


WESTERN RECORDER
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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

JOE HOOD was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Harrodsburg Baptist Church on May 16 at 3:00 p.m. He is working with the Mount Washington Baptist Church, Independence, Missouri, which requested his ordination. Wallace H. Carrier is pastor at Harrodsburg.

BROOKS HAYS, former president of the SBC, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Georgetown College May 28. Hays is now a White House consultant and visiting professor at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

R. G. SHELTON, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Eddyville, Ky., was the evangelist for a revival with the Grace Baptist Church, Shelbyana, Kentucky. Pastor Floyd Titsworth reports 21 for baptism, 3 rededications and 3 life commitments. A. Y. Hodge of Mouthcard Baptist Church led the singing.

DR. JANNES REILING, president of the new Baptist Theological Seminary in Den Dolder, Netherlands, will teach a course on "The New Testament Teaching on the Holy Spirit" during the July summer session at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

PORTER MEMORIAL Baptist Church, Lexington, held a revival with Thomas J. Tichenor, Memphis, Tennessee, as evangelist. Pastor Charles Holland reports several additions by letter and baptism.

EUGENE WRIGHT, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Blandville, Ky., has resigned to accept the call to become pastor of the Cole Ridge Baptist Church, Blytheville, Arkansas. He begins his work there on June 6.

PLEAZ MARTIN, pastor of the New Home Baptist Church, Cotton Gin, Ky., was evangelist for a revival with the Sizerock Missionary Baptist Church, Booneville Association. Earl Davidson is pastor at Sizerock. There were about 45 decisions made.

DANNY McCUBBIN, president of the alumni association of Campbellsville College, extends an invitation to all alumni of the college to attend the annual alumni banquet at the college June 5 at 6:30 p.m. Reservations should be made if possible. Write or call the alumni office at the college.

WOLFE COUNTY'S new missionary for Baptists is Robert Bruce Wilson. He has moved on the field and is working with the Campton Baptist Church. A native of South Carolina, he attended Wake Forest College and received his B.D. degree from Southern Seminary.

EDWARD B. WILSON has accepted the pastorate of the McDowell Mission and will work throughout Floyd County during the week in one of several pilot projects in Eastern Kentucky mission work. McDowell Mission is sponsored by the First Baptist Church, Martin. A native of Indiana, Wilson attended Southwest Baptist College and Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

SAMUEL C. GASH, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, native and now pastor in Arkansas, was evangelist at the Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, for their spring revival. Carlos Gruber, musical evangelist, directed the music. H. Lloyd Storment is pastor at Bethany.

W. VORIS HOWARD, minister of music was honored by the Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, on the occasion of his fourth anniversary with the church. Thomas Hicks Shelton is pastor.

JUDSON B. HOLLOWAY, former Kentucky pastor, recently observed his 40th anniversary in the ministry. He is now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Urbana, Ohio. Ordained by the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, on April 1, 1925, while a student at Southern Seminary, Holloway is the father of Mrs. Harold G. Sanders, wife of the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board. He is a native of Alabama.

EKKRON BAPTIST CHURCH held groundbreaking services in April for a new building. Pastor Earl Davis gave a brief message on the purpose and plans of the new building. Those having a part in the breaking of the ground were: Mrs. Nell Smith, a member of the church since 1907; Mr. K. A. Smith, 90 year-old member of the church who is the oldest member; Mr. J. C. Miller, chairman of the Building Committee; and the pastor.

FRED T. MOFFATT, SR., pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., held a revival for the First Baptist Chapel of Frankfort. There were professions of faith, rededications and genuine revival spirit, according to the pastor, Herman Marx. Vernon C. Taylor of Valley Station, Ky., led the singing.

H. I. HESTER, a 40-year career Southern Baptist educator, will retire on July 31. He serves as vice-president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. Hester was the chairman of the board of trustees when the seminary was founded in 1957. He was elected vice-president in 1961. He was associated with William Jewell (Baptist) College for 35 years before going to Midwestern.

STANLEY LOWELL of POAU predicts intercreedal strife if a Vatican envoy is appointed by the United States.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

At Dallas In '65: "Issues And Imperatives"

by Wayne Dehoney

Tonight, as the Southern Baptist Convention convenes for its 108th session, the question in every mind is "What are the issues that confront us?" For every Convention in recent years has been characterized by some particular overriding issue.

There was the *theological controversy* at San Francisco. But that issue is now behind us. The theological guidelines for our schools and agencies were clearly defined at Kansas City by the Articles of Faith. Christian integrity demands that those who would be our denominational servants shall respect these guidelines. Now, the time has come for the rest of us to quit debating "Who was Melchizadek?" and proclaim to a lost world "Who is Jesus Christ?"

A fast-running *ecumenical tide* has concerned us. The dilemma for Southern Baptists has been that to have unity, we must scrap our convictions; and if we keep our convictions, we cannot have unity! But let us remember that our real enemies are the devil and the forces of materialism, secularism, and atheism—not other Christians and Baptists in other national bodies. Let us continue to seek broader channels of communication and cooperation that will not compromise our conscience, our doctrine or our autonomy.

The *race issue* divides us as it divides a nation. But let us not feel that the race problem is an albatross hung around our necks by history. It is a God-given opportunity for Christians to solve the problems that legislation can never solve; not by marches in the street, or pickets at the gate, or by resolutions in assembly; but by the personal practice of Christian brotherhood in our daily lives.

We are faced with the *social and moral decay* of society; the "sex revolution," rising crime rates, the criminal exploitation of our citizenship by the liquor industry. A penetrating question haunts us, "How can we create a great society out of a morally sick society?" Legislation can structure the economics, but only the church can produce the moral foundations for that great society. God's mandate to 20th century America is "behave or be damned."

Then there are the *schisms and divisions* within our own Convention.

Wayne Dehoney is pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., and SBC president. He was educated at Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.; Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He was born Aug. 22, 1918 at New Ramer, Colo. He also is a former president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.

There are such wide diversities, socially, theologically and geographically, that some believe a split is inevitable. I do not share in this view. But if a split does come, I can tell you which way I shall go—whichever way the Annuity Board goes!

The Single Issue

In my opinion the single overriding life-or-death issue now facing our Convention is: *Are Southern Baptists going to get to the main task, the main business, of reaching people for Jesus Christ?*

Today, we are the largest evangelical denomination in the United States and the largest free church group in the world with 10.6 million members and 33,000 churches.

But let us be honest with ourselves. With our big churches, fine buildings, great colleges and seminaries, educated ministry, and great prestige, Southern Baptists are less effective today in winning people to Jesus Christ than any of our less privileged forefathers. As Kermit Long says, "Instead of fishers of men, we have become merely keepers of the aquarium, swiping fish from each other's bowls."

The overriding issue is:

Shall we spend our energies maintaining institutions or penetrating the world with the gospel of Christ?

Shall we deify established churches or glorify Jesus Christ by carrying His message to lost men where they are?

Shall we be absorbed by the mechanics of a program or consumed by a passion for people?

Shall we measure our success by the statistics of church membership or by the unsaved multitudes yet to be reached?

Shall we wax fat in our blessings and become insensitive to the lostness of the world about us?

Twenty-five percent of all people who have ever lived are alive today. They are pressing at our doorstep and stretching out to the end of the earth. These millions are lost, without God and without hope in the world.

I believe that God has placed Southern Baptists at this pivotal point in history because the *main thrust of our witness, historically, has been evangelism, outreach, and conquest.*

Let us face today's challenge with a sense of historical continuity and personal destiny. Baptists have a great history, but let us make history today!

My clarion call as president is expressed in three imperatives.

I. Concentrate

First, let us *concentrate* the total resources of 10 million Southern Baptists,

The Front Page

The cover of this issue of the Western Recorder is the famous painting of the head of Christ by Warner Sallman. Sunday, June 20, is Cooperative Program Sunday in Kentucky when attention is focused on the Great Commission of our Lord, and its relevance to the Cooperative Program. Copies of this picture in poster form have been sent to all pastors, ministers of education, missionaries, and Sunday school superintendents. Anyone may order additional free copies. Write Stewardship Department, Baptist Building, Middletown.

33,000 churches and 21 Convention agencies and institutions in a bold concerted plan of proclamation and witnessing.

A. World Evangelism

Let us concentrate on world evangelism.

