, of Training Union members who were without material for preparation of assigned parts for the same reason, and of choir members who were handicapped without a piece of music because they were not at rehearsal the night the order was sent in.

As the conversation between these ladies continued, it later developed that the "literature" the first one had been talking about was the Baptist state paper and other magazines. There was only momentary relief from this discovery, however, because the realization swept in that it is just as short-sighted for a church to require individual payment for subscriptions to the Baptist state paper before ordering them as it would be to try to collect individually for Sunday School or Training Union literature before ordering it.

Just as the study of the pupils and the teaching of the teachers would be handicapped and limited without literature in the hands of many of the pupils, so the interest in so many church and denominational projects is severely limited in the church which requires individual orders for the Baptist state paper before subscribing to it for the members.

The wisest and the easiest and the most economical way for a church to provide the Baptist state paper is the very same way it provides its other literature—through the church budget—and for every family in the membership in which even one person will use it.

And the church doesn't even have to open the bundle and distribute the papers at the church; we mail the papers direct to the homes just as if they were individual subscriptions.—Editor W. G. Stracener in *Florida Baptist Witness*

An Adequate Living For a Pastor

According to the AFL-CIO, the typical American worker must earn \$123 a week to provide an adequate living for a family of four. This would take care of necessities, pay taxes, and furnish some little extras, but would not allow for luxuries, says this labor organization.

By this standard not many Baptist pastors and their families are adequately kept. A glance at the salaries paid their pastors by Kentucky Baptist churches reveals that very, very few receive as much as \$123 a week.

Baptist preachers do not belong to labor organizations nor are many of them inclined to bargain with churches over pay. Before resorting to this a pastor should decline a call or leave if he is already pastor. Either he is not appreciated by the congregation or the church members are so thoughtless or inconsiderate as not to deserve him.

In recent years many of our Kentucky Baptist churches have advanced beyond the level of student pastors. Generally, they have built pastoriums in order to have a resident pastor. However, they have

not always increased the pastor's salary to the level of an adequate living. These churches should take a hard look at themselves and decide to settle for a student or raise the salary to care for a full-time resident pastor.

Generally, the resident pastor is provided a place to live. This is helpful, and the fair value of the housing should be added when his salary is being calculated. Few pastors, however, receive as many fringe benefits as most of their members who work for industry, and few church members have quite as many expenses as the pastor considering all that is expected of him.

There are two basic attitudes about salary for God's servants. One is to pay them according to their worth; the other is to pay them enough for adequate provision of their needs. The latter seems more proper. After all, who could judge fairly a preacher's worth? Besides, if we were really paid according to our worth, some might starve while others feasted. I hope Baptist editors are never reduced in pay to their worth.

The point of these words is not to suggest that a labor organization set the salary of a preacher. It is to remind those responsible for suggesting how much he receives that a preacher and his family have needs equal to or exceeding those in other work. A place to live and at least \$100 a week would seem a fair place to begin when thinking of an adequate living for a pastor and his family.

BAPTIST FORUM



Pastor's Pen

My dear People:

In the midst of growing racial tensions, this story comes out of Texas:

A student at Southwestern Seminary was hurrying to school along a Fort Worth expressway. Beside the highway he saw a stalled car and two dejected Negro women. Although late for class, he stopped to help.

It turned out they were trying to get a plane in Dallas (30 miles away). After a hurried conference, he took them to the airport and then returned and had their car taken to a garage for repairs as they had requested.

A few weeks later a furniture truck pulled up in front of his house. The young preacher told the driver that they had made a mistake, he had ordered nothing. The driver handed him a note: "Please accept this expression of gratitude from me for being so kind to my mother in the hour of need . . . I consider you a real friend. (Signed) Nat King Cole."

The box? It contained a color TV set. At the time of this event, Nat King

Cole was dying of cancer, and since then has passed away. From what we have read about him, he seemed to be one of the finer persons in show business. He was the son of a Baptist preacher.

Do we not find a spirit manifest in this event that would help solve the problems of the world?

Danville, Ky. Wm. Austin Roberts

An Old Story

In an editorial on February 11, 1965, we raised serious questions regarding the validity of the alleged new morality which is becoming so popular in certain religious circles today. While we make no claim for prophetic insight, it is not often that a prediction comes true so soon. But it has happened. One thing leads to another, particularly in sin and evil. This was made clear by a recent story in *The New York Times* (March 26, 1965; late city edition). According to the article, a drama club in a local church put on a program the previous evening which featured, among other items, a dance duo in the nude. (Ac-

ording to other reports the description should be "near nude." The distinction seems unimportant.)

To one schooled in the Puritan tradition this seemed incredible, but the account in general was verified. That it was performed in the church sanctuary seemed impossibly sacrilegious, but that was true. That this was done in a Baptist church seemed beyond belief, but it was.

To be sure it was not done with pastoral blessing and there is much embarrassment here. To be sure, it was done among a people that are, to say the least, unusual, and where there is being made an honest effort to reach them with some religious impact. But the sad part of this story is that it is so old. The children of Israel wanted and needed a religious power symbol and, having lost Moses, as they thought, they made the golden calf and celebrated its unveiling with rites of lust. Later their children wanted to adjust to the Canaanitish neighbors and followed them into the groves for adulterous and idolatrous practices. In the fourth century of the Christian era when the world accepted the church, it soon became true that the church had accepted the world. All this prattle about making the gospel relevant, about adjusting the church to the world about it, about breaking down the walls of the church and taking it into the

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FMB Raises Overseas Personnel To 2,002

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting in Richmond, Va., May 10-12 appointed 22 missionaries; reappointed another; designated 49 young people as missionary journeymen, contingent upon completion of an eight-week training program; voted a medical relief program, through which experienced physicians and dentists may give up to one year of continuous service on the mission field; authorized a plan for regional personnel representatives; voted to station a missionary couple in South-West Africa; heard progress reports on the current nationwide evangelistic crusade in Brazil and results of recent campaigns in Thailand and Malaysia; and voted to participate in a Latin-American evangelistic campaign to be held in the next four or five years.

Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, of Jacksonville, Fla., president of the Board, reported on a recent tour of mission work in Latin America. He participated in the launching of the evangelistic crusade in Brazil, where he says the new great spiritual awakening may take place.

The new missionaries and journeymen bring the Board's overseas staff to 2,002. "The 2,000 barrier has been broken and the drive toward 5,000 is underway," commented Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel.

Viet Nam Missionaries Commended by Cauthen

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported on a visit to disturbed areas of the Orient and on evangelistic crusades in Malaysia and Thailand in which he participated.

