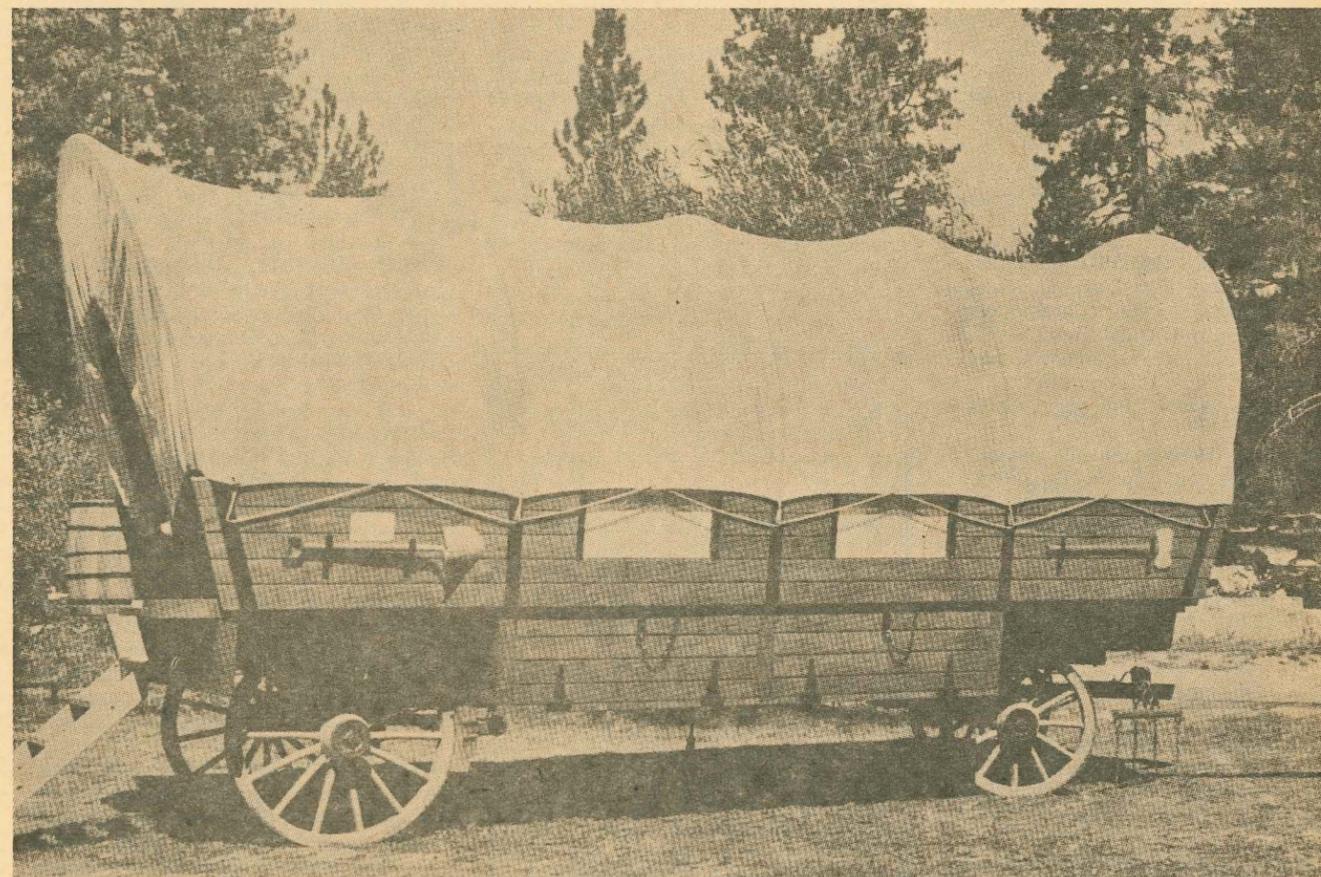




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## The Covered Wagons Roll Into Camp

ROYAL AMBASSADOR CAMPS will begin on the new campsite at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly on June 14. They will continue for at least eight weeks. The covered wagons, ten of them, pictured above will provide the major sleeping accommodations this year. Following completion of the permanent chapter facilities they will be used for outpost and pioneer programs. Applications for camp reservations should be mailed now!



## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**GEORGE GRUBBS**, pastor of Ivory Hill and Salem churches in Boones Creek Association, has resigned. He will move to Ohio to live in retirement. His last Sunday with the churches was June 6.

**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**, Paducah, broke ground on May 30 for a new sanctuary and additional educational facilities. T. L. McSwain is the pastor.

**CORA NEY HARDY**, Southern Baptist missionary teacher in Nigeria, is transferring from the Baptist girls' school in Yaba to the Baptist high school in Jos. She is a native of Bullitt County, Kentucky.

**BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN**, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, was awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree by Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, at commencement May 31. Dr. Cauthen delivered the baccalaureate sermon the previous day.

**JAMES O. GREEN**, former pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Russellville, began his work as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Morgantown, about the first of June.

**TWO KENTUCKIANS** were among those graduated from Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas, on May 29. They are Lee Edward Caudill, Langley, and David McGinnis, Vine Grove.

**CHARLES P. JOHNSON**, director of libraries, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, died May 22. He had cancer.

**CAROL AND FRANCES BRUCE**, Southern Baptist missionaries who work with English-speaking people in Japan, left Japan May 21 for a four-month furlough in the States. They may be addressed at Bremen, Kentucky. He is a native of Bremen; she is the former Frances Kirkpatrick, of Petersburg, Ky.

**JOY**, five-year-old daughter of Edward and Anne Nicholas, Southern Baptist missionaries to Gaza, is doing well following open-heart surgery May 14 at Children's Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Nicholas is the former Anne Youngblood, born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, but reared in Clearwater, Florida.

**THE THAILAND BAPTIST** evangelistic campaign, proclaiming "New Life for You," came to a close with 163 professions of faith made. On the closing Sunday, Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Seminary, preached to 1,000 persons in the pavilion of Lumpini Park in Bangkok. Three were 52 professions of faith with 20 others expressing interest in Christianity.