(1) In October of 1966 Billy Graham has called a World Conference on Evangelism in West Berlin to mobilize the total forces of Christianity. Let us now say, "Billy, lead on!" and here in Dallas pledge our concentrated support to this worldwide evangelistic thrust.

(2) Last January, in this very auditorium, Dr. Rubens Lopes, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, called for the Baptists of North and South America to unite in a hemispheric evangelistic crusade in 1970—simultaneous Baptist revivals from Hudson Bay to Buenos Aires! Let us follow the lead of our Latin brethren in this concentrated united effort to win these sister continents to Jesus Christ.

(3) On Thursday night, Dr. Baker James Cauthen will challenge us with a goal of 5,000 missionaries on the foreign field. We shall hear of the evangelistic crusades in Brazil, Japan, Portugal, Lebanon, Thailand, Malaysia; the two-year Missionary Journeyman program; the use of mass communication; the entering of new fields. Let us undergird with our prayers, our money and our surrendered lives this expanded missionary thrust.

B. The National Field

Let us concentrate our total resources to make America Christian.

Tomorrow night, Dr. Arthur Rutledge will report for 2,400 home missionaries. We shall hear of our work in language missions; the US-2 program; the summer missionaries; the Tentmakers; the Christian Service Corps.

"Operation Penetration"

But, the greatest home mission challenge I would call "Operation Penetration"—to penetrate the vast pioneer areas of the north, the east and the west with our Southern Baptist witness.

By 2000 A.D. ten cities will constitute one-third of the United States population. (Continued on Page 14)

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Three Burning Issues

In spite of the eloquent oratory and impressive statistics Southern Baptists will hear in Dallas, we have our troubles. These are not insurmountable if we are willing to recognize them and approach them forthrightly.

Dr. Franklin Owen, Kentucky Baptist Convention president, recently gave an unusually clear analysis of the current Southern Baptist dilemma. Talking rather informally to the trustees and faculty of Southern Baptist Seminary on the occasion of his retirement as chairman of the seminary trustees, Dr. Owen listed three barriers Southern Baptists must face and overcome if the Baptist ship of state doesn't break up in the stormy seas of our era. These barriers are: (1) Biblical Interpretation, (2) the Ecumenical Movement and (3) Integration.

Dr. Owen is so right. As one of the keenest observers and analysts among Southern Baptists of our day, he has given expression to what many feel, but have not expressed.

This does not mean that we are to forsake preaching the gospel to major on other matters. It does mean we cannot ignore the burning issues of our day hoping that they will go away. The truth is we are already caught up in these issues whether we want to be or not.

The San Francisco Convention in 1962 saw the eruption of the Biblical interpretation problem among Southern Baptists. K. Owen White dropped the bomb, but the matter was bound to come sooner or later as more and more seminary professors, pastors and laymen met and considered the modern views of the nature and authority of the Bible. Professor Ralph Elliott was dismissed from the Midwestern Seminary faculty on other charges, but the fact remains his views on the Old Testament were out of line with the main stream of Southern Baptist Biblical interpretation.

We wrestled with the same problem at Kansas City in 1963. In adopting a revised statement of faith we didn't settle it. The Southeastern Seminary episode which surfaced last Christmas was the climax of a three year internal struggle over proper New Testament interpretation. We can expect more such problems in the years ahead not only in our seminaries, but in many of our churches.

Modern Bible research challenges traditional views held by Baptists. We have three choices. We can ignore without consideration, accept without examination or reaffirm or adjust our views after careful and serious study. The third approach makes sense.

The other two barriers came to surface in Atlantic City last year. The opposition to the North American Fellowship proposal was based upon fear of what appears to be ecumenical trends among some Southern Baptists. The strong reaction against a rather mild statement on race proposed by the Christian Life Commission came from strong Southern Baptist defenders of segregation.

The fact is, however, that most of the rest of the Christian world is sitting down to the conversation table. This even includes Roman Catholic-Protestant conversations recently disclosed. American Baptists in their 1965 convention in San Francisco voted to ask the Baptist World Alliance to look with favor upon an invitation from Rome to join in the last session of the current Ecumenical Council.

Do Southern Baptists want to be left out of all these conversations altogether? Most of us have felt this way, but we should be able to give a good reason for our stance to others and to many of our own who will be swept up by the ecumenical spirit of our times.

Southern Baptists are dogged even more by the race problem than by modern Bible research and the ecumenical movement. What has been effected by legislation in public schools and in public accommodations is a long way from realization in self-governed Baptist churches. The most segregated school today is the Sunday School and the most segregated hour of the week is 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Other denominations are speaking to the issue. Southern Baptists have been mostly silent or defensive for segregation. Can we come to our God-given destiny in this manner?

In his Presidential Address, Dr. Wayne Dehoney says it well with the words, "But let us not feel that the race problem is an albatross hung around our necks by history. It is a God-given opportunity for Christians to solve the problems that legislation can never solve; . . . or by resolutions in assembly; but by the personal practice of Christian brotherhood in our daily lives."

The burning issues of Biblical interpretation, the ecumenical movement and integration cannot be put off to another generation. In this fast moving world those who falter are soon passed by. We can talk all we want to about world conquest, but neither this talk nor our comforting statistics can keep these issues from haunting us. We are the generation of Southern Baptists whose success or failure in meeting these challenges will largely determine the opportunities of the next generation of Southern Baptists. Let us not fail them.

The C.B.S. Betrayal

Millions of Americans were betrayed by the Columbia Broadcasting System on Monday night, May 24. This was the night of the much heralded National Driver's Test on television.

In light of the tragic record of highway deaths today, any effort to improve American driving habits is highly commendable. My family was glued to the television set for this program. With pencils and paper in hand, we followed the announcer's instructions while taking the test. We found the program instructive and highly educational. Doubtlessly, we along with other Americans learned things about driving that could save lives.

Then it happened. Near the end of the program, a bonus question was inserted. The question had to do with drinking and driving, the most dangerous of all driving hazards. In the multiple choice questions four alternatives were offered as to the best way to approach drinking and driving.

As the choices were listed, I waited confidently for what was obviously the only right answer. This was to refuse to drink at all before driving. The right answer never came. Instead, the four choices listed were: (1) take familiar roads home, (2) reduce speed to 20 miles per hour, (3) take only one drink before driving, and (4) drink three cups of coffee before driving after drinking.

The right answer according to the announcer was to take only one drink before driving. Wham! Truth was hit between the eyes with the sledgehammer of liquor propaganda. More harm was done in a few

seconds than good was accomplished during the whole hour. Millions of young drivers who had been taught by parents and others not to dare drink at all and drive gained the impression that one drink before driving was all right.

What a lie! What a betrayal! The liquor cause could not have purchased better advertising with a double-page spread in *Life Magazine*. The Columbia Broadcasting System in the name of public service served the liquor industry magnificently.

Does the liquor cause have such a stranglehold on American life that a powerful communications network dare not tell the truth about liquor? Cannot this monstrous mankiller on the highways be pictured truthfully? Where are the integrity and courage of CBS? Is the network really committed to public service or is it looking out for self by not challenging the powerful and wealthy liquor forces?

The impact of the answer to the question on drinking and driving was that moderation instead of abstinence is the ideal. What a lie! How many drinking drivers involved in tragic accidents meant to take only one drink? Ask any of the six million alcoholics in the United States about the wisdom of the first drink.

Hell has no more diabolical deception than that used by the liquor lords to advocate moderation. This lie told often enough and loud enough will come to be accepted as truth.

CBS owes an apology to the American public. This network in fairness should give equal opportunity to the argument of total abstinence as the only safe approach toward drinking and driving.

BAPTIST FORUM



A Third Way

Dear Editor:

In his article on Theological Semantics (*Western Recorder*, May 20, 1965, p. 16) Dr. Henlee Barnette sets the "watchdogs of orthodoxy" over against the "liberal" seminarians, in the discussion about Biblical infallibility.

I do not know what unpleasant personal experiences Dr. Barnette has had with the watchdogs, but he should be reminded that the two alternative views he sets up are not the only ones. *There is a third way.*

I am sure that Dr. Barnette knows that there are qualified theological scholars in the world today who believe in the infallibility of the Bible in a well-reasoned manner. They are not guilty of the naive positions (creation in 4004 B.C.) he mentions. And they have long since answered the questions he raises in the article.