Dr. Cauthen and Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, met for two days with the 16 Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam and with them surveyed the situation they confront. "Earlier they had been told they would have the full support of the Board at any time if they should feel it necessary to leave the country," Dr. Cauthen explained.

The missionaries responded by asking the mission secretaries to tell Southern Baptists to send more missionaries so that plans for advance in Vietnam might go forward. "Missionaries in Vietnam are writing a record of calmness, stabil-

ity, and faith in the way that has always characterized missionaries in line of duty," Dr. Cauthen said.

The secretaries also spent two days in Indonesia. Dr. Cauthen said, "Although political relations are strained, opportunities for Christian work continue to be found in abundance and the responsiveness of the people is encouraging."

Dr. Cauthen said that all across the world there is a sense of urgency that Christian work be done on an ever increased scale while there is opportunity. "We must not forfeit the distinctive privileges we now have by fearfulness and over-caution growing out of observing winds and clouds," he concluded. "With our eyes upon a living Saviour, we must press ahead on all fronts, giving ourselves to every phase of mission work. A deep spiritual awakening on a world scale, replacing hatred with love, evil with good, and strife with peace, is the major need of our time."

New Personnel Plans

Under the medical relief program the Board's medical consultant, Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, will work with the personnel department in recommending employment of physicians and dentists 35 years of age and above for one-year periods of service. Dr. Fletcher said this program will not alter the Board's regular appointment of career missionary doctors. "It will allow us to use experienced people in an emergency role so that we can continue our approach toward well-prepared career people for our basic advance," he explained.

To meet its goal of 5,000 missionaries at the earliest possible date, the Board authorized its personnel department to employ two regional personnel representatives in each of three succeeding years, beginning this year. These representatives will locate in areas of heaviest concentration of missionary volunteers, candidates, and prospects. One of their major tasks will be to channel as many qualified people as possible into the screening procedure leading toward appointment as a missionary or employment as a missionary associate or missionary journeyman.

The Board's decision to station a couple in South-West Africa followed the request of an English-language Baptist

church in Windhoek, capital of the African territory. Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, said the primary responsibility of this couple will be "to minister to the local European population, while seeking to encourage the congregation to expand its ministry to the Africans in the nearby townships."

The Whole Program And Its Parts

by S. H. Jones

The familiar truth that the whole of anything is larger than any of its parts has many applications in our thinking and living. It may happen often that people get their thinking out of perspective by giving too much attention to some part to the neglect of the whole. This line of thought can apply to our Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

The Whole Commission

The Commission of our Lord is inclusive, and still it is a unit. It is a whole Commission that includes several parts or phases. Obviously, our Lord expects his followers to carry out the whole Commission and not select some part of it for our entire attention. It is true also that he has not indicated any part of his Commission as being more important than others. We may speak of "the main business of the churches" as being this or that, but the whole of our Lord's Commission is our business. Moreover, we may do violence to the Commission by attempting to differentiate among its parts. Such efforts to analyze the Commission may help to understand it better and to provide ways of carrying it out, but they should not lead to emphasizing some part as being more important than others. For example, evangelism and teaching must go together; and these should go on wherever there are people and at the same time, all the time.

The Whole Program

The Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is based on the Commission of Christ. It recognizes that the Commission includes, to state it simply, evangelism, education, and service for needy people (medical service, care for children, etc.); and it provides for the support of the people, the agencies, and the institutions that are needed for such

a complete program. This program of service has grown in scope and variety as the conditions of life in the world have become more complex and the needs of people and ways of meeting them have changed; but the basic purpose of it all is to carry out the whole Commission of Christ, not just a part of it.

In giving financial support to our work, we Southern Baptists should keep in mind that all of it is important. It is really a unified program of which the whole is made up of several parts. We can, if we choose to do so, support some one or more of the parts; but it is obviously better to support the whole and thus support all the parts. To do otherwise is to weaken the whole in order to satisfy our preference for some part of it. The complete Commission requires a complete program, and we carry out the whole Commission by supporting the whole program.

Poll Shows Support For Some Real Estate Taxes On Churches

WASHINGTON, D. C. (POAU)—Final results of an opinion poll on whether or not churches should pay real estate taxes reveal a heavy affirmative vote, according to a representative of Americans United.

The poll, conducted through the organization's monthly magazine, "Church and State Review," also showed that some persons would tax a portion of church property (especially that which is revenue-producing) and leave other property tax free.

Of the 1,936 who responded to the poll, 1,752, or 90.5 per cent, favor real estate tax for churches. Of the remaining 184 votes cast, 144 voted "no," and 40 qualified their votes.

Library Consultant Visits Owen County Baptist Assn.

James H. Rose, consultant for the Library Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was the speaker for the May 2 meeting of the church library organization of the Owen County Baptist Association. Mr. Rose spoke on "Promotion of the Church Library", emphasizing the five library organizational goals for 1965.

The Owen Baptist Association now has nine churches with church libraries. These churches are: Beech Grove, Dalsburg, Long Ridge, Monterey, Mt. Pleasant, New Columbus, Old Cedar, Owenton, Squiresville. The library organization officers are Mrs. Lindsey C. Murphy, president; Mrs. Donald Towles, vice-president; Mrs. Ruby Haydon, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Ira Arnold, program chairman.

Three From Kentucky Named Missionaries

Pastor and Mrs. Paul H. Grossman, of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, and Miss Dora Howard, a registered nurse who is now a student in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, were appointed missionaries during the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The Grossmans will serve in Liberia, West Africa, Miss Howard in East Pakistan.

Mrs. Grossman, the former Peggy Chamberlain, was born in Owensboro, but she grew up in Evansville, Ind. Miss Howard was born in Tell City, Ind., but moved with her family to Owensboro when a teen-ager. Mr. Grossman is a native of Posey County, Indiana.

Pastor of the Taylorsville church since November, 1960, Mr. Grossman formerly was pastor of Finley Baptist Mission, Henderson, and minister of music for Dry Run Baptist Church, Georgetown. He also served with churches in other states.

He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Georgetown College and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Seminary. Mrs. Grossman attended Georgetown College and graduated from Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, with the bachelor of arts degree in April.

The Grossmans began seeking mission appointment in May, 1964, though they committed their lives to mission service years earlier. In Richmond, Va., for appointment and a week of orientation at Foreign Mission Board headquarters, they told how they reached a point of decision when Mr. Grossman was being considered for the pastorate of a church "with a very promising future."

Their missionary commitment, they explained, had somehow been pushed aside in the press of getting an education, serving in pastorates, and starting a family. But it was never forgotten, and it came back forcefully when Mr. Grossman preached a trial sermon for the church that was considering him as pastor.