**L. PAUL PRATHER** has been appointed dean of students at Campbellsville College. Born and reared in Somerset, Kentucky, he holds an A.B. degree from Georgetown College and a master of education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He comes to the Kentucky post from Hamilton, Ohio, where he has been guidance counselor of the New Miami High School.

**HOLLIS SUMMERS**, a poet-novelist, and Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, have been awarded honorary doctors' degrees by Georgetown College.

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY** trustees have requested the Baptist General Convention of Texas to allow trustees of Baptist Schools to decide whether or not to use federal loans to finance construction projects.

**WAYNE WARD** and William Cromer, both of Southern Seminary, were a revival team with the Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. O. W. Yates reports a good revival and commends the team for their services.

**JOHN ROBERTS JESTER**, 89, once vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died at South Carolina Baptist Hospital where he had been a patient for nine months. He had served in several states.

**EDWARD AND SUSAN OLIVER**, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, may be addressed 3656, Usyuko-cho, Murasakibara, Kagoshima Shi, Japan. He is a native of Tampa, Fla.; she is the former Susan Pyles, of Louisville, Ky.

**ROBERT L. BAUSUM**, and Mrs. Bausum, have returned to Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, from Pineville where he taught in Clear Creek Baptist School for several months. They are emeritus Southern Baptist missionaries.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI**, Texas, granted four honorary doctoral degrees this year, one of which went to Harold T. Branch, pastor of the St. John Baptist Church in Corpus Christi. The university is operated by the General Convention of Baptists in Texas.

**AN ORGANIZATION** called "American Baptist Laymen for Independence" met in a pre-convention rally in First Baptist Church, San Francisco, California. They discussed a proposal to withdraw the American Baptist Convention from the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. There was no such discussion on the program of the American Baptist Convention which held its annual meeting in San Francisco in May.

NATIONALLY:

## "The Problem of the Outsider"

by John R. Claypool

A few weeks ago, out of sincere conviction, I sent a telegram to Governor George Wallace of Alabama in which I shared some of my prayerful concerns. The text of this message was publicized, and in response to this I have received scores of letters from the deep South. Many shades of opinion were reflected in these communiques, but one note stood out in virtually every letter; namely, "As an outsider, you have no right to interfere in our affairs." I was told, sometimes in very vigorous terms, "to mind my own business" and "leave Alabama alone." This persistent theme set me to reflecting in depth about this whole issue of our Christian responsibility to and for one another, and led me to some new thoughts about the matter of outside interference.

My thinking was quickened by two recent news items. While all the letters were coming to me from Alabama, I read in our state paper that gifts to the Cooperative Program for the last three months had reached a record high in that state. It is a well-known fact that a goodly percentage of that money goes directly to our Foreign Mission Board, which supports over 1,800 Americans serving overseas. Such missionary efforts are a time-honored practice for Southern Baptists, going back to our inception in 1845. Yet what is a foreign missionary if he is not "an outsider," sent by one group to another place out of deep conviction about a need there? Oftentimes these missionaries are not wanted by the local citizens. Our newspapers presently are telling of the arrest of Brother Herbert Caudill and other Baptist missionaries in Cuba on the spurious charge of spying. Our representatives in Spain have faced the same type of opposition by the government there, which is hostile to the presence of Baptists. Undoubtedly the local authorities in these countries look on the missionaries we send as "outside agitators" and "troublemakers for the status quo," but this reason has not caused us to pull back all our representatives or to give up our world mission effort.

The foundation for this refusal is clear. Jesus did not say: "Live and let live. Every man mind his own business and leave everyone else alone." No, as Southern Baptists well realize, He said: "Go ye into all the world" (Matthew 28:17). This movement of an Outsider toward those who did not want

(Dr. Claypool is Chairman of the Christian Life Commission, SBC, and pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.)

Him but nonetheless needed Him is precisely what God did for us when "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). This movement of outsiders describes exactly what the early Church did as "the men who were turning the world upside down" (Acts 17:6) went everywhere witnessing with great daring and courage, even though this led to unrest and in some cases to the jailing of these Christians. Southern Baptists through the years have followed in this dramatic tradition, and are presently being challenged by Dr. Baker James Cauthen to increase our overseas force to 5,000 missionaries—outsiders who out of deep conviction go where they may not be wanted to do what their hearts constrain them to do.

My one point is that the absolute principle of "non-interference by outsiders" cannot be harmonized with either Biblical teaching or Southern Baptist practice. We ourselves—Alabama included—are deeply involved in the practice of sending people to other places to bear witness to something very different from what is practiced there.

EASTERN KENTUCKY:

## Preaching Mission: Report From the Mountains

by David A. Nelson

During the week of May 10-16, six Kentucky Baptist preachers held revivals in the six Missions sponsored by the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, William D. Jagers, pastor. We were invited by Dr. Verlin Kruschwitz of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, who served as the contact man in lining up the six men. The other six included John Wood, First Baptist Church, Paducah; James Gerren, First Baptist Church, Wickliffe; W. W. Sanders, Fern Creek Baptist Church, Louisville; Thomas Hicks Shelton, Latonia Baptist Church, Covington; and myself. The respective churches paid the expenses for the week and the pastors served without honorarium.

We all went with many fears and many preconceived notions about the work there in the mountains. We went with the fear that we might be considered merely as strangers and outsiders, and yet were over-joyed with the response by the people. We found that our preconceived notions of the people in the mountains didn't quite measure up to the people themselves.

All six men came away with a tremendous appreciation and admiration for the work that our churches are doing there in the mountains of East Kentucky.

Thus, the real issue is not the right of an outsider to become involved in a given situation, but rather the individual outsider's motivation and purpose for such involvement and the validity of the conditions which he is protesting. I readily admit that many from without who have criticized Alabama and visited that state may not have had much constructive purpose in mind. But these specific outsiders should be confronted on the level of their ideas and motives and not by the sweeping general principle that nobody from anywhere else has a right to say or do a thing.