In fact, there is in existence today a

society of theological scholars, qualified and learned theologians, who bind themselves together with the following confession: "The Bible alone, and the Bible in its entirety, is the Word of God written, and therefore *inerrant* in the autographs." This conviction they hold because they feel it is what the Bible teaches about its own authority and inspiration. Such men as B. B. Warfield and Edward J. Young have written thorough expositions of this point of view.

One should be very hesitant in casting away the word "infallible" as applied to the Bible. It has a long and honored history. The Westminster Confession uses this word in its article on the Bible. The Confession of Faith Southern Baptists adopted in 1963, borrowing from our older confessions, states that the Bible contains "truth without any mixture of error."

Every objection which Dr. Barnette

raises (concerning Bible cosmology, progressive revelation, humanity of authors, textual criticism) has been thoroughly dealt with by scholarly theologians who believe in Biblical infallibility. I am happy that we are not shut up to the alternatives of mountain fundamentalism or liberalism. There is a third way—the way of open-eyed faith in the declaration of Jesus, "Scripture can not be broken" (John 10:35).

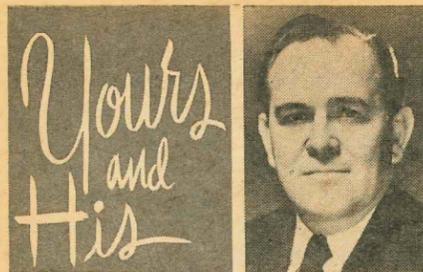
Elvin L. Clark
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Greensburg, Kentucky

Goodness Is the Foundation

Dear Editor:

We need to go back to being good, for goodness is the foundation upon which successful lives can be built. If a man is inherently good, we can expect other matters to develop naturally. But if a man is lacking in goodness, he will be in a mess of trouble all his life. At times he may wonder what is the matter, but in the end he will know that it is his lack of goodness that is back of all his trouble. Goodness is that fertile soil in which the plants of a great life grows. But without this goodness soil, the plants will starve, wither

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Dr. Routh Thanks

My long-time friend, Porter Routh, fine Baptist (layman) leader of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, has this warm word of thanks and congratulation to all Kentucky Baptists for their missionary gifts:

"... I noticed that Kentucky was 9.06% above the first 4 months of last year in giving through the Cooperative Program to Southern Baptist Convention causes. This increase represents a sense of mission and compassion on the part of all the Baptists in Kentucky. . . . Thank you for your leadership in missions, and through you thank the Baptists of Kentucky for this substantial increase. You will be interested in knowing that the overall increase for the SBC during the same 4 month period was 7.16%. For the second year in a row, the percentage increase in the Cooperative Program is ahead of the percentage increase in the designated giving. This is a healthy sign."

Talk About June 20!

Sunday, June 20, is **Cooperative Program Sunday** in the churches—or the nearest Sunday thereto. It is a time to talk about our Lord's life and death, his salvation and his command to us to make it known to EVERY CREATURE ON EARTH. There are 2 billion lost men and women, boys and girls, to whom we must "send" the preachers of the Word! So, all the time, but ESPECIALLY, on June 20, talk and pray about it—in the preaching service, Sunday School, Training Union, WMU and Brotherhood, in your homes! Determine that you are going to encourage your church to SEND MORE of the Lord's tithes to the world Baptist Mission through the Cooperative Program in your summer program—and next year's budget!

Let's Go To Cedarmore—and Others

Let's go to our great and growing Kentucky Baptist State Assembly and (new) R.A. and GA camps for all boys and girls—at Cedarmore, near Bagdad, Ky.! Camps start June 14 (boys) and June 28 (girls) and run into middle August. Come for a week or more. AND, Young people, your biggest week is August 2-6, YOUTH CONFERENCE. And you LEADERS—see the calendar for S.S., T.U., W.M.U., Brotherhood, Missionaries, and FAMILY VACATION WEEK! Send in your \$1.00 today. Need rates

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and dates? Ask! Also, there are several fine associational camps for your youth. Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders

Tom Lewis Accepts Tennessee Mission Post

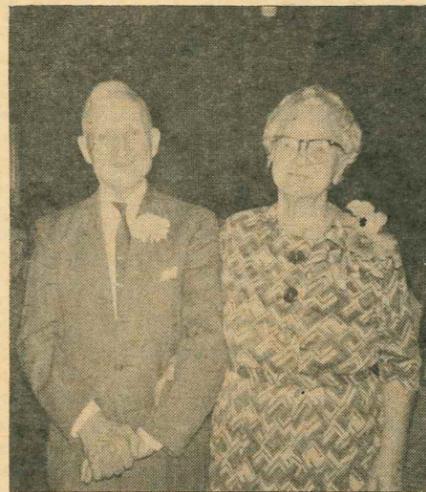
Thomas L. Lewis, pastor, Wing Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, for the past two and one-half years has resigned to become superintendent of missions for the Madison-Chester Association, Jackson, Tennessee. In his new post Lewis will direct the mission activities for this association composed of 51 churches.

Lewis is a native of Franklin, Kentucky. He graduated from Campbellsville College, Carson-Newman College in Tennessee and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of the Lake Spring Baptist Church in Simpson County and more recently was associational missionary for Christian County Association in the Hopkinsville area.

Mrs. Lewis is the former Rachel Jackson of Louisville. The couple has one son.

Clear Creek Students Assume Pastorates

Pine Hill Baptist Church, Pine Hill, Kentucky, has called Jack Moore as pastor. Moore will be entering his third year at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, next fall. Pine Hill was joined to Maretburg Baptist Church, eight miles away, to form a field for Moore. He



FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bell have been serving as church musicians in local Baptist churches. They are both in their 81st year and now serving the Bethel Flock Baptist Church. Sam C. Bell is pastor.

will preach at each church every Sunday and hold a joint service every fifth Sunday.

Another Clear Creek student, Jesse Jarvis, was called to Jensen Baptist Church, Jensen, Ky. He will be entering his second year at the school.

Kenwood, Louisville, Breaks Ground for Building

Groundbreaking services were held May 23 at 9:20 a.m. for the new educational building for Kenwood Baptist Church, 6603 South Third Street, Louisville. Robert A. Hill is the pastor.

The invocation was given by John Bishop, Sunday school superintendent. Robert Maze, minister of music, led the congregation in singing "The Church's One Foundation" and scripture was read by Carl Jennings, Training Union director. A meditation was led by Truman Mills, chairman of the deacons, after which George Standifer, chairman of the Building Committee, broke the ground.

A. J. Outland Begins Ministry at Sinking Fork Church

A revival was the highlight of the beginning of A. J. Outland's ministry with the Sinking Fork Baptist Church, Christian County Association. Doing his own preaching in the meeting, there were 21 additions by baptism and 2 additions by letter. About 50 of the church members rededicated their lives during the services.

The church has more than 100 in Sunday School and about 60 in Training Union. They are sending the *Western Recorder* to all shut-ins.

Two Kentuckians to Lead Student Conferences

NASHVILLE — Two Kentuckians, Chester Durham, Middletown, and Miss Nancy Howard, Louisville, will lead conferences June 10-16 at a student conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

Durham, director of student work, Kentucky Baptist Convention, will lead a conference on "What and Where Is the Church?"

Miss Howard, student work director, Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, will lead a conference on techniques for enlistment and involvement of students and faculty in schools of nursing.

The conference is sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's student department here.

For reservations, write: Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

Eight Kentuckians to Write Curriculum for Sunday School Board

Eight Kentuckians are among numerous writers for a new Life and Work Curriculum to be published by the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

They are: From Southern Seminary, Louisville—Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, professor of Old Testament; Dr. Joseph Stiles, professor of church administration and director of field work; and Badgett Dillard, executive assistant to the president; and Nathan Brooks, pastor of Highland Baptist Church.

Writers from Georgetown College are: Dr. Glenn Yarbrough, director of religious activities, and Mrs. James R. Snyder, assistant professor of speech; and Brooks Faulkner, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Georgetown.

These writers recently attended a writers' conference for planning the new curriculum at the Sunday School Board.

The new curriculum, an alternate plan for young people and adults, will begin October 1966. It is part of a long-range program through which recommendations will be made for significant changes and improvements for all age groups, to be effective October 1972.

The Life and Work Curriculum will be church oriented. Sunday school, Training Union and music ministry curriculum materials will be closely correlated. Women's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission are working with Sunday School Board educational personnel to achieve correlation in their areas of responsibility as well.