"God somehow seemed to ask me, 'Will you be content to remain here when I have called you to be a missionary?'" Mr. Grossman said. "I had extreme difficulty preaching, and when I met with the pulpit committee, I told them not to recommend me to the church, for I felt that I must then and there answer God's call."

Later that month, while attending the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, he and his wife conferred with a representative of the Foreign Mission Board and began the appointment procedure.



MISS DORA HOWARD (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Grossman, newly appointed Southern Baptist foreign missionaries, talk about the countries where they will serve.

Mr. and Mrs. Grossman have four children, Paula Ann, 11, Kenneth Ray, nine, Paul, Jr., six, and Mareida Jo, three and a half.

Miss Howard traces her interest in mission service to student days in the school of nursing of Evansville College. She told the Foreign Mission Board that through membership in Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship she began to realize "the real responsibilities of a Christian" and to seek God's purpose for her life.

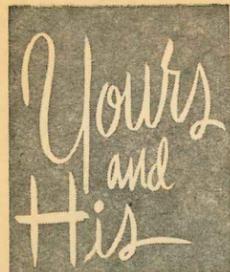
"I knew I enjoyed nursing, especially the areas of maternal and child health," she said. "Through talking with friends, reading missionary biographies, attending mission conferences, and much prayer, I came to feel that God wanted me to say, 'Yes, I'll prepare to serve as a missionary nurse.'"

After receiving the bachelor of science degree from Evansville College, working briefly in Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Owensboro, and passing Kentucky nurse registration examinations, she joined the staff of the Frontier Nursing Service in Hyden, Ky., as a general duty and clinic nurse. During the 16 months she served in Hyden she completed a graduate course in midwifery at Frontier Nursing Service and received a certificate in midwifery.

In January, 1963, she returned to Owensboro, where she worked in Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital until she entered the seminary last fall. She did part-time educational and promotional work for Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, during her first semester in the seminary.

The Grossmans and Miss Howard were among 22 missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board on May 12, bringing the Southern Baptist overseas mission staff to 2,002.

EVERY BAPTIST LEADER A
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Baptist In Dallas

I will be among about 400 messengers from Kentucky and about 15,000 from the Southern Baptist territory who will be heading for Dallas, Texas, for the annual meeting of the SB Convention June 1-4. One of the most progressive—and Baptist-laden—cities in America, Dallas will doubtless attract a record-breaking convention crowd next week. President Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tennessee, will preside. Pray for him, for all Baptists, for a world-kindling revival arising out of Dallas. Pray that controversy among Baptists will give way to constructive cooperation among Baptists, leading to world conquest.

THREE ISSUES

It is generally agreed that three things will highlight the action of Baptists in Dallas: (1) the adoption of a record-breaking \$21.8-million Cooperative Program budget for 1966 recommended by the Executive Committee; (2) the approval of being a part of the North American fellowship or Committee (a section of the Baptist World Alliance); and (3) whether to limit the presidency to one year or not. It is now two years. Many of our leaders favor all three. Pray for our Lord's will to be made known. Certainly we rejoice in the \$21.8 million Cooperative Program budget (Kentucky will promise \$3.15-million for Kentucky and SBC) for world missions. Following the wonderful years of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, wherein all North American Baptists worked together in voluntary committee fellowship, it has been proved that much can be done together in the Spirit of unity and the bond of peace. The presidency is a killing job, and takes a man away from his church most of the year; only a man of unusual strength can survive two years—but some do. There are good points to two years, also, in terms of experience.

IT'S AN ORDER OF BUSINESS!

Remember, either the SBC, or the KB Convention, is mainly an order of the King's business! The various phases of our total work are presented in factual—often dramatic—form. This is the MAIN REASON we come together—to do our Lord's work better. Pray that we will make a worthy response to the Great Commission of our Lord.

Yours and His,
HAROLD G. SANDERS

Kentucky Baptists

Elvin Clark Moves To Detroit, Michigan

The pastor of the Greensburg (Kentucky) Baptist Church has resigned to accept the call of the Livonia Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

He is Elvin Clark, a native of New Albany, Indiana, and a 1953 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to serving the Greensburg congregation for 7 years, he was pastor of the Baptist Temple, Louisville. He will complete his work in Kentucky on June 13 and move to Michigan the following week.

Mrs. Clark is the former Joyce A. Bohling of Missouri. The Clarks have two children: Connie, 13, and Jeff, 10.

Clark is presently the moderator of Russell Creek Association. He has served on the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and is presently one of the directors of the *Western Recorder*, having served about 3 years. While a Louisville pastor, he was the secretary of the Executive Board of the Long Run Association.

Charles Garringer Accepts California Post

Charles Garringer has resigned as pastor of the Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger, to accept the pastorate of the Paradise Hills Baptist Church, San



DAVID BROWN has been elected minister of music at the Southern Heights Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky. A native of Russellville, he is a graduate of the high school there and Western Kentucky State College. He is employed by the Citizens National Bank. S. E. Smothermon is pastor of the Southern Heights Church.

Diego, California. He will assume his new responsibilities on June 1.

Garringer has served three Kentucky pastorates: Corinth Baptist in McQuady; Great Crossing, Georgetown; and Southside in Covington. He was also an associate minister at Third Baptist Church in St. Louis.

He is a graduate of Taylor University in Indiana and Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville.

Keith LaGessee, Erlanger minister of education and music, will supply the pulpit during the interim.

Pomeroy Plans Move To Georgia

The College Park Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, has called Dudley Pomeroy as pastor. Pomeroy announced his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Newport, on May 16 to accept the College Park invitation.

Pomeroy will move to Atlanta to begin his ministry on August 1. He will remain with the Newport congregation through June and will use July for reserve military training and vacation.

He is a native of Ohio, a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Seminary. He was a leader in the reform movement of north Kentucky several years ago and has also served in many capacities in associational and state convention activities.

Other pastorates served by Pomeroy were in Wilmore, Kentucky; Piqua, Ohio; and Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Victor Mantiplies Accepts Virginia Pastorate

Victor E. Mantiplies, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, for the past six and one-half years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Moffett Memorial Baptist Church in Danville, Virginia. The effective date of the resignation is May 31.

Mantiplies has been active in denominational life while in Louisville. He has served a three year term on the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and is presently a member of the Christian Education Committee and the Public Affairs Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He has also served as president of the Louisville Baptist Pastors' Conference, and vice-moderator of the Long Run Association of Baptists, as well as a number of committees.

He is a native of Amherst, Virginia, and a graduate of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia. Mantiplies received his B.D. and Th.D. degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. His wife is the former Mary Ann Roberson of Bessemer, Ala-

bama. Mrs. Mantiplies attended Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, and was graduated from the University of Alabama. She received the M.R.E. degree from the Carver School at the Louisville Seminary. They have two sons, Mark and David.