I, for one, as a Christian minister and a son of the South, would genuinely like to be of help with these staggering problems we all face. I believe the South would find a host of friends among these "outsiders" who yearn to bear some of these awesome burdens if the extreme defensiveness toward all "outsiders" could be dropped. The Book of Hebrews has a timely word: "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (13:2). Some outside interference may be had, but certainly the whole principle is not invalid. Some of the greatest Christians I know today are Christ's "outsiders" all over the world.

For instance, the Prestonsburg Baptist Church at one time had thirteen mission points that they sponsored. At the present time they have six. The church is not a large church by standard of comparison with some of our more established churches. On the Sunday before we began the work they had 215 in Sunday school. However, this church has a level of dedicated lay leadership, the likes of which most of us had never seen. In addition to the pastor, W. D. Jagers, who serves in such an able way, Pastor Cohen Campbell, new pastor of the Lancer Mission, serves in reaching the people. During the week of revival the associational missionary, Garland Wilkerson, served in one of the missions in visitation and song-leading.

We were impressed by the quaint names of the hollows which identify locations there. James Gerren served at the Slick Rock Mission of Slippery Branch of Cow Creek; Verlin Kruschwitz served at the Cow Creek Mission; W. W. Sanders served with the Home Branch of Buffalo Creek; John Wood served in the Happy Hollow schoolhouse in a new work that is being begun in West Prestonsburg; T. Hicks Shelton served with the Lancer Mission on the edge of

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**Early Convention Report**

DALLAS, Texas, June 3.—Press time for this issue of the *Western Recorder* comes soon after the 108th session of the 120-year-old Southern Baptist Convention convened in Dallas on Tuesday evening, June 1. The full convention report then will necessarily not appear until next week. But here are some early highlights and observations:

The Convention opened emotionally with prayer for the Baptist missionaries imprisoned in Cuba. Later a resolution pledging prayer for these missionaries and calling upon Cuban authorities for their release was unanimously passed. It was announced then that sentences from two years' house confinement to thirty years' imprisonment had been given to two other Baptists arrested and tried with Missionaries Herbert Caudill and David Fite who had earlier received ten- and six-year prison terms respectively.

The messengers knew they were in Baptistland. With 231 Baptist churches and missions in Dallas and 1,700,000 Baptists in Texas, visiting Baptists felt at home. The messengers numbered 11,000 when the convention began, which was a record opening registration. The 10,800 capacity auditorium overflowed and thousands were turned away. Registration by Wednesday evening reached 14,300—an all-time record.

This was a sharp contrast to the scene in 1894 when last the convention met here. Then, 3,000 visiting Baptists were here; this year the estimate is 35,000 altogether. Even the waitresses are alert to the occasion. One young lady reminded some preachers who showed reluctance to tip, that a tithe of her tips would go to a Baptist church next Sunday.

The pre-convention pressroom speculation centered on two possibilities. One was what effort might be made by segregationists to get at the Christian Life Commission—a symbol in their minds of the integration movement among Southern Baptists. The other was what, if any, efforts would be made to prevent passage of the recommendation for the North American Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. This committee would increase opportunities for communication with other Baptists, especially American Baptists.

A half-hearted effort against the Christian Life Commission came during the discussion of the 1966 budget. John Davidson, Bessemer, Alabama, moved that the recommended increase in the Christian Life Commission budget for 1966 be deleted. The motion lost decisively. Doubtlessly another attack on the

Christian Life Commission will come when its report is made to the Convention on Thursday.

Printed material opposing the North American Committee proposal to be presented later this session was passed out at the auditorium entrances on Wednesday morning.

The convention elected its officers for another year in one of the quietest and smoothest fashions in years. President Wayne Dehoney was re-elected for a second one-year term without opposition and with an obvious show of appreciation by the messengers. M. B. Carroll, of Dallas' East Grand Church, was chosen first vice president without opposition. The second vice president's place will go to Major General Robert P. Taylor, chaplain of the U. S. Air Force, or to a Latin pastor in New York, Leobardo Estrada. One of these will be chosen in a later run-off.

Secretary Joe W. Burton announced he was not a candidate to succeed himself. His successor will also be chosen in a later session.

The recommendations of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee also had the smoothest sailing in recent years. Messengers were happy to hear in the Committee's report of the increased number of baptisms in 1964 over 1963. The Cooperative Program budget presented by the Committee, and accepted by the Convention, was another all-time record—\$21,800,000.

The messengers chose Denver over St. Louis for the 1970 Convention by a vote of 4,990 to 1,399. The new electronic punch card voting system was used for the first time for this ballot and proved very successful.

As usual, the first miscellaneous business session wrought a flood of motions and resolutions. One of these was a motion to send a Southern Baptist observer to the forthcoming Fourth Session of the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council. This motion was overwhelmingly defeated when considered Wednesday night. The resolutions were of routine nature, with the exception of one which criticized the Baptist Sunday School Board for some writers, speakers and materials. Such resolutions are referred to a committee and seldom get much support in the committee or by the messengers.

The proposal to limit the convention president's term to one year instead of the present two years lost by a two-to-one margin.

What might come by the end of Friday night remains to be seen. So far it has been the quietest and most peaceful convention in several years. Whatever happens we will report next week.

**More Than Successful**

Some of the results of the Prestonsburg Mission Revivals referred to on this page two weeks ago are described on page 3 of this issue by Dr. David A. Nelson, one of the participating preachers. The other five pastors who gave a week to this cause are just as enthusiastic about their experiences. Due to last minute developments, John Huffman of Mayfield could not go, but the church sent James Gerren of Wickliffe who did an outstanding job.

Prestonsburg Pastor Bill Jagers says the week was the greatest thing that has happened to the church since he became pastor. Some members regard it as one of the outstanding experiences in the entire history of Irene Cole Memorial Church.

Jagers says he is hard put to find words to describe the jobs done by the visiting preachers. He says they came with hearts of love and that there was an immediate response to their ministry. Of the 100 or more meaningful decisions, 70 were for baptism. More were baptized by the pastor on one Sunday than during all the last year.

This does not mean the task was easy. One of the

preachers worked in a section of town where there had been no mission. It is reported there was only one person at the first service other than the people from the home church. The preacher took off his coat and went to work. By playing marbles with the young people, using shoe leather and knocking on doors, he succeeded in getting 40 or more by the end of the week and saw a number of conversions.