Ann Hasseltine YWA Presidents Pioneer in US-2 And Journeyman Programs

Two Ann Hasseltine YWA Presidents upon graduation will be entering two new programs of the foreign and home mission boards.

Miss Linda Lindzey, senior at Western Kentucky State College and native of Fredonia, Kentucky, will be one of the first group to go out under the US-2 program of the Home Mission Board. She will be serving in Granite City, Illinois at Lincoln Place Mission.



Betty Easton



Linda Lindzey

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Kentucky Baptists



A FAMILY AFFAIR—Mr. and Mrs. George Ross of Dalton, Ga., have been named heads of the chief men's and women's groups at Clear Creek Baptist School, the first couple in the history of the Pineville, Ky., school to be so honored. Ross will head the Brotherhood and Mrs. Ross will be president of the Woman's Missionary Union, for the school year 1965-66. Each will take office in the fall. Both will be second-year students at the Kentucky Baptist Convention theological school for adults.

Singing, Empty Foyers Mark British Meeting

By Robert J. Hastings
For Baptist Press

[Robert J. Hastings, stewardship secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention, attended the annual meeting of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and compares it with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.]

The magnificent congregational singing and the way the delegates crowded into the sessions rather than loitering in the halls are only two of many favorable impressions I received while attending the 153rd Assembly (convention) of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

For the first time in 26 years, the assembly, which ordinarily meets in London, convened in Northern England in the city of Leeds. Howard Williams, pastor of London's Bloomsbury Baptist Church, presided.

Since the meeting time was so near that of the Southern Baptist Conven-

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3,800 Ideas Discussed In Post-70 Planning

By Albert McClellan
For Baptist Press

Three days of very hard work have climaxed 12 months of grass-roots planning and thinking in the denomination's program for the years 1970 onward.

The chairmen of 40 study groups, conducted last December and February, met in Nashville to discuss the 3,800 ideas submitted by the study groups. They came forth with a six-page report that will become the basis for the Southern Baptist Convention's long-range planning for the work of the churches as soon as it is evaluated by approximately 3,000 people.

Divided into three parts, the report will be submitted to the 625 members of the study groups, to 29 selected churches, to 29 selected associations, to SBC agency executives, and to the state convention secretaries for preliminary evaluation. The report will be released sometime in early summer following this preliminary evaluation.

The final evaluation will be done by 2,000 selected churches on a query basis. Following this final evaluation, the '70 Onward Committee will formulate a suggested program for the years 1970 and following, for approval by the Convention in 1966 and 1967.

The period of emphasis for which planning is being done may cover the whole decade of 1970-80.

Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee, in a communication to the '70 Onward Committee and to the Inter-Agency Council's coordinating committee, pointed out that in 1970 the Convention will celebrate its 125th anniversary. He said it seems desirable that the Convention make 1970-80 a decade of great growing strength for Southern Baptists.

The 40 chairmen who spent three days in Nashville discussing the reports were enthusiastic in their approval of the conversational process that involved so many people in laying a foundation for the next era of progress.

Speaking for the chairman, Dot M. Nelson, Jr., a pastor in Birmingham, Ala., said: "We commend the denominational agencies for the Bible-centered program which they continue to provide to all churches, large and small, rural

and urban, near and far, and we commend the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist leadership for constructive and effective programing which is vitally related to the basic needs of the spiritual life of our Baptist people."

He also said, "We commend the SBC Executive Committee for its sensitivity to the wishes of the church that a more practical, person-centered, and spiritual program be continued."

New Evangelism Effort Ups Lubbock Baptisms

LUBBOCK, Tex. (BP) — The test phase of what Texas Baptist leaders call a new step in evangelism closed here with an estimated 800 professions of faith in local church revivals and an area-wide crusade.

The new program, called "Evangelism in Depth," was used in what is considered the largest evangelistic effort by Baptists in west Texas history. The crusade was sponsored by 84 churches of the Lubbock Baptist Association, assisted by the Texas Baptist evangelism division.

An area-wide crusade in Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum climaxed several months of preparation, including soul-winning training clinics, prayer meetings, evangelistic rallies and local church revivals.

Results of the week-long area crusade were 84 professions of faith and 237 total decisions for Christ. Average nightly attendance was about 4,500. At one service, more than 200 young people announced their commitment to vocational Christian service.

Evangelist for the weeklong area crusade was T. A. Patterson, Dallas, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Christian celebrities participated, speaking, singing, or giving testimonies. Included in the list were news commentator Paul Harvey; nuclear scientist Ralph Overman of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; professional football player Buddy Dial of the Dallas Cowboys; actress-singer Kimberly Birk; and Linda Loftis, Miss Texas of 1961.

In local church revivals held just before the Coliseum crusade, 26 churches reported 342 professions of faith and 1,246 total decisions. An additional 37

churches conducted revivals but were yet to report at the close of the area crusade.

W. M. Turner, superintendent of missions for Lubbock Baptist Association, predicted the area's Baptist churches would experience a record number of baptisms this year as a result of the crusade.

The 8,000-member First Baptist Church of Lubbock had already baptized 103 persons this year, compared to 117 for the entire year of 1964.

Other churches with marked gains included MacKenzie Terrace of Lubbock with 35 baptisms this year compared to 12 last year; Southcrest of Lubbock which has baptized 80 this year compared to 36 last year; and First Baptist Church of Abernathy, near Lubbock, which had only 16 baptisms last year has already baptized 50 this year.

Maryland Sells Site, Moves to Lutherville

BALTIMORE (BP)—The tiered red-brick Maryland Baptist Building at 100 East 23rd St., in Baltimore, has been sold to the Baltimore chapter of the American National Red Cross for \$65,000.

Simultaneously with this announcement by Roy D. Gresham, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of Maryland, came the news that all Baptist state offices would move almost immediately into their new building at 1313 York Rd., Lutherville, Md. The new telephone number there will be 823-8555.

The Baptist Book Store, now located at 323 Park Ave., planned to move to the new Lutherville location a few weeks later, according to Miss Nellie Higgins, manager.

The new building is located adjacent to Valley Baptist Church in Lutherville, a suburban community 10 miles north of Baltimore and just a few minutes' drive from the Baltimore Beltway.

The old building was placed on the market more than two years ago when the state mission board voted to erect a new building.

The Baptist Convention of Maryland purchased the 23rd St. building in 1952 for \$60,000 from the widow of Dr. Harvey G. Beck, who operated a diagnostic clinic until his death in late 1951. The state mission board offices moved in on March 14, 1952.

Wichita Church Plans Full SBC Affiliation

WICHITA, Kans. (BP)—Metropolitan Baptist church, entering its new 15-story tower in downtown Wichita, has voted to affiliate at all levels with the Southern Baptist Convention, its pastor reported.

The Metropolitan Church has 2,000 members and an annual budget of nearly \$400,000, according to W. E. Thorn, who succeeded his father as pastor of the church.

In 1960, the members of Wichita's First Baptist Church voted 1,145 to 294 to withdraw from local and national ties with the American Baptist Convention, Thorn said. It was in protest of the American Convention's affiliation with the National Council of Churches.

His father, F. B. Thorn, since retired, was pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The minority group favoring continued connection with the American Baptist Convention won its court fight to retain the \$2½ million property of First Baptist Church after two years of legal battling.

The majority then pulled out and formed the Metropolitan Baptist Church. It has been meeting in Southeast High School at Wichita while building its own \$2 million plant, W. E. Thorn said.

The present pastor came to Wichita after a 10-year pastorate at Calvary Baptist Church, Lubbock. He is a former vice-president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

1966 SBC Budget Goal Hits Peak \$21.8 Million

NASHVILLE (BP)—The proposed 1966 Cooperative Program goal for the Southern Baptist Convention is a record \$21.8 million.

The goal was approved here by the Executive Committee of the SBC. It will be recommended to the 1965 Convention session at Dallas for passage. It includes \$19,016,000 for operating budgets of SBC agencies; \$2,244,750 for their capital needs, and the expected advance is at least \$500,000.

During 1964, however, receipts from state Baptist groups for national and worldwide work supported through the Cooperative Program reached \$20,891,636. This included \$14,626,500 for operating needs; \$3,372,000 for capital needs of 1964, and \$1,188,855 to make up unpaid 1963 capital needs—for a total operating and capital needs budget of \$19,187,355.

Though no advance goal was set, the advance receipts amounted to \$1,704,281 last year, which added to the previous total makes \$20,891,636.