Louisville Baptist Given Writing Assignment

NASHVILLE—Mrs. Jewell Wells Nelson, nursery co-ordinator at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, has been given the assignment of writing nursery materials by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Training Union department, Nashville.

Mrs. Nelson will be preparing materials for the 1966-67 issues of "Church Nursery Guide," a magazine for church nursery workers, and "Living with Children," a magazine for parents of children under four. Both magazines are published by the Sunday School Board's Training Union department.

From Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Mrs. Nelson has a bachelor of science degree. She has a master of religious education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

J. Oliver Drew Passes At His Home

John Oliver Drew, pastor of the South Elkhorn Baptist Church at Lexington, Kentucky, since January, 1956, died of a heart attack at his home on the Versailles Road the morning of April 20, 1965.

He was a native of Jackson County, Ky., and was a son of Grover and Beatrice Hale Drew of Lancaster. He was a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He had also studied at Moody Bible Institute and had taught school in Scott County. He served as basketball coach at Georgetown College for two years. He had served as pastor at the Salt River Baptist Church and the Doctor's Fork Baptist Church, Boyle County, the First Baptist Church of

The Cover

The Arcade Baptist Church, Louisville, dedicated their new \$60,000 building on May 16 at 2:30 p.m. with Dr. Rollin Burhans, president of Kentucky Southern College as speaker. David G. Page, a graduate of Southern Seminary, has been pastor of the church for 2½ years.

Kentucky Baptists



KENTUCKY SEMINARY GRADUATES—22 students from Kentucky are listed among the 135 from 23 states scheduled to graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, at commencement exercises May 28. Listed by hometowns and degrees they will receive, the students are:

Lawrence E. Baldrige, Hueysville, bachelor of divinity; Barbara E. Bush, Louisville, master of religious education; E. Thomas Cleveland, Louisville, B.D.; Julian E. Compton, Lexington, B.D.; James E. Conrad, Falmouth, master of religious education; John D. Craycraft, Lexington, B.D.; Richard A. Crofts, Louisville, B.D.; Darrell D. Cruse, Sonora, B.D.; Mary Jo French, Warsaw, M.R.E.; Earl D. Gray, Uniontown, bachelor of church music; Reathel T. Haven, Radcliff, B.D.; Patricia Ann Higgs, London, master of church music; Fred J. Hood, Harrodsburg, B.D. (not shown); William R. Hornbuckle, Louisville, M.C.M.; Billy G. Hurt, Murray, doctor of theology; David G. Johnson, Waynesburg, B.D.; Marcia B. Morgan, Williamsburg, B.C.M.; Matthew H. Nevels, Whitley, M.R.E.; John H. Pippin, Fredonia, B.D.; W. Wayne Price, Covington, B.D.; John C. Sanderson, Murray, B.D.; and Richard J. Stephens, Grayson, B.D.

Whitley City, and the Gethsemane Baptist Church, Danville.

He had been active as a member of the executive boards of Elkhorn Baptist Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention and had served on the Fayette County Juvenile Court Advisory Committee.

Drew is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Dobbs Drew and two sons, John, 14 years, and Ralph Barton, 8; his parents, five sisters and six brothers.

Funeral services were held at the South Elkhorn Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Ira Prosser, Calvary Church, and the Rev. Charles Holland, pastor of the Porter Memorial Baptist Church. Deacons and trustees of the church acted as pallbearers and the ministers of Elkhorn Association served as honorary bearers. Burial was in Hillcrest, Lexington.

During his nine years as pastor of South Elkhorn, over 500 people came into the church, a building program that was just beginning when he came was expanded and completed. He had just completed a successful revival on Sunday night before his death and had

baptized four persons before preaching the evening sermon. Plans were made on Monday night, April 19, at a meeting of the deacons and trustees, to expand the church plant as soon as property west of the church could be acquired from Mr. V. H. Jaycox, owner and developer of the Rosalie Road subdivision. After the sudden death of the pastor, Mr. Jaycox announced his decision to donate said property to South Elkhorn Church as a memorial to Mr. Drew.

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Cedarmore Sunday School Week August 16-20, 1965

by Roy Boatwright

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C. R. Daley

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THIS IS IMPORTANT! If you wish reservations in the Boone Lodge during Sunday School Week you should write for them immediately. Send your request to Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore Assembly, Bagdad, Ky., and enclose one dollar registration fee.

Woman's Missionary Union

A Message From The New President

"We turn another page of Kentucky WMU history. Time relentlessly moves on and, with regret, our Auxiliary loses another of its able presidents. I welcome this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of Kentucky WMU for electing me to the presidency. Your indicated confidence in me is humbly appreciated.

"Since Paul preached to the women gathered for prayer by the river side, since the pioneer days of America and the beginning of "Mite Societies" to our present day of multiple societies in one church, our basic objective has been the same. Woman's Missionary Union is being challenged. While standing firmly as a missionary organization, we must alert to changes in today's world and adjust our approach to meet the challenge about us.

"The present structure of Woman's Missionary Union provides an opportunity for EVERY woman to become vitally involved in obeying Christ's command, "Go ye". The very "climate" of WMU must stimulate the desire to become involved in the missionary enterprise of the church.

"As we 'Labor Together with God', let us pray and strive for a forceful and continuing outreach through Woman's Missionary Union. The present day Baptist terms, "Forward", "Advance", "Thrust", must become our banners under which we march as Christians in today's world."—Mrs. W. C. White, II.

Thank You and Welcome

Election time brings regrets of severed relationship and joy in new fellowships. According to the rotation system, membership on our Executive Board is limited to five years and a portion of the members retire each year.

Mrs. J. S. Woodward, of Lexington, declined re-election for a fifth year as president in order to spend more time in her home and to give assistance to her pastor-husband. We are grateful for her outstanding leadership during the past four years. She has given with great liberality of her time and talents as our president, as vice-president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC and in the work of our Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Mrs. W. J. Clark, of Louisville, retired from the office of recording secretary after having served so capably for five years in this office and on Executive Board committees. She had served several terms previously in other capacities and was assistant recording secretary immediately preceding this term.

Mrs. Paul E. Stewart, of Paducah, completed five years of valuable service as a member-at-large. She also has given several terms of service; as a state vice-president, a regional president, chairman of mission study and other positions.

Mrs. Ralph Mays of Heidrick resigned following several years of splendid leadership as a member-at-large. She also served previously as a Regional Youth Director.

We shall miss Mrs. W. Peyton Thurman of Louisville who served most capably for the past five years as a resident member. She has given valuable leadership to committee assignments, most notably as chairman of our Scholarship Committee.