The Prestonsburg experience proves that people in the mountains as everywhere else are hungry for the good news and will respond to a ministry of love and proclamation. It also proves that preachers who regularly preach to large congregations in "first" churches are also able to minister effectively in missions situations. The Prestonsburg Church ministers to a great variety of people of all economic levels. One of the missions is near a prosperous subdivision while others are in very remote places like Slick Rock, Cow Creek, Home Branch and Middle Creek.

This approach is not entirely new. It has been used successfully in many pioneer areas. Its success indicates it might be widely used in Eastern Kentucky in the years ahead.

**BAPTIST FORUM**



**The Christian Ministry**

Entering the Christian ministry is like entering another man's house; you do not go in unless you are invited. Men do not choose the ministry; they are chosen. When a man decides to become a minister, the decision is not really his. He simply surrenders to the call already extended by God.

Calls into the ministry come in many ways. Some are sudden; some take years to make themselves heard. For one person, the call is as dramatic as that of Paul on the Damascus road. For another, it may come as a gradual revelation of God's will. Sometimes the call is like a "still small voice." To others it is the thundering message of a world-wide challenge.

The call to the ministry is immensely personal. Perhaps this fact makes it difficult for many men to separate a call into the ministry from the promptings of pride or guilt or desire to please a parent or teacher. Therefore, a testing of the "call" is of utmost importance.

The testing of the call usually occurs in three stages. First, there is an increasing consciousness of the needs of the world. The person begins to realize that the world's needs cannot be met by political, economic or educational machinery. His attitude can be summed up in the words, "This is basically a spiri-

tual problem which calls for a spiritual answer."

Second, he senses his own need to become involved in presenting the gospel message. He becomes restless in the knowledge that he must be active in witnessing, preaching or some other phase of the ministry. His feelings might be stated thus, "I am a Christian. Whether I want it or not. The world need is my problem."

The third stage is a surrender to the divine call. This stage can be summed up in the words, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

D. M. Aldridge

Pineville, Ky.

**Clear Creek Graduate Ordained At Locust Grove**

Robert McFadden, pastor of Northside Mission, Barbourville, was ordained at Locust Grove Baptist Church near Cadiz, Ky., on May 20. Associational Missionary Shirley Spahr, of Little River Association, acted as moderator of the ordination council.

This council consisted of Kenneth Morris, pastor, Linwood Hardy, Sr., Gray Hargis, Leroy Sholar, Eddie Goode, Homer Wilson and Ernest Johnston, all of the Locust Grove Church; and Earl Mitchell, Clyde Aldridge, Wilford Hunter, Harold Lassiter and Herman

Boyd, all from the Little River Association churches; A. J. Outland of Christian County Association; and Bill Hall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. The ordination sermon was preached by Bill Hall, and the Bible was presented by Ernest Johnston.

Brother McFadden, and his wife, formerly Gene Hardy of Trigg County, recently were graduated from Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky.

**Seminary Student To Marry Saturday**

Daniel G. Bagby, son of Missionary and Mrs. Albert I. Bagby, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, is to marry Miss Janet Glee Pitman on June 12 in First Baptist Church, Van, Texas. The groom has been a student all year in Louisville, Ky., at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His parents, now on furlough, may be addressed at 2508 Ava Marie Drive, Gadsden, Ala. Albert Bagby, son of pioneer Southern Baptist missionaries, was born in Brazil; Mrs. Bagby is the former Thelme Frith, of North Little Rock.

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**Vacation Confronts Family With Missions**

Atlanta (BP)—A newly released filmstrip by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board tells how a family's vacation trip in the United States confronts them with home missions.

"Home Missions Face to Face" takes 49 frames to show how these vacation experiences inspired the family to investigate the mission needs around their own church.

The 35mm color filmstrip, which is sold for \$3.50 through the Baptist Book Stores, was produced by the promotion department of the Home Mission Board.

**Music Selections At Miami Congress Will Feature International Favorites**

Miami Beach, Fla., USA—(BWA)—W. Hines Sims, the man in charge of music at the Baptist World Congress, has expressed four "hopes" for music at the world meeting.

He expects "great hymn singing, outstanding choral music, outstanding instrumental music, and an opportunity for maximum music participation."

Dr. Sims is secretary of the music department of the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, at Nashville, Tenn. He is a highly respected editor of Baptist hymnbooks.

Thirty-eight songs are included in the special Congress hymnbook. "We have selected those hymns which are known to Baptists in all countries and which are most representative of our Baptist faith and message," he said.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the hymn selected as theme song for the Congress, is being published with three different tunes—Coronation, Miles Lane, and Diadem. Each of the tunes is a favorite in different sections of the world.

"We will start each session with the singing of this hymn, and we will alternate the use of the tunes," Dr. Sims said.

A mass international choir with no fewer than 3,000 voices and possibly as many as 5,000 voices will be used in services in the 75,000-seat Orange Bowl stadium four nights of the Congress. Miami-area church choirs will form a

nucleus of this mass singing group, and an appeal has gone out around the world for volunteer singers. There also will be a 250-piece volunteer band for these evening sessions.

Musical highlight of the week will come on Tuesday evening, when the Congress moves back into the Miami Beach Convention Hall, with presentation of an oratorio, "What is Man?" The University of Miami symphony orchestra and a chorus of 250 professional voices will be featured.

College and other choirs will be presented in special numbers throughout the Congress program, Dr. Sims said. A concert of American spirituals will be presented Saturday night using a choir built around 1,000 Negro voices from South Florida churches.

**Kansas City Book Store Honors 1946 Gift Certificate**

NASHVILLE—You never know what long-lost treasure will turn up when you start to move, as Mrs. Willa Grace of Cape Girardeau, Mo., can testify.

When Mrs. Grace, formerly of Doniphan, Mo., moved earlier this year, she found a Book Token Gift Certificate for \$12 inside a Christmas card wedged in a piece of furniture.

The certificate for books from the Kansas City Baptist Book Store was given to her in 1946 by members of her Sunday school class.