The 1966 budget, which coincides with the calendar year, marks the first time \$10 million has been allocated to the Foreign Mission Board from Cooperative Program funds for operations. The allocation recommended is an even \$10 million, up \$700,000 over 1965.

Michigan Said To Be Ready For Representation

NASHVILLE (BP)—Michigan, where there are now more than 25,000 Southern Baptists, has been recommended to have representatives on Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

The Convention recognizes a state for having representatives on agencies when it reaches that church membership mark. The SBC Executive Committee will tell the 1965 Convention session in Dallas that Michigan has met requirements and should be included.

The SBC Committee on Boards will have Michigan names ready to nominate to the Dallas Convention if the Convention approves the Executive Committee report.

Most, but not all, Southern Baptist Convention agencies have their membership determined by state representation. The Michigan representatives would be elected to those agencies whose trustees, directors or commissioners are based on state representatives, and where charters permit additional representation.

The Baptist State Convention of Michigan which cooperates with the SBC, was organized in 1957. Convention offices are in Detroit. Fred D. Hubbs, Detroit, Michigan Convention executive secretary, presented the membership report to the Executive Committee.

Move of '68 Convention To New Site Proposed

NASHVILLE (BP)—Moving the site of the 1968 Southern Baptist Convention session from Jacksonville, Fla., to Miami Beach has been recommended.

Because of limited housing close-in to the Jacksonville auditorium and the request of Jacksonville Baptist Pastors' Conference that their city be host at some later date than 1968, the change will be recommended to the SBC at Dallas in June.

Jacksonville was formally approved by the Southern Baptist Convention which met in Kansas City in 1963.

The SBC met in Miami Beach in 1960. The same convention hall there will be used this summer for the meeting of the Baptist World Congress. Miami Baptists said they would welcome the Convention if it were moved to Miami Beach.

The Dallas Convention also will vote on the site of the 1970 Convention session, but no recommendation has been made so far on the 1970 location.

The SBC Executive Committee, which handles Convention arrangements, recommends to the Convention future meeting places. The recommendation of site is made five years in advance.

90 SBC Programs Use \$84 Million

Through its more than 20 agencies, the Southern Baptist Convention this year is active in 90 programs which will use \$84 million from operating budgets.

Next year, the same programs will take \$88 million of SBC funds.

This was told to the 1965 Convention in Dallas, Tex., by its Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is preparing program descriptions for all Convention agencies. Most have already been passed by the Convention.

The SBC agencies also engage in 74 projects using capital funds. During 1965 these will require \$17 million.

Messengers learned the programs are divided into five types. There are self-supporting programs, channel programs, emphasis programs, representative programs, and church service programs.

A self-supporting program is one which, as it says, supports itself. Heading the list of all programs of every type, in amount of money, is a self-supporting program. It is the one of book store operations.

Carried on by the SBC Sunday School Board, the program of book store operations will involve \$13 million in 1965 and an expected \$13.3 million in 1966.

More than half the \$84 million in the 90 programs is found in the self-supporting category. The 12 programs there involve over \$45 million.

The second largest program, as far as cost is concerned, is that of missionary

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- 1966—May 24-27, Detroit, Michigan (First time to go there)
- 1967—May 23-26, New Orleans (Last met there, 1937)
- 1968—May 21-24, Jacksonville, Florida (Last met there, 1922)
(site to be changed this year)
- 1969—May 29-31, Houston (Last met there, 1958)

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Training Union

Miss Neta Bissell to Represent Kentucky At Ridgecrest

by Mike Speer

Miss Neta Bissell, a sophomore at Georgetown College, recently received first place recognition in the Young People's Speakers' Tournament at the State Baptist Training Union Convention in Lexington. Miss Bissell will represent Kentucky when she presents her speech at Ridgecrest as a part of the second Training Union Leadership and Youth Conference, July 15-21.

Neta is a speech major and her plans for her life after college are to teach in secondary education. Her speech for this event was "The Call to Discipleship". Her more immediate plans are to serve on the staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly this summer and to continue her education at Georgetown.

Paul Godsey is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Loyall, where Neta calls "home". Mr. Bill Seaholt is Training Union Director at Loyall and Nina Lawson serves as Young People's Leader.

Church Music

A. Ray Baker Directs Music Assembly Choir At Cedarmore

by Eugene Quinn

Prof. A. Ray Baker of New Orleans Baptist Seminary will direct the assembly choir for Youth Music Assembly at Cedarmore on July 26-30. Formerly director of the Georgetown College A Cappella Choir, Mr. Baker takes this occasion to have a sort of home coming among Kentuckians. We are delighted that he could come. James Woodward, originally scheduled director, will be unable to come because of a conflict in dates.

Ray Baker will direct the Assembly choir in concert on Friday night, July 30, at the conclusion of the Youth Music Assembly, in the following program: "The Morning Trumpet" by B. F. White "Alleluia! Sing Praise" by Bach-Hirt

"O God of Youth" by Geherd Schroth "He Comes To Us" by Jane M. Marshall Proclaim The Word by T. W. Dean

The final work is a newly commissioned cantata to launch the Year of Proclamation of Southern Baptists for 1965-66. This is the same cantata which is being presented at the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas on June 4.

Total Festival Enrolment Exceeds 5,000

The enrolment in the future festival program of Kentucky Baptists thus far in 1965 exceeds 5,000. Exactly 5,243 participants have sung in a total of 168 choirs of all ages in addition, 78 pianists, 21 soloists, 20 song leaders, and 13 ensembles containing 59 members have participated. Some 68 churches have been represented in these participants, coming from 31 associations.

These are the total count for the 7 regional festivals and 2 associational festivals held thus far in 1965. This includes all of the regions except North-eastern Region plus Salem and Nelson Associational Festivals.

Woman's Missionary Union

All Aboard for Glorieta—Last Call!

by Sydney Portis

Last Call for those wanting to make reservations on the Kentucky bus to Glorieta. Cost: \$150, which includes everything except meals en route (8 days) and spending money. Reservations must be in by JUNE 15. There is still time and room on the bus for you who would like to take advantage of this opportunity. For more detailed information write: YWA Director, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown. Dates of tour: July 24-August 7, 1965.

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Sunday School

Church Programing Will Help Build Sunday Schools

by Roy Boatwright

Church Programing is a new and vital aspect of Southern Baptist life and therefore, all Sunday school workers should become well informed on Church Programing.

It is an effort to aid all churches in taking a long, serious look at their accomplishments, the direction they are taking, desired objectives and how to translate goals into action.

Within a few days you, as well as other church workers, will receive a folder describing a series of forty conferences to be held throughout Kentucky the week of July 5-9. Please study carefully, noting the meeting place for the churches in your association. If it is not convenient for you to attend the one nearest you, select another meeting place.

Reservations for CEDARMORE SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK, August 16-20, should be in soon.

Singers Are Invited to Join Baptist World Congress Choir

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(BWA)—The Baptist World Alliance has issued a call for 5,000 singers and 250 bandsmen.

These figures represent the goal for an international choir and band to perform in the Miami Orange Bowl each of four evenings during the Baptist World Congress, June 25-30.

The Congress, which meets at five year intervals, is expected to draw representatives from 70 or more countries. Crowds at the evening sessions in the Orange Bowl may run as high as 50,000 or more, Congress planners said. Evangelist Billy Graham will speak at two of the four night sessions.

The call for musical volunteers was sounded by W. Hines Sims of Nashville,

Tenn., who is director of music for the Congress.

Dr. Sims said that all singers coming to the Congress who would like to participate in the mass choir should write immediately to Baptist World Congress Choir, 500 N.E. First Avenue, Miami, Fla., for registration cards and the music kit.

Singing, Empty Foyers

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tion in Dallas, I constantly compared the two. Here were some of my observations:

1. Congregational singing: It was very impressive, sounding very much like a 2,000-voice choir. There was no special music as such. But each hymn was sung with meaning and reverence. There was no music director, the organist being responsible for setting the pace. Unlike Southern Baptist Conventions, practically everyone attended the sessions. The hallways and exhibits were deserted when the first hymn was announced.

2. Representation of churches: With about 2,200 churches in their Union, delegates to the assembly numbered nearly 3,000. To equal this with its more than 30,000 churches, the SBC would have well over 40,000 messengers and visitors.

3. High interest in foreign missions: As in the SBC, interest reached a peak on foreign missions night when 17 young appointees were commissioned. Seats were at a premium, and the overflow watched on closed circuit television.