We are happy to welcome several new

members: Mrs. Everett L. Martin, Louisville; Mrs. A. L. Meacham, La Grange; Mrs. J. V. Carlisle, Louisville, resident members.

Mrs. H. C. Randall, of Columbia, former state president, now becomes our Recording Secretary; Mrs. D. M. Aldridge, former vice-president, member-at-large; Mrs. Leland Seaton, Hardinsburg, former vice-president, now member-at-large; and Mrs. O. B. Mylum, Berea, who has served in a number of capacities during several terms, returns as a member-at-large.

Pray daily for these outstanding leaders.

Training Union

Associational Youth Nights Reported

by Mike Speer

Several associations have reported very fine youth nights. George Walls, pastor, Cave Springs Baptist Church, Albany, writes concerning the Freedom Associational Youth Night: "All our hearts were touched because we saw in the film, 'The Tony Fontane Story' (available from the Baptist Film Center, Speed Building, Louisville, Kentucky) how God can take a man and wife and change their lives and use them in the advancement of His Kingdom. Many young people, as well as adults, were moved to rededicate their lives."

In the Warren Association, 127 young people and pastors representing 19 churches met on March 27. Clarence Thurman, Southern Baptist Missionary to Malaysia, was the inspirational speaker. The associational Training Union Director, Mr. Archie Vaughn, reports: "He had three girls dressed as natives of Malaysia, each one representing three races of people that had been won to Christ. He made real the problems the missionary faces and said that the greatest need is that Southern Baptists would really pray for them and the work." R. B. Hooks, Sr., is the district missionary for Warren Association.

The following associations have reported Youth Night: Bethel, Central, Christian, Freedom, Irvine, Laurel River, Logan County, Lynn, Mt. Zion, Nelson, Rockcastle, Upper Cumberland, Warren.

If you have had a Youth Night but have failed to report it, please do so immediately. Send your report to Kentucky Baptist Training Union Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

Baptist Student Union

State Officers

by J. Chester Durham

We are happy to announce the election of state officers for 1965-66. The state president is Mr. Quentin Lockwood, Georgetown College. The state pastor advisor is Rev. Sidney Maddox, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. The state faculty advisor is Dr. Willard Reeves of Cumberland College and the local student director representative is Mr. Calvin Zongker, University of Kentucky.



James Hardin

Summer Missionary to France

The Kentucky Baptist Student Union is sending Mr. James William Hardin to France to serve as a missionary during the summer of 1965. Mr. Hardin is a senior at the University of Kentucky.

Mr. Hardin's home is in Inez, Kentucky. His major work at U.K. has been zoology and chemistry.

Mr. Hardin has served as president, personnel and enlistment chairman on the U.K. BSU Council. He has also participated in the choir program. As a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington Mr. Hardin has been active in the Sunday School and Training Union programs and has been a teacher of junior boys.

In France Mr. Hardin will engage in preaching, youth work, R.A. work, and music among English language churches.

Church Music

Three More Festivals Report 1,719

by Eugene F. Quinn

The three regional festivals held during the past month report a total of 1,719 participants in 50 choirs from 27 churches in 14 associations.

South Central Region, meeting at Campbellsville, reported 375 singers in 11 choirs, plus 10 members in 2 assemblies, and 18 hymn players representing 4 churches in 4 associations.

North Central Region, meeting at Georgetown College, reported 584 in 19 choirs from 14 churches in 6 associations. Other participants include 2 hymn players, 7 soloists, and 3 ensembles containing 13 members.

Western Region had 760 in 20 choirs from 9 churches in 4 associations. Other events included 14 hymn players, 4 soloists, 15 song leaders, and 1 trio.

The regional directors and church music directors are to be commended

for sharing and receiving assistance in these festivals toward the advancement of music for Christ in their churches.

Benton Pastor's Hymn In "The Church Musician"

J. Frank Young, pastor of Benton Missionary Baptist Church, has composed a gospel song entitled "Christ Above All". This song will appear in the July issue of *The Church Musician* magazine.

Our choirs will have the opportunity of sharing this new gospel song with their congregations.

Kentucky Baptist Foundation

"Half-Year Report"

by James C. Austin

Increasingly, Kentucky Baptists are realizing the practical and spiritual importance of writing Christian Wills. During the eight month ending April 30 the Kentucky Baptist Foundation assisted in the preparation of twenty wills remembering Baptist Causes through the Foundation.

Several estates were settled during this period which benefitted the Foundation by approximately a half million dollars.

Numerous inquiries concerning the writing of Wills and Trust Agreements have been answered by correspondence, telephone and personal conferences.

During this same period, eight Annuities and Life Income Agreements were written in the amount of \$48,000.00.

The market value of all the Trust Funds as of March 1, 1965 was \$3,628,238.92. This is an increase of \$607,306.92 since September 1, 1964.

Several other bequests from estates, Gift Annuity Agreements and Life Income Contracts have been added to

Foundation assets since this report was compiled. We anticipate that our assets will reach the \$4,000,000.00 mark by the end of this fiscal year, August 31, 1965.

The Foundation has distributed earnings in the amount of \$60,751.83 during the first half of this fiscal year. We anticipate that we will distribute approximately \$145,000.00 during the fiscal year.

Many churches used the **Make Your Will Emphasis for a Local Church** materials in January. Many others used the **Make Your Will** month bulletin inserts in January. We continue to receive requests for the fine 30-minute color film, "God's Will Through Yours."

In April we had a very successful Stewardship-Foundation Conference at Cedarmore. Many have characterized this as one of the most helpful and profitable conferences in Kentucky Baptist life in a long while. I think all the program personalities did a truly outstanding job. Many Kentucky Baptist leaders have a new awareness of the great potential in Deferred Giving.

We join with the Apostle in saying "in everything give thanks." May never day nor night unhallowed pass without remembering what the Lord hath done!

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community, becomes sheer idiocy unless it is accompanied by the strictest moral and spiritual code. When William Booth moved into the slums of London, he by no means allowed the slums of London to move into him. When Adoniram Judson carried the gospel to Burma he by no means allowed the mores of an oriental court to compromise his message of holiness.

Churches that have abandoned the old land marks, that have turned a deaf ear to vulgarity, that have become blind to cocktail sipping and beer guzzling, that have turned their social halls into dance halls, may not plan to harvest a carnality that would even be banned on Broadway, but what else can they expect? If this is to be an age when the church ceases to speak about God and sin and holiness and salvation and hell and heaven; if this is to be an age when the church denatures its supernaturalism and rationalizes its humanism, then look out! God will find other ways to express His blessing and other means to fulfill His judgment. How the church of today needs to hear again those gracious words of Jesus, "I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that thou shouldst

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take them out of the world but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one" (John 17:14-15). The church is not to be out of the world, but certainly the world is to be out of the church!