In a recent letter to the store, Mrs. Grace explained about the lost certificate and enclosed a request for her books, which the store promptly honored.

Miss Dorothy Brandon, store manager, commented, "We think it's probably the oldest gift certificate kicking around anywhere!"

**Home Board Uninformed On Cuban Ransom Try**

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board reports no previous knowledge of the efforts of a Florida Baptist pastor who contacted Castro for a ransom price for the release of missionaries Herbert Caudill and David Fite.

Auburn Hayes of Orlando wired Fidel Castro on May 20, and since then he has reported phone calls from Mexico indi-

cating the Cuban government might impose a fine instead of the prison terms asked during the trial May 14.

At the trial the government asked prison terms of 10 years for Caudill and 18 years for Fite. Caudill's term was first 30 years, but a Cuban law does not allow longer terms than 10 years for persons over 60 years of age.

Lloyd Corder of Atlanta, director of work in Cuba for the Home Mission Board, said Hayes' actions were taken at the pastor's initiative, without prior knowledge or consent of anyone at the mission agency.

Hayes, director of the World Wide Prayer Fellowship, is listed in the Florida Baptist Convention Annual, but no indication is given of a church connection.

Hayes reported that his Mexico contact said, "Caudill and Fite are getting along fine. They (the contacts) said they (the Cuban government) had several other missionaries and some were Americans we might be able to make arrangements about."

Corder said the State Department reports about a dozen other Americans in Cuban prisons.

He cautioned Baptists to wait until the final results of these contacts are known before making any contributions.

In the event details are worked out favorably, Corder, who is not optimistic, said the Home Mission Board would announce the need for funds. He also added that government permission would be required for sending funds or commodities into Cuba.

**The Congress At Miami Beach**

by C. E. Bryant

Editor, The Baptist World

The 11th Baptist World Congress meets in Miami Beach, USA, June 25-30.

It will be a time of fellowship. Baptists of many countries will have opportunity to know one another, to worship together, to share their experiences, to plan for the future.

It will be a time of witnessing. When Baptists come together in a world congress, the world watches. The press, radio and television will be there—giving the assembled congress an opportunity to tell the world of "the truth that makes men free."

It will be a time of rededication. Baptists will become more aware of the universal nature of their fellowship—a fellowship made real in their recognition of the Lordship of Christ and their common obligation to make disciples of all nations.

Thousands of people will be in Miami Beach for the meetings. The program itself lists 233 speakers from more than 50 nations. But the size of the gathering is of secondary importance. The spiritual nature of the people who gather, the spiritual tone of the program, the spiritual dedication of those who plan for the future is of greatest significance. For with the proper motivations, the Congress of Baptists at Miami Beach can launch a greater day for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Communications satellites, jet planes that fly as fast as sound, faster printing presses, greater literacy, ease of travel—these and many other communication miracles have come in the material advance of our age. Christian people are more able than ever before to blanket the world with God's Word.

In such a world, it is significant that program planners for the Congress chose John 8:32 for the Congress theme: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Many Baptists from many countries will attend the Congress. Others will not be able to do so. But let every Baptist, everywhere around the world, pray that the Lord use the meeting for His glory!

**More Baptist Unity In America Sought**

SAN FRANCISCO (BP)—Presidents of two major Baptist groups in the United States met here and expressed hope for greater unity and cooperation among the 25 Baptist bodies in North America.

The presidents were J. Lester Harnish of Portland, Ore., and Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn. Harnish presided over the 58th annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention here.

Dehoney was a fraternal messenger from the Southern Baptist Convention, which he serves as president.

Harnish cited the fellowship of American Convention and Southern Convention state leaders in Ohio as an example of grass roots Baptist communications.

Dehoney pointed out channels of communication have developed through the Baptist World Alliance.

The SBC President predicted the North American Baptist Fellowship—up for a vote at the SBC this year as to that convention's joining it—would usher in

"a great new area of joint Baptist witness."

The Tennessean also said the two conventions "are coming to share the same concerns and heart beats."

**Former Sunday School Leader Dies**

NASHVILLE—J. N. Barnette, 77, former secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday school department, died about midnight Wednesday, May 26, at a Nashville hospital following a long illness.

Funeral was at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 28, at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville.

Dr. Barnette retired in December 1957 after 30 years' service in the Board's Sunday school department. From 1943-57 he served as secretary of the department and was editor of "The Sunday School Builder," a monthly publication.

During this period he was responsible for the accelerated training program instituted by the Board for Sunday school workers in Southern Baptist churches

and wrote five study course textbooks on the subject.

They are: "A Church Using its Sunday School," "The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism," "Associational Sunday School Work," "The Pull of the People" and "One to Eight." To date there has been a total of 1,164,222 copies distributed.

Under his leadership during these 30 years, Southern Baptist Sunday school enrolment grew from 2,683,311 in 1927 to 6,823,713 in 1957. This was an average net gain of 138,012 per year.

A son of the late James D. and Sarah Jones Barnette, he was born in Mitchell County, N. C., in 1887. Four years later the family moved to Cleveland County in Western North Carolina where he grew up and received his public school education.

He graduated from Shenandoah College and Conservatory, Dayton, Va., and was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities by Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

In 1912 he married Edna Viola Hawk-

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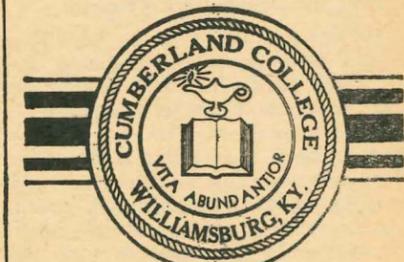
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VBS and the Cooperative Program

Only heaven will tell the value of Vacation Bible School for teaching our youth about Baptist missions around the world, and how Baptists can share in World Missions through the Cooperative Program. Daily an offering is taken for the Cooperative (Mission) Program, and something about it is told our youth. Many churches give only at this time. So it is doubly important to take the offering and send it at once to my office marked "Cooperative Program".

"See you in VBS!"