4. Business and worship. When business was to be transacted, a separate session was held. The specified times for worship and preaching were carefully safeguarded. Business sessions tended to be much shorter than those at the SBC. The Baptist Union appeared to be designed more for fellowship than for denominational enterprises.

Discussion from the floor was practically non-existent. For example a resolution endorsing racial integration took only 38 minutes, with only four brief comments from the floor. When the resolution passed unanimously, spontaneous applause broke out.

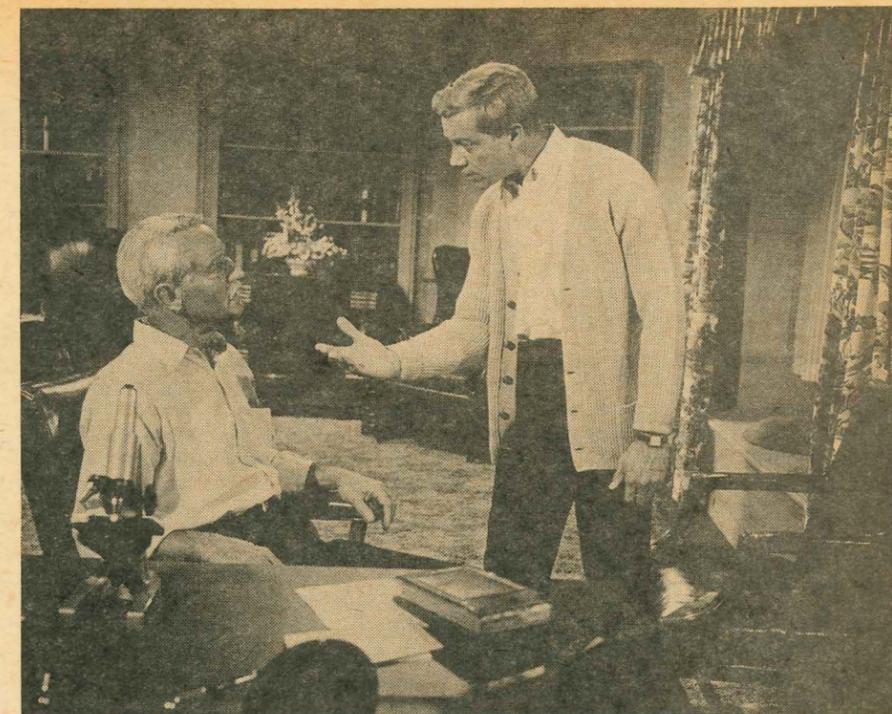
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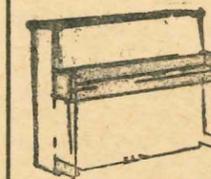
5. Absence of children: Although there was a session for young people, the almost total absence of children and teenagers was quite apparent. Unlike many Southern Baptists, who combine a family vacation with the convention, British Baptists tend to leave their families at home, coming solely for the proceedings themselves.

6. Wide spectrum of speakers: British Baptists tend to be more ecumenical. Speakers included officials of both the World Council and British Council of churches, as well as the Archbishop of York, second ranking prelate in the Church of England.

When introducing one of these guests, the president said, "he knows, as we know, that there is only one body of Christ, and that either one is a part of it or he is not." (Easter of 1980 has been set as a target date by some groups for church union in Britain).

Although it is risky to draw conclusions after such a brief encounter, I believe both British and Southern Baptists could learn from each other.

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and die. Let us get back, then, to the foundation of goodness in order that we may have again men like the pioneers who settled this country.

Safe Seminaries?

Dear Editor:
I found the recent articles by J. M. McClendon on the topic "How to Keep Our Seminaries Safe" most interesting. While there was much in what he wrote that I could appreciate, I must express my objection to his conclusion and to several of his premises.

Dr. McClendon implies that as long as we believe a seminary professor is a true brother in the faith, we should permit him to teach any view that he takes to be in accordance with his understanding of the gospel. I wonder how far Dr. McClendon wants this freedom to go. Is Unitarianism no longer incompatible with historic Christianity? What about Universalism? What about the view of Rudolph Bultmann that the resurrection and virgin birth of Christ are not to be regarded as actual events in history? If Dr. McClendon should reply that we would never permit these views to be taught in our seminaries, I would remind him that they are taught in several Baptist seminaries in the North. And interestingly enough, these American Baptist schools excuse the presence of such men on their faculties with the very same argument that Dr. McClendon proposes will keep our seminaries "safe".

James W. Jewell

I assume that there are some viewpoints that even Dr. McClendon would feel should not be taught in Baptist seminaries (what about alien modes of baptism?) but where will he draw the line? Not only does Dr. McClendon fail to draw any such boundaries, I want to suggest that his premise will undermine any attempt to delimit true doctrine from false. I am referring particularly to his most debatable claim that there is no such thing as propositional revelation.

I think we should be grateful to Dr. McClendon for raising the issue. But if our seminaries are to be kept safe, I am sure we must look elsewhere. Bowling Green, Ky. Dr. Ronald Nash
Western Ky. State College
Professor of Philosophy

State Paper Circulation Nearly Double 1950's

Baptist state papers have nearly doubled their circulation since 1950, according to a committee report made to the 1965 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas.

Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, chairman of the SBC Committee on Baptist State Papers, said circulation now stands at 1,520,459. It was 848,612 in 1950. The 1950 figure is for 21 papers; the 1½ million circulation is for 28 papers. (The report does not include the new paper—No. 29—for the new state Baptist convention in Utah-Idaho which officially started in 1965.)

Largest circulation of these is the *Baptist Standard*, published in Dallas as the official paper of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It has 370,572 subscribers, Hobbs said.

Like the *Standard*, all but a few of the 28 papers are weekly publications. The ones which publish only once or twice a month are moving toward weekly publication.

Three other states have papers exceeding 100,000 circulation. They are the *Alabama Baptist*, 131,389; the *Christian Index*, for Georgia Baptists, 122,675, and the *Baptist Record*, Mississippi paper, 101,000.

"The Baptist state papers are an indispensable part of the total life of Southern Baptists," Hobbs declared. "They serve to provide and preserve unity in the faith, to help make possible cooperative Baptist endeavor, and to channel information to Baptist church members on issues vital to righteous living for the person and the social order.

They have played an important role in the work of missions and evangelism."

The circulation range of the state papers goes all the way from that of the *Baptist Standard* in Texas to the 1,100 of the *Hawaii Baptist* and the 1,700 of the *Alaska Baptist Messenger*.

Other papers with less than 10,000 subscribers are published in Colorado, District of Columbia, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, and Oregon. Some of these papers serve not only the state in which they are published but a regional area of several states as well.

Except for the District of Columbia, where there is a geographical limitation with the District boundaries, the states with small circulations are in what Southern Baptists describe as pioneer mission areas.

90 SBC Programs

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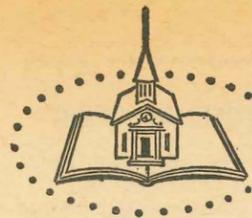
support from the Foreign Mission Board. This \$12¼ million activity—it will be \$13.1 million next year—is considered a representative-type program.

Programs in the "representative" category represent the 33,500 Southern Baptist churches in special fields of work. They generally are of a nature that require the cooperation of many churches, and could not be carried on by an individual church on a major scale.

The third, fourth and fifth programs of dollar expenditure are self-supporting ones. Patient care in two Southern Baptist Convention hospitals will involve \$11.2 million this year and \$11.9 million next, according to the Executive Committee report.

Church literature operations of the Baptist Sunday School Board take \$7.7 million this year, and \$8.1 million in 1966.

Retirement plans of the Annuity Board involve \$6 million in 1965 and \$6½ million next year. The plans are maintained for pastors and for church and denominational employees.



By H. C. Chiles



RESPONSE TO OPPORTUNITY

(This Lesson For Sunday, June 13, 1965)

I Kings 2:1-4; 3:5-9

With the rapidly increasing inability of David to take care of his administrative duties adequately, due to his growing old, his reign was swiftly drawing to a close. Three of his sons—Amnon, Chileab and Absalom—had died, so Adonijah, the oldest living son, with the help of Joab and Abiathar, undertook to usurp the throne. Adonijah persuaded all whom he could to join him in the conspiracy, and sought their aid in the accomplishment of his purpose.