Lawrence T. Slaght
Watchman-Examiner

Another Testimony for Tongues

I read with interest, your editorial in the April 29 issue of *Western Recorder* and also the letter from the lady concerning the editorial.

I appreciate, very much, your attitude toward the move of the Holy Spirit in the various denominations as evidenced by Speaking in Tongues. I have had the opportunity of reading the testimony, and of meeting several denominational ministers who have had this experience and without exception, it has meant a more effective ministry and in more than one instance they were reprimanded by their denominational leaders and/or churches for this and instructed to refrain from such practice or teaching. Of course Christ and the Apostles were ridiculed for their teaching . . . even beaten and warned against such.

Regardless of what may be done or said about it . . . it is of God and is not to be defeated. I thank God for our former pastor at Northside Church, because he brought a wonderful message on Pentecost from our pulpit and acknowledged the movement of the Holy Spirit . . . saying that it is Bible and not to be denied.

I am still Baptist . . . but I believe in the Full Gospel and accepted the Men's Sunday School Class to teach with the understanding that I be permitted to teach the Full Gospel. I fully believe that we, as Baptists, will be more effective when we acknowledge the leadership of the Holy Spirit and accept that leadership . . . even with the evidence of speaking in Tongues. The Scripture promises the Holy Spirit to those who ask for it and James says, "We have not because we ask not. . . ." My wife and I can testify to the reality of it.

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Christian Writers To Meet At Ridgecrest June 10-16

NASHVILLE—A conference for Christian writers will be held June 10-16 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly under the leadership of Clifton J. Allen,

editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board.

Eric C. Rust, professor of Christian apologetics, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will present a daily lecture series for background and inspiration.

Daily worship leaders will be: Robert Root, professor of journalism, Syracuse (N.Y.) University, on magazine article writing; Ward S. Miller, professor of English, Redlands (Calif.) University, on writing fiction; Mrs. Barbara S. Bates, editor and author of juvenile books, Jenkintown, Pa., on writing for children.

Other workshop leaders will be: Mrs. Charleen Whisnant, teacher at Queen's College, Charlotte, N.C., on writing poetry; Don Fearheiley, assistant film producer, Broadman Films, Sunday School Board, on writing drama; James W. Carty, Jr., professor of journalism, Bethany (W. Va.) College, on writing for the mass mind.

Carty will also lead a workshop on writing for the student mind in connection with the student conference which will be held simultaneously with the writers' conference.



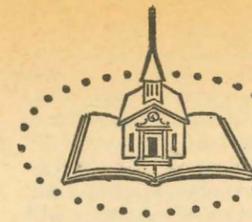
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



DAVID AND ABSALOM

(This Lesson For Sunday, June 6, 1965)

After David had sinned grievously, it was to be expected that his sinful example would have an injurious effect on the other members of his household. The beauty of his daughter, Tamar, fascinated her half-brother, Amnon, to such an extent that he assaulted and dishonored her. For months Absalom harbored the spirit of revenge against Amnon. After waiting and discovering that David was not going to punish Amnon for his sin and crime, Absalom arranged a feast for his brothers, and during that feast Amnon was slain according to the instructions of the host. Having thus dipped his hand in his brother's blood, Absalom anticipated and feared the wrath of David, so he sought refuge from the anger of his father by fleeing to his grandfather in Geshur. There he remained for three years.

During his absence "the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom," but he restrained himself. After three years, through the intercession of Joab, and the woman of Tekoah who prayed as a result of inspiration received from him, the king gave permission for Absalom to return. He stipulated, however, that Absalom must live in his own house, and that he should not see the king's face. Two years after his return, Absalom asked Joab to intercede for him again, to which request Joab reluctantly responded. When he was permitted to enter the presence of his father a reconciliation was effected.

Absalom had little thought of anyone except himself. He sought to exalt himself at the expense and by the aid of others. He was not averse to doing wrong, if he could only gain his ends and come out on top. He thought that he ought to have everything he wanted, and that it was everybody's business to see that he got it.

I. The Rebellion of Absalom.
II Samuel 15:10-13.

Conscious of his unusual attractiveness, and ambitious to capitalize on his pleasing and dynamic personality, Absalom spent four years in plotting to seize the throne of his father. He was so ambitious for the immense power which the position of king gave to a man, he was prepared to use any means to do whatever was necessary to get it.

Before organizing an open rebellion

against his father, Absalom set himself to the task of popularizing himself. Rising early each morning, he stationed himself at the gate of the city where he would be accessible to anybody who had a grievance. The people came to him with their tales of woe and expressed their wishes. Wanting to instill in the minds of the people a bad opinion of his father's administration and a good opinion of his own fitness to rule, Absalom expressed his regret at the negligence of David, told them that they need not expect any justice from the king, and gave a verdict in favor of every person who was out of sorts with the government. Absalom courted popularity by pretending to be a great social reformer and a special friend of the less fortunate. He told each complainer that his cause was right and just, and then concluded his remarks with the suggestive explanation: "Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!" As a result of these base tactics, Absalom gained the reputation of being "a man above all others in the kingdom who had the welfare of the people at heart," and thereby he stole the hearts of the guillible people. This campaign went on quite some time before David knew about it.

Absalom sent spies throughout the land spreading rumors about David's crumbling administration, and the need for young and competent leadership over the kingdom. He enlisted two hundred men from Jerusalem to go to Hebron, the former capital, where he intended to hoist the flag of rebellion. These men who accompanied the traitor were dupes, and knew nothing of his wicked purpose.

As evidence of the depths to which Absalom went to achieve his purpose, I remind you that he sought and obtained the permission of David to go to Hebron to offer a sacrifice and to fulfill a long-promised vow. Taking with him the young men who preferred the attraction, glamor, and beauty of Absalom, they soon organized a revolt and started their

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march toward Jerusalem. Word of what was taking place was dispatched to David, causing the king and a few faithful followers to flee into the mountains.

II. The Remorse of David.
II Samuel 18:31-33.

After his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his period of indulgence in sin within the harem and royal palace, Absalom decided to pursue his father, who had firmly entrenched himself in the hills of Manahaim. David had instructed the commander of each of his three divisions, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom." When the armies met in conflict in the wooded district, David's men drove Absalom's army into terrible confusion. Panic-stricken they fled into the neighboring woods only to become a more easy prey to their pursuers.