Yours and His,

Harold G. Sanders

Kentucky Baptists

Flora Dodson, Kentuckian and Foreign Missionary, Dies

Miss Flora Dodson, 77, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to China and Hong Kong, died May 22 in a Winston-Salem, N.C. hospital. A native of Monticello, Ky., she had been a resident of the North Carolina Baptist Home, Winston-Salem, since 1960.

Funeral services were held in Winston-Salem and another one held at First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky, followed by burial in Elk Springs Cemetery, Monticello.

Appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1917, Miss Dodson was assigned to Canton.

1965 A Significant Year For Kentucky Baptists

While 1965 is a significant date for all Southern Baptists, it is of double significance to Kentucky Baptists.

1965 marks the 40th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, which was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis in 1925. Too, 1965 marks the 50th anniversary of the unified "Budget Plan" of missionary support in Kentucky. Meeting at Jellico (Tennessee), the state convention (then known as the General Association) on November 17, 1915 voted a unified plan of mission support with each cause included in the state budget for a stated amount.

Special attention to this 50th anniversary will be given at the state conven-

tion at Lexington this fall. But an earlier opportunity will be given on Sunday, June 20 for each church in Kentucky to focus attention on this significant step. June 20 is Cooperative Program Sunday, and already churches have received program helps, Sallman's "Head of Christ" posters, etc. It is not too late to mark this significant day on your church calendar.

Helpful hints, plus a research paper on the Budget Plan by Wendell H. Rone, Sr., are available free in a resource booklet. If you did not receive one, write the stewardship department, Baptist Building, Middletown. Also request additional copies of the 4-color "Head of Christ" poster if you can use them. These are all free, waiting for your request and use.

Walter House Leads Senate Prayer

Walter C. House, of Louisville, Ky., was guest chaplain for the May 19 session of the U.S. Senate. He was introduced to the Senate by Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

House was also the guest in Washington of Kentucky Senator John Sherman Cooper.

House was in Washington for a three-day meeting of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. He was attending as a member of the Kentucky Advisory Committee on Civil Rights.

House is chaplain for an insurance company in Kentucky. He is also pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church near Scottsburg, Indiana. As former execu-



WALTER HOUSE (left) and Mrs. House were welcomed to the Senate by Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey and Senator John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky (right). House led in prayer in the Senate.

tive director of the Temperance League of Kentucky he now is a consultant. He is former executive director of the National Temperance League, Washington, D. C.

Professor James Cox In Switzerland

Professor James W. Cox, Southern Baptist Seminary, accompanied by his wife and older son, sailed from New York to Zurich recently to study at the University of Zurich. He reports that he has also had an opportunity to be in Vienna for the celebration of the 600th anniversary of the founding of the University of Vienna. On a recent Sunday he preached at the Ruschlikon Baptist Church.

Professor Cox will end his Zurich studies July 17 and after three weeks of touring Germany, Denmark, France, and England, will return to America.

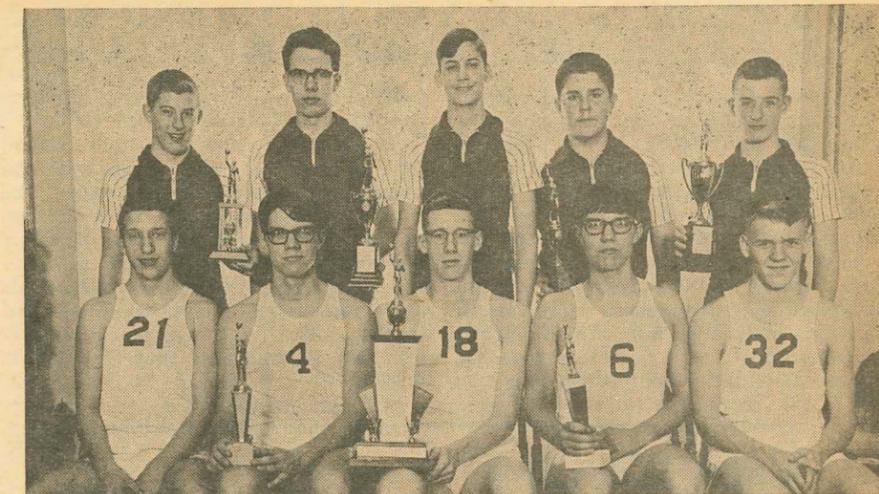
Earlier during his Sabbatical Leave, Professor Cox has studied with Professors Paul Scherer and Donald Macleod at Princeton Seminary. He also lectured in Homiletics at Princeton and preached in chapel services. Before going to the seminary, he served as pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky, and Central Baptist Church in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Harry Lee Wainscott Goes To Michigan

After eight years at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Healthy, Cincinnati, Ohio, Pastor Harry Lee Wainscott has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan, beginning June 13. On May 1, 1957, when he became pastor, the Mt. Healthy Church had 65 members and was meeting in the I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall on Hamilton Ave. The church bought property at 1393 Compton Road and built the first unit of the overall master plan. Land and buildings are now valued in excess of \$225,000. The annual income has grown from \$14,000 to \$54,000 and total mission gifts from \$1,400 to \$9,500. In the eight years there have been a total of 592 additions to the church.

"Teaching Them To Observe All Things"

Pastor William D. Martin, of the Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 7709 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Ky., is conducting a series of studies each Wednesday night based on Baptist doctrines as taught in the Bible and the rise and development of various cults, trying to teach the people to have answers for the door-to-door people who are trying to propagate wrong beliefs.



BAPTIST CITY BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS, 15-year olds and under, are holding the seven trophies they have won during the last two years. They are from Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. Front row: Danny Ernst, Jim Browning, Steve Wheeler, Pete Browning, Gary Tatum. Back row: Monty Carney, Bill Faris, Ricky Stogner, Glynn Broadway, David Haynes. Their coach is Mr. William Carney.

Southern Seminary Gets New Instructors

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three new instructors were recently appointed for the departments of New Testament, Old Testament and church history in the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Two are recent doctoral graduates of the seminary who will serve as full-time instructors. They are Dr. James L. Blevins, part-time instructor in Greek at the seminary since 1963, who will teach New Testament courses, and Dr. Joe O. Lewis, appointed Old Testament instructor.