When David was informed about Adonijah's revolt, it is noteworthy that the king did not make any direct attack on the conspirators. Instead, he merely gave instructions to the proper persons, Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the brave soldier, to anoint Solomon as king. His instructions were carried out promptly. Solomon was seated on the royal mule, which he rode to Gihon. There Zadok the priest anointed him with the sacred oil out of the tabernacle, and the people responded beautifully with the cry: "God save King Solomon." The conspiracy thus came to naught, and the son of promise occupied the throne. Solomon was wonderfully blessed in that he came to the throne with the favor of God, the blessing of his father, and the endorsement of the people.

I. David's Charge To Solomon.

I Kings 2:1-4.

David's last official act was to give his son and successor the following parting and solemn charge: "I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man." The last words of any one are always of interest to those who are left behind, and those of good and great men, when spoken to those who are near and dear to them, are therefore of especial interest. David's charge to Solomon was very brief and pointed. What he said was, "Be a man," or "Shew thyself a man." His charge was that of an old man speaking to a young man, a king to his successor, an aged warrior to a young man of peace, a dying man to a man on the threshold of his earthly career, a father to a son, and a man of experience to one of inexperience. Out of the overflow of a varied, long and rich experience, David delivered his impressive and unforgettable charge to his son to be equal to

the challenges which he would be called upon to face. David urged Solomon to be strong, to behave as a man should, and to obey the Scriptures, thereby insuring himself of spiritual prosperity.

When David charged Solomon in the words, "Shew thyself a man," he did not attach any feeble sense to the term. David was a good judge of manliness. Therefore, to his advice to Solomon to be manly he appended a description of character and a course of action which was manly. Living a Christian life affords one an ample opportunity for manly sentiments and manly courses of action; nay, it makes them necessary. It requires that one live for a great purpose, the greatest one possible. There is manliness in decision, firmness, constancy of purpose, dependability, dedication, and the determination to do right.

When David charged Solomon, saying, "Show thyself a man," he meant for him to be Spirit-controlled, fearless, above all bribery and corruption, and vitally identified with the enduring interests of the people. He was challenged to study, understand, and apply the book of the law. By so doing he would glorify God and be a great blessing to his nation.

II. Solomon's Response to God's Offer. I Kings 3:5-9.

Solomon began his reign in the proper manner. One could wish that he had continued as well as he began; that is, with the same devotion to God and to duty. One of his first acts as king was to go to Gibeon, where the tabernacle was located, for the express purpose of worshipping God. There he placed a thousand burnt offerings on the altar as a sacrifice unto the Lord. What an act of love and devotion! After his day of worship, Solomon fell into a deep sleep. Out of appreciation of the sincerity of his purpose, God appeared to him in a dream, very desirous of disclosing His will to him and of blessing him.

1. The Proposition. I Kings 3:5.

To Solomon God made a most generous proposition: "Ask what I shall

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give thee." God, the Great Giver, Who always delights to give in large measure, was anxious for Solomon to make it possible for Him to bestow upon him some wonderful gift. He offered him his choice of blessings from the divine storehouse.

2. The Prayer. I Kings 3:6-18.

Solomon's response to God's offer was prompt. In his prayer the element of thanksgiving came first. He expressed appreciation for the mercy and faithfulness of God in dealing with his father, David. Solomon acknowledged that God had conferred upon him the high privilege of reigning over his people as their king. He was truly grateful for every manifestation of the grace and mercy of God toward his father and himself. His genuine humility was revealed in his admission of a lack of wisdom for the proper administration of the stupendous task which had been committed to him. Realizing his limitations and his utter dependence on God, Solomon made the confession: "I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in." Neither can any of us perform the tasks which have been committed to us without the help of Almighty God.

3. The Petition. I Kings 3:9.

When God gave Solomon the privilege of asking what he would, he carefully considered his needs before he made his request. There were many things for which he might have asked—pleasure, long life, prosperity, riches, happiness, honor, success, renown, and glory, but he did not do so. He simply asked for "an understanding heart." With becoming modesty and delightful earnestness, he acknowledged his inadequacy for the task that God had given him to do. His immediate need was the gift of discernment to know how to be a good king and thereby please God, Who had given him his opportunity for service.

In response to Solomon's wise request, God was pleased and replied: "Behold, I have done according to thy words." Because Solomon asked for wisdom God gave it to him, but to it He added honor, riches, and victory over his enemies. His choice of the higher proved that he was qualified to be entrusted with the lower. Let us, too, ask God for an understanding heart to discern between good and evil in order that we may always choose the best!

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R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, is shown signing the contract with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas for the new Health Benefit Plan. Signing for Blue Cross, underwriters of the Plan, was W. R. McBee, executive director (standing). The plan, which will provide hospital, surgical and major medical benefits, is now open to salaried church or denominational employees.

Hong Kong Baptist College Enrolment at 1,000

Organized in 1956 by the Hong Kong Baptist Association with 143 students and 32 teachers and staff members, the Hong Kong Baptist College now has an enrolment of 1,000 and a faculty of 90.

To date it has graduated 493 students of whom 95 are working on advanced degrees in North America. Most of them expect to return to China.

Dr. Chi-fung Lam, a prominent Hong Kong Christian businessman, serves as president without remuneration. The Reverend Peter H. Lee, one of the directors and Executive Secretary of the organization, is the United States representative for the college.

The college is preparing to build the first unit of their campus. Approximately \$969,000 is needed and of this amount \$659,000 is already in hand. The remaining \$310,000 is to be raised in the United States and elsewhere. Those wishing to contribute should make their checks payable to "The Friends of Hong Kong Baptist College, Inc." and mail to Dr. Peter H. Lee, 306 Pinewood Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20901 U.S.A.

At Dallas In '65: "Issues And Imperatives"

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tion, not one of which is in the old territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Today, the population of six states can elect a president; not one of which is a Southern state. We must break out of the Bible-belt South, and grow a denomination in these vast urban and industrial centers whose people will determine the future political, economic and moral destinies of our nation.

(1) Let the Brotherhood step up its program of Laymen Crusades into these areas.

(2) Let our seminaries be bridgeheads for an "Operation Penetration," thrust-

3 Younger Seminaries Graduate 300 Students

By the Baptist Press

Nearly 300 students received certificates or degrees when the three youngest Southern Baptist Convention seminaries held their 1965 spring graduation exercises.

An even larger number of students was expected to receive degrees or certificates when the three older SBC seminaries staged their commencements a few weeks later.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. handed out 19 certificates in theology, 142 bachelor of divinity degrees and 12 master of theology degrees.

The S. L. Stealey church history award went to Morris G. Wray of Purdy, Va. This award is named for the seminary's first president, now retired. John E. Stealy, Southeastern's professor of historical theology, delivered the charge to the graduates.

In Mill Valley, Calif., Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has a graduating group of 77. One each received bachelor of church music and master of church music degrees. Twenty-three more received master of religious education degrees. The bachelor of divinity degree when to 44 students and the master of theology degree to eight.

Picnic For the Deaf

The Deaf of the First Baptist Church in Frankfort are having a covered dish lunch and picnic at Juniper Hill Park one-half mile west of Frankfort on the Louisville Hill, Sunday, June 6, at 1:30 p.m., and wish to invite the deaf from all churches to come and bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship.

If it rains the picnic will be held in the basement of the church at 201 St. Clair Street in Frankfort.

ing forth pastors onto the pioneer fields to establish missions and churches.

(3) Let us provide adequate building loan funds for these pioneer churches. For mission money spent in establishing new churches is like seed, returning a harvest fiftyfold and a hundredfold.

(4) Let us give encouragement to Mr. Owen Cooper and our Baptist laymen to organize a non-profit corporation to raise \$50 million to be used in the purchase of church building sites in the pioneer areas.

(5) Let the Radio and Television Commission reinforce this "Operation Penetration" with a saturation exposure of our Baptist witness through mass communication media into these pioneer areas.

C. The Church Field

But this concentrated thrust in proclamation and witnessing on the mission fields must be undergirded by a *concentrated emphasis on outreach on every local church field*. Mission advance waits on more money. And more money waits on more people! For example, if the objective of 5,000 missionaries on the foreign field is to be realized we must begin now, in every local church, to broaden the "people base" of our denomination. *The top priority for Southern Baptist advance is not more money or more program, but more people!*

Tomorrow morning, Dr. James Sullivan will present the correlated program of advance for the local church that concentrates the total resources of the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, WMU, Music and Evangelism Departments in a single emphasis on "proclamation and witnessing."