Deserted by his men, wretched Absalom hurried in terror and fright through the forest, with his glorious locks flowing in the wind. When his mule galloped under an oak tree, and the animal moved from under him and left him suspended in the air. Although David had commanded his forces to suppress the rebellion but to spare Absalom, as soon as Joab learned that Absalom was hanging in a tree he took three darts and thrust them through his heart and slew him, after which ten soldiers mutilated his body.

Meanwhile David sat waiting for the tidings of the conflict. Joab commissioned Cushie, a professional Ethiopian runner, to tell David what had happened. When the dusty runner arrived, he exclaimed: "Tidings my lord, the king, for the Lord hath avenged thee this day of all those that rose up against thee." But vengeance on his foes was the last thought in David's mind. What he wanted to know was whether that vengeance had permitted him who was most guilty to survive. He said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" Cushie told him the plain truth, even though he knew it would break David's heart. For David those blunt tidings were the farewell to hope. Wrapping his mantle about him, David went up to the chamber over the gate, crying his heart out: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Ambition of the wrong kind had led Absalom along the downward way and brought him to this tragic end.

Baptist Record Wins Again For Editorial

CHICAGO (BP)—Editor Joe T. Odle of Jackson, Miss., won honors the second week in a row for an editorial he wrote for the Mississippi Baptist Convention weekly newspaper.

At the annual meeting of Evangelical Press Association here, the Baptist Record received first place for editorials in denominational publications. The winning editorial was "Smoke Over Mississippi," which last fall sparked a campaign to rebuild Negro churches burned during racial tension.

The week before receiving the Evangelical Press Association's award, the Baptist Record won an award from Associated Church Press at its meeting in Ottawa, Canada for the same editorial.

Another Southern Baptist Convention periodical received a top award from Evangelical Press Association here. The Commission, monthly publication of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, received first place for its covers.

There are 149 members of Evangelical

Press Association. Attending the 1965 annual meeting here from Southern Baptist circles were Odle and Leonard E. Hill, Nashville, production editor of the Baptist Program, denominational leadership magazine.

Next year Evangelical Press Association will go to Los Angeles, May 9-11 for its meeting. The 1967 meeting will be in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Free Bus To Circle Downtown SBC City

DALLAS (BP)—Free bus service from Dallas Memorial Auditorium to downtown hotels and Baptist buildings will be available for out-of-town messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings here May 31-June 1.

The chartered bus service will be free, courtesy of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

The bus will make stops at major downtown hotels, the meeting sites for the convention and several related conferences, and at the Annuity Board building and the Baptist Building which houses offices of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The bus will begin a 30 minute run on Monday and Tuesday, May 31 and June 1, and a 15 minute run Wednesday through Friday at 8:30 a.m., starting at the Baker Hotel, the convention headquarters. No fixed time schedule is set, however, because the time will vary according to the amount of traffic.

From its initial starting point, the bus will make stops at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, the White Plaza Hotel, the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel, and the two Baptist buildings.

On Mondays and Tuesday, the bus will make additional stops at the First

Methodist Church where the SBC Church Music Conference will be held, at the First Baptist Church where the SBC Religious Education Conference meets, and at the Dallas Market Hall, where the SBC Pastors' Conference will be held.

During the first two days, the bus will drive from Market Hall to the Dallas Memorial Auditorium where the SBC Woman's Missionary Union Convention meets.

The last three days of the week, the bus will skip the churches and Market Hall, leaving from the Annuity Board Building direct to the Auditorium.

Dr. W. C. Boone Is Pastor Again

Dr. W. C. Boone, retired executive secretary for Kentucky Baptists now living in Jackson, Tennessee, has accepted the pastorate of the newly constituted Woodland Baptist Church in Jackson. The new work began as the Northwest Jackson Baptist Fellowship and started meeting at Union University on January 10. It was constituted as the Woodland Baptist Church on April 4.

Property has been purchased with a residence on it. This residence will be used temporarily for the services.

Dr. Boone reports that about 50 people coming from six different churches in the city of Jackson and the surrounding county are now attending the new church.

Dr. Boone says he is happy to be pastor again after 20 years.

Our Baptist Institutions

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ported by Baptists of the state. While the educational institutions, in the main, are the ones in the greatest immediate financial difficulty, the other institutions fostered by the conventions are a part of the total problem.

The committee should seek to determine the purposes or functions of denominational institutions. How should those institutions differ from comparable institutions that are not church related? What distinctive contributions should such institutions make to the churches, the denomination, the cause of Christ, and the world in general? The committee should also seek to evaluate our institutions in the light of their distinctive purposes or functions. What is the potential and what has been the real contribution of each institution?

The need for the particular ministry of each institution should also be studied. It is possible that some institutions, like the mountain mission schools in the past, were needed when they were founded but are no longer

needed because the state or society in general is now making adequate provision in the area.

A careful study by a committee might even reveal some neglected areas of service that Baptists might wisely enter.

In all cases, our primary concern should be the persons that can be reached and ministered to rather than the institutions that can be built and the programs that can be promoted. We should be far more concerned about our impact on the world than we are about our prestige in the world.

Whether or not the above represents a possible way out for Baptists and their institutions, let us at least acknowledge that the problem exists and let us talk more openly about it. This is the Baptist way and the wise way to arrive at a satisfactory solution for any problem.

Macedonia Reports Progress

Pastor Jim Beeland of the Macedonia Baptist Church, near Greenville, reports unusual progress in the life of this congregation in recent months.

The Sunday School was reorganized in October 1964 with monthly council meetings and the installation of the six-point record system. A Training Union has been organized recently with 42 persons in attendance for the first meeting.

A youth program has been begun under the direction of Miss JoAnna Yonts. This program includes youth choir which rendered special Christmas music.

A new gas furnace and heating system has been installed, Baptist Hymnals are now being used, and the *Western Recorder* is provided for all families of the church.

An Easy Religion

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tribution that we make to the game is to shout our encouragement. While this is not to be discontinued as an aid to the few players involved, it still leaves us safely removed from the rigors of the game itself.

I am also aware that we spectators, with our limited knowledge, are quick to give advice and hurl our criticism to the players and coaches. After all, it seems so obvious to those of us in the bleachers how the game should be played. Spectators have also been known to condemn players who were playing their hearts out and coaches who were giving their very best—just because the season was not a statistical success. Spectators, on occasion, have been known to boo honest referees who were doing their best to officiate in an impartial manner.

Do you begin to see why there is cause for concern if the "spectator" charge against modern Christianity is

even partially true? Regardless of how close this analogy approaches the truth, certain facts are evident to even a casual observer viewing our world. This is a generation that cries out for salvation without surrender, service without sacrifice, consecration without commitment, revival without repentance, reformation without regeneration, rights without responsibilities and worship without willingness. This age clamors for a crown without a cross, self-indulgence rather than denial of self, and statistical results regardless of true spiritual success.