Blevins received the doctor of theology degree from Southern Seminary at commencement exercises May 28. He has earned the B.A. degree from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; the bachelor of divinity from Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, and the master of theology from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has also studied at the German Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Hamburg, Germany.

Lewis served as a fellow in the Seminary's Old Testament department while studying for the Th.D. degree, which he received last January. He earned B.A. and B.S. degrees from Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, before receiving the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary in 1960. He has served as pastor of churches in Missouri, Kentucky and Indiana.

Appointed part-time instructor in

church history was Daniel H. Holcomb, who is presently studying for the Th.D. degree at Southern Seminary. He has earned previous degrees from Mississippi College, Mississippi Southern College, New Orleans Baptist Seminary and Southern Seminary.

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## "Parson, Your Veil Is Showing"

by C. Dewitt Matthews

Winston Churchill's famous phrase, "iron curtain," like the "bamboo curtain," and the "Berlin wall," speaks of interrupted communication.

But many ministers throw up, or let down, between them and their hearers, what Robert M. Hutchins calls the "cliche curtain." Specifically, many of the words these men use when preaching block their listeners' comprehension of what is meant. For one thing, the "cliche curtain" is usually composed of speech generalities and abstractions. Or

understanding is lessened by unfamiliar Biblical or theological terms.

So, there's a communicative Grand Canyon between many a pew and the pulpit. Furthermore, the wider the chasm the louder some of these men exclaim and the more undecipherable become their stereotyped speech.

No man likes to ask himself or his associates after attending church, "What in the world did the preacher mean?" Or, "Now, what does that have to do with me?"

But a congregation's lack of response to sermons is not usually because the people are dumb. It's, rather, more likely because the preacher talks Biblical and Theological jargon. Who can enjoy sermons while using a dictionary or a theological word-book?

But many educated preachers have difficulty expressing themselves in "street language." In fact, for some it takes years to learn how to explain the great ideas of the faith in words that the average man uses when discussing simpler things. But the preacher **must** make the transition from his "book lingo," or he will be "spitting into the wind," as his ponderous prattle flies back at him, rejected by his puzzled congregation.

C. F. Kettering, an American scientist who invented the automobile's self-starter and other ingenious devices, knew how to speak clearly. He said that when the usual technician says, "Chlorophyll makes food by photosynthesis," the practical engineer doesn't understand. But if the statement is rephrased, "Green leaves build up food with the help of the light," anyone gets the idea. Then Kettering added, to surmount the walls between different men of science, "The first thing to do is to get them to speak the same language." How much this same principle applies in preaching!

Admittedly, sermon content is of first importance. But redemptive ideas have little chance to redeem if shrouded in confusing verbal clothes. Besides, no word is a perfect communicative tool. This is why Tennyson cautioned, "Words, like Nature, half reveal and half conceal. . . ."

So the preacher's first communicative duty is to use words that his people understand. His ideas need not be inane because he employs simple words to express them. In fact, one of the marks of a truly educated person is the ability to speak of profound things so that even a little child gets the point.

The late Halford E. Luccock compared this talent to the ability to make change—to reduce a five hundred dollar theological idea into the nickel and dime words of the people's comprehension.

Apparently, all some ministers' schooling did for them was to fill their mental closets with a jaw-breaking and mind-confusing vocabulary. But the more they bandy about such specialized terms the more the average churchmember wonders at the distance between his work-a-day world and that rarified realm that the minister's diction suggests he occupied.

So, preacher, come out from behind your cliche curtain! Or else, your preaching stance may deteriorate into a shadowy prance behind a verbal veil. In that case, the most appropriate comment for a worshipper to make to his unclear preacher is, "Parson, your veil's showing!"



# KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

## Annuity Board

### Preparing For Retirement

by A. W. Walker

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1918 to assist our church and denominational employees in making preparation for retirement.



A. W. Walker

The retirement program is a complete protection program. This includes the basic plans, such as the Southern Baptist Protection Plan, the Ministers Retirement Plan (which was closed to new membership in 1954), and many agency plans developed for each particular organization.

Also included in the protection program are supplemental plans, such as the Age Security Plan (which may also be used as a basic plan), the Variable Annuity Fund, Life Benefit Plan, and now being introduced, the Health Benefit Plan (hospital-surgical-major medical, underwritten by Group Hospital Services, Inc., of Dallas, Texas).

The protection program is available to any person who receives a salary from a Southern Baptist source. His ministry may be in a church, school, hospital, board, or in any of the Southern Baptist agencies. Regardless of where he serves, he is eligible to participate in the protection program.

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25 or younger—and pay into the plans as much as possible in order to have a sufficient retirement income.

There is another side to the Annuity Board's work. This is the relief work. It is not as large as it once was because churches have put their pastors in the retirement plans.

Our office in the Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, will be glad to counsel with you and furnish information about any of the plans referred to above.

## Stewardship

### Edward L. Gibson Shares Enthusiasm

by Robert J. Hastings

The following letter from Pastor Edward L. Gibson of Watson Lane Church in Henderson is a glowing testimony of what good stewardship promotion can accomplish:

"Our deacons and finance committee recommended unanimously to the church that we have the Forward Program and it was adopted unanimously by the church. (It had been discussed and considered for months.) Every step of the way went better than I had expected. Everyone pitched in and helped wonderfully. We had 100 or more at the Fellowship Dinner, which we had at the local elementary school gymnasium and most of the dinner was given by the people. We had a planned menu, prepared by our women, some of whom work in the school kitchen. Dr. E. Keevil Judy brought us a fine message.

We have set new records in giving

since we started the campaign, with a 50% increase over last year. This has continued for the past four weeks. We had 136 pledges, 87 of them tithers. We pledged \$270.01 per week. Our regular budget is \$236.68 and with our Advance section it is \$303.68. So, we pledged 100% of our regular budget and into our Advance budget or 89% of the combined total. Previously we had not been meeting our regular budget. We never really knew before just how many tithers we had. For many, pledging was a new experience. We had a revival spirit throughout the campaign with excellent attendance with the exception of one Sunday when we had a change to fast time and a hard downpour of rain at Sunday School time. We are thrilled with the results and hope and believe they will be lasting ones. We will now be able to have a part-time janitor for the first time and hope we can build soon. We had 3 additions to the church the Sunday before and during the campaign. Our gifts have exceeded the \$303.68 needed for the past four weeks. There was a minimum of opposition, which only spurred the campaign on.