The Adult Thrust is to continue as a spearhead of advance.

The Sunday School is to take the lead position in outreach.

The Training Union materials in the fall will be on Christian witnessing.

The January Bible Study will be John's witness to Jesus.

The alternate Sunday School lessons for the winter quarter will be on soul winning.

These are but a few of the many facets of this concentrated correlated emphasis on outreach to be presented tomorrow.

To me, this is the most thrilling and exciting development in the history of Southern Baptist programing. If 33,000 Southern Baptist churches would use these forthcoming program tools to the glory of God, we could turn this world upside down.

II. Consecrate

The second imperative is to *consecrate ourselves* anew to the living person of Jesus Christ to match this *concentrated program* with *consecrated personnel*.

Recently I read an article on "Why I Quit the Ministry." The author gave six valid and convincing reasons. I, too, had all six reasons and I wondered why I had not "thrown in the sponge," also. Then I realized the author never mentioned *why* he entered the ministry in the first place! If you enter *right*, you can never quit! Brethren, we entered the ministry with a conviction that God had given us a gospel to preach and a message to proclaim to a lost world. And we said with Paul, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." But time dimmed the luster of that vision and we have permitted periphery and secondary pursuits to consume us. If God has called you to preach, may I call you to go with me back to the foot of the cross that, together, we may consecrate ourselves anew to the PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL to a lost world.

But someone says, "What is the gospel? Do you not know that this is one of the great theological issues of the day?" Without attempting a definition and, not being facetious, let me simply say, "My fellow minister, the *measure of the validity* of the gospel that you preach is not how well you can translate its message from the original languages; or how neat a packet you can make of the theological and philosophical concepts in it; or how well you can defend it with an old orthodoxy or a new intellectualism, as important as these things may seem! But its validity is measured by a simple question, 'Does your proclamation of that gospel lead men to become disciples of Jesus Christ?' If it does, you have the gospel. If it does not, I care not how sound is your orthodoxy or how brilliant is your intellectualism, you do not have it."

Brethren, let us strip our proclamation of passing theological fads and pseudo-sophisticated encrustments that merely tickle our intellectual fancies. Let us sound a clarion trumpet, stripped of doubt and uncertainty, and authoritative proclamation of a Bible-based message that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. Be ye reconciled to God."

Let us also consecrate ourselves anew to the task of personal WITNESSING and soul winning. Occasionally a friend will say to me, "My work is through here. What's open in Tennessee?" Now what in the world do we as pastors mean when we say, "My work is through"? I may be through because of my indiscretion, or my bad judgment, or my lack of Christian virtue. My leadership in a particular church or institution may be through. But my work of personal witnessing is never through! And when we are faithful in this task of personal witnessing, it seems that the Lord always presents ever widening fields of service for us.

Let us consecrate ourselves anew to the task of proclamation and witnessing, even as we consecrate ourselves anew to the way of the cross. For our witness to Him is not only in word but also in deed and example. Two theological students came away from hearing Toyohiko Kagawa speak. Both were disappointed. One exclaimed, "What a poor message by such a great man—nothing but trite sayings and soft platitudes." But then he thoughtfully remarked, "However, I guess when a man is hanging on a cross he doesn't have to say much to bear witness."

III. Consider

The overriding issue, then, for Southern Baptists is, "Shall we get on with the main task of PROCLAMATION AND WITNESSING and launch the greatest missionary and evangelistic thrust the world has ever seen?" And to move out in this advance, we must be compelled by three imperatives:

First, we must concentrate our total resources in a total program of proclamation and witnessing.

Second, we must consecrate ourselves anew to Christ and to the personal task of proclamation and witnessing.

And finally, to give us the spiritual dynamics for the advance, we must *consider* afresh the unlimited power of God.

A. Ourselves

If we consider only *ourselves* we are doomed! If we depend upon *our* programs and *our* resources alone, for success we shall fail miserably. For every human organization and every human program is fraught with human frailties and imperfections. Continued introverted self-study soon degenerates into a debilitating self-criticism. We can dwell on self-analysis so long until "the paralysis of analysis" destroys us. As Southern Baptists we must be done with this sadistic impulse toward self-abuse and self-criticism, the end of which is nothing but a devastating guilt complex and complete inertia. And if I have not made myself clear, let me put it this way—the sophisticated pseudo-intellectualism whose chief calling is always to examine "what's wrong with Southern Baptists" and whose only service is to continually pick at the scabs of our imperfections and inadequacies, not only denies the healing power of God's forgiveness but also the redemptive power of God's grace that can make marred but surrendered vessels serve His cause.

B. Our Adversaries

Again, if we consider only ourselves and our *adversaries*, we will quit in despair!

At this very moment fellow Baptists rotting in Cuban jails are grim reminders of the naked power and demonic purposes of *communism*. Today, Christians are a shrinking minority in an ex-

ploding world population where with every 1 convert to Christianity 25 pagans are born. *Secularism, materialism and scientism* seem to overwhelm us. If we consider only our adversaries, we will join the parade of pessimists who say that the Christian cause is lost and we are entering a post-Christian era in western civilization.

Remember, in the days of Isaiah, the people cried in fear, "Look at Nebuchadnezzar." But Isaiah proclaimed, "No, look at God." Southern Baptists, this is the note to sound and the message to proclaim. Look not at ourselves, look not at our adversaries, but look to our God and to His power and to His promises. We need to hear again the challenge of William Carey, "If God be for us, who then can be against us?"

Fellow Baptists, that is our God! The same God who delivered the children of Israel out of bondage and brought them across the Red Sea on dry land! The same God who was with Paul and Silas in jail and turned that jailhouse into a revival meeting! The same God who brought Jesus Christ forth alive from the grave! And the same God who now works the power of that resurrection in our lives to deliver us from the bondage of sin and death.

Southern Baptists, that God is still on His throne! The reins of this world's affairs are still in His hands! And He still intervenes in the affairs of men, in power! Today, His cause is our cause! By faith and dedication, His power can be our power! And by His grace, His victory can be our victory.

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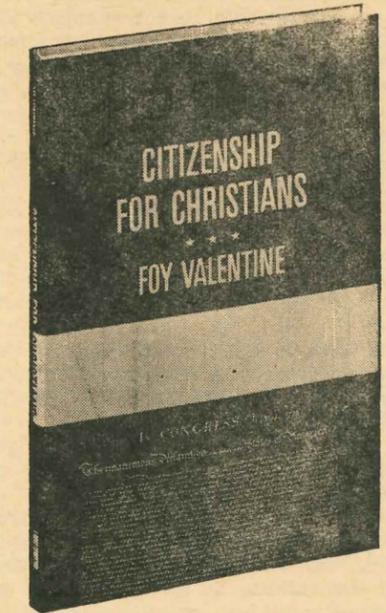
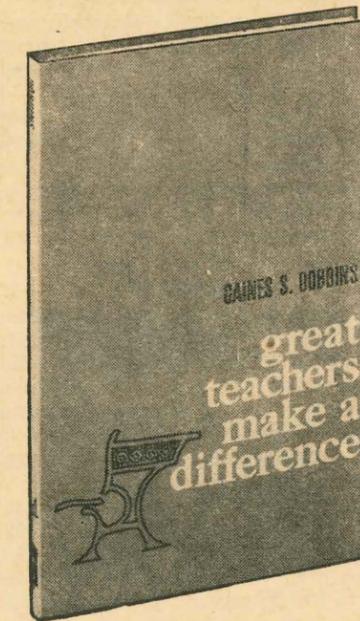
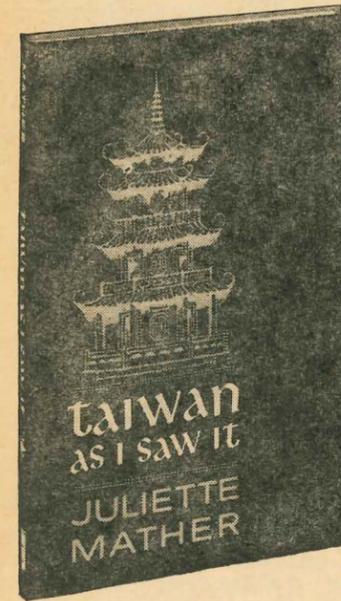
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