I realize that in the writing of these paragraphs I have condemned myself. I am aware that I am a definite part of this soft, ease-loving generation that likes its religion in sugar-coated doses. Perhaps my guilt is all the more because as a minister I have, no doubt, condoned and maybe even contributed to it. I must admit that I have no desire to endure hardness and I am certainly not bucking for a cross! Could this be the reason some have labeled us "bland leaders of the bland"?

I never knew my great grandfather who was a pioneer Baptist preacher in Western Kentucky; but as a boy, I listened in awe at my grandmother's stories about him. He worked his little farm during the day. At night he mounted his horse and with Bible and hymn book in his saddle bags went to preach at brush-arbors and one-room schools. Sunday, his "day of rest", might find him heralding the Gospel in a quarter time church. His ministry was spent mostly within the narrow confines of one county. His life was poured out in sacrificial service that drew multitudes to the Saviour but few plaudits from the world. His remains lie in an obscure Kentucky grave. Years ago, when some of the "old timers" who remembered him were around, I thrilled to hear that I bore a physical resemblance to him. I wonder if the resemblance does not stop there when I recall that his favorite hymn was one written by the immortal Isaac Watts:

"Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While other fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?
"Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?
"Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy word."

SBC Weather Forecast: Dallas in June is HOT

DALLAS (BP)—Baptists planning a trip to Dallas for the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings May 31-June 4 should be fore-warned. It's hot in Dallas during June.

Lightweight summer suits are recommended for the men, and perhaps short sleeve shirts. Summer short sleeve dresses are in order for the ladies.

The average Dallas temperature for the first week in June, according to the city's weather bureau, is 80 degrees. During the heat of the day, temperatures have sometimes risen to a sizzling 103 degrees. Average high, however, is 90 degrees.

Although the days are hot, it usually cools to about 70 degrees at night.

A weather bureau spokesman here said that Dallas should not be held responsible for the hot temperatures, for unexpected cool snaps, or sudden thunderstorms. So don't blame it on the people or the weather bureau.

Texas weather is notoriously unpredictable, he admitted.

Missionary From Kentucky Writes For Convention Press

NASHVILLE—Mrs. James P. (Maxie C.) Kirk, native of Louisville now serving as missionary in Salvador, North Brazil, is author of the pupil's edition of "Banner-Bearers," released May 15 by Convention Press, Nashville.

Mrs. Kirk's book, which is to be studied by intermediates, is one of the five books in the 1965 foreign mission graded series. The book leads intermediates down adventurous trails blazed by explorers or banner-bearers of the Christian faith who established Baptist work in Brazil. Mrs. J. Winston (Winnie R.) Pearce of Tiburon, Calif., is author of the teacher's guide.

From Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville) Mrs. Kirk has a bachelor of religious education degree.

The pupil's and teacher's editions of "Banner-Bearers" are available at Baptist book stores in Louisville and Owensboro.

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Joy Parson Memorial Fund Set Up

A \$20,000 memorial fund is being established to honor the memory of Miss Joy Parson, Harrodsburg, Ky., native who lost her life in an automobile accident last September.



Joy Parson

Income from the funded endowment will be used to underwrite the graduate education of an outstanding Georgetown College alumna, who has majored in the fields of music or drama. Miss Parson, at the time of her death, was a candidate for a doctor's degree in speech and drama at Indiana University.

She was an honor graduate from Georgetown College, finishing with highest distinction in her class of 1962. She was a scholarship student at the school all four years.

Miss Parson was the valedictorian of the class of 1958 at Mercer County High School.

Speak Out In Dallas

by J. Terry Young

[Editor's Note: The following is an editorial which appeared in The California Southern Baptist, May 20, 1965.]

It is time for Southern Baptists to speak out forthrightly on the race issue. An attempt was made last year in Atlantic City to pass a strong resolution on the race issue but the messengers settled for a watered down statement. Let's say something worth saying in Dallas. We cannot afford to remain passive and silent. The eyes of the nation—and the world—will be upon us in Dallas.

Messengers to the convention in Dallas cannot speak for their churches or for other Baptists. They cannot pass a resolution binding any church, but they can speak for themselves, and it is time they did! Now that even bus station washrooms are integrated Baptists must begin to face the reality of justice for all people.

Obviously, many sincere Baptists in the deep South have a mountain of prejudice to overcome and face a difficult task in removing racial barriers which have endured for more than a hundred years. But, isn't it time that the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, who for the most part are the leaders of Southern Baptist life, take a firm open stand on the race question? Perhaps if they did the people back home would be forced to think a

little more seriously about a Christian's attitude towards the Negro.

Let the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention speak out in Dallas. Let's not beat around the bush about what the people back home will think. We can't speak for them anyway—just as they can't speak for us. Let us speak out against racial prejudice, strife and segregation. Let us speak out for love, justice, and deliberate progress in bringing about a reasonable Christian solution to the most perplexing domestic problem facing our nation.

Commencement Features Memorial To Hill

A memorial tribute will be paid to the late Dr. John L. Hill, Georgetown College's first Academic Dean, as a part of the school's 136th commencement exercises, Friday, May 28.

The distinguished alumnus of the Georgetown class of 1899, whose interest in the College stretched across more than 70 years, passed away last November at his home in Nashville, Tennessee.

He joined the Georgetown College faculty in 1909 as an instructor in English and History. In 1913 he was named the College's first Academic Dean. It was under his academic administrative leadership that the school attained full accreditation nearly a half-century ago.

Dr. Hill left Georgetown in the summer of 1922 to assume the responsibilities as the founder and first editor of the newly created Broadman Press of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

In 1949 Georgetown College dedicated the school's new chapel to this lay leader whose distinguished career with the Convention's Sunday School Board had won acclaim all over the world.

Baptist Press Man To Receive Doctorate

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) — W. Barry Garrett, Washington, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, is one of three people named to receive an honorary degree from Oklahoma Baptist University here this spring.

Regional editor for Baptist Press news service, Garrett was to be awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

The others named for honoraries include Mrs. Rhetta May Dorland, professor emeritus of modern languages at the local university, and Glenn Richard Capp, chairman of the department of oral communications at Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.

Mrs. Dorland's degree is doctor of humanities, Capp's doctor of letters.



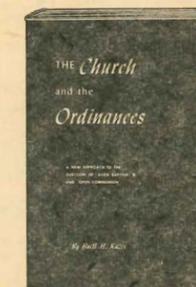
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