Again, thanks for your help in guiding us and inspiring us. I hope we can do this every year.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Gibson, Pastor

P.S.: The total cost of materials and dinner was less than \$60, including the use of the gym. Postage was \$16 more, but absorbed by the regular budget.

## Woman's Missionary Union

### "Publish Glad Tidings" YWA Conference Theme

by Sydney Portis

Publish Glad Tidings will be the theme for the 1965 YWA Conference to be held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly July 9-11. The emphasis will be on Witness and Proclamation which will be the denominational emphasis for 1965-1966.

Dr. Allen Graves, dean of the School of Religious Education at Southern Seminary will lead a Bible Study on Witnessing each session. Mr. Lowell Lawson will speak Saturday night on Community Missions. Mr. Lawson is director of the Boyce-Portland Center in Louisville.

Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Phillips and their family will be our missionary family for the weekend. The entire family

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## Kentucky Baptists At Work

(Continued from Page 11)



Dr. Graves



Mr. Lawson

ily will be featured on the program Friday night and Mr. Phillips will lead the Sunday worship service. The Phillips are missionaries to East Africa.

Other activities for the weekend will include methods conferences, presentations on the YWA Distinctives, recreation, a banquet, prayer retreat, and other activities. The music will be under the direction of Misses Vicki Miller and Cecilia Sims of Danville.

Plan now to attend this conference July 9-11. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. July 9 and the conference ends with lunch Sunday.



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### Direct Missions

#### He Said It

by G. R. Pendergraph

"The Church Survey has been worth a great deal to our church." This statement was made by Brother Archie Walters, pastor of the East Pineville Baptist Church. The Survey was conducted the second week in February, but the church is still using the facts which they discovered and are seeking to reach the lost in their community. "Last night," he said, "we had a prayer meeting up on the hill behind my house and had four people to come forward making professions of faith. We have baptized four people since the Survey and have some awaiting baptism now. Several of our members have rededicated their lives and others who have lived in the community with their membership elsewhere have been impressed by the zeal manifested on part of the membership and they, too, have cast their lots with us. The Survey has been of much help to our congregation." Bro. Walters like many other preachers was too modest to say that his ministry has had much to do with this renewed interest, but I am sure that it has. However, no matter who the pastor is, no matter how zealous he is, he needs to know about the possibilities on his church field so that he can find them without the loss of time and without a great deal of expenditure of energy, all of which could be utilized in reaching those who have been found through a Survey.

### Church Music

#### Can You Sing At Miami?

by Eugene F. Quinn

Singers for the 3,000-voice choir for the Baptist World Congress and the 250-voice oratorio choir for the Congress meeting in Miami on June 25-30 are now being registered. You are invited to write B.W.A. Music Chairman, 500 N.E. First Avenue, Miami, Florida, for a registration card for either or both of the choirs. Below is essential information you will need.

#### Registration for the Congress Choir

Every individual is urged to pay the full registration fee, for there is no means of support for this massive effort. However, many who work during the day and cannot attend the sessions, as well as choirs from over the state who may be able to attend only one or two nights are being permitted to register for the alliance for only \$2.00 (the cost of

the music packet). This \$2.00 fee is only for members of the Congress Choir and/or Oratorio and will not entitle an individual to attend anything except the evening sessions. Individuals paying full registration fee should sign the choir registration form and need not pay \$2.00 music kit fee. Choir participants must be of Intermediate age and above and should register as soon as possible.

#### Rehearsal Schedule

The choir will rehearse from 6 to 7 p.m. each evening in the Orange Bowl during the Congress. A special preliminary rehearsal will be held at Central Baptist Church in Miami on Thursday evening, June 24, at 7:30. Another will be held in the Orange Bowl on Sunday afternoon, June 27, at 5:00. Everyone is urged to attend these rehearsals.

#### Oratorio Choir

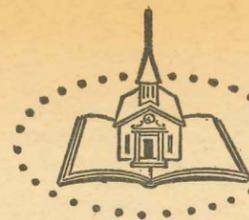
The oratorio membership will be made up of several college choirs and competent musicians selected from applications. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and fit one of the qualifications listed on the application card. It will be possible for individuals to sing in the Congress Choir and the Oratorio, and the \$2.00 registration fee will suffice for either or both. The Oratorio rehearsal schedule, which is a "must" for the members, is as follows: Saturday, June 26, 2:30 p.m. at Central Baptist Church  
Sunday, June 27, 2:30 p.m. at Central Baptist Church  
Monday, June 28, 9:30 a.m. at Central Baptist Church  
Monday, June 28, 7:30 p.m. at Miami Beach Convention Hall  
Tuesday, June 29, 9:30 a.m. at Central Baptist Church  
Tuesday, June 29, 5:00 p.m. at Convention Hall  
Tuesday, June 29, 8:00 p.m. at Convention Hall (performance of oratorio).

Applications should be made immediately. Scores can be purchased from the Baptist Book Store at 75 cents for vocal score and \$2.50 for the complete score. They will also be available at the first rehearsal.

#### Ft. Thomas Baptists Honor the Munros

Pastor and Mrs. George S. Munro were honored with a surprise coffee hour on May 16 in honor of their 10th anniversary with the Ft. Thomas congregation. Many of the members were present for the occasion when the Munros were presented with a lovely set of lawn furniture as an expression of love from the congregation.

Pastor Munro did his own preaching in a recent revival effort with Carlos Gruber having charge of the music. The revival was characterized by large attendance and many decisions.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



### THE TEMPLE CONSECRATED

(This Lesson For Sunday, June 20, 1965)

I Kings 9:1-9

Solomon came to the throne with a rich heritage from David. After his coronation, Solomon went to Gibeon, where the tabernacle was located, and there offered a sacrifice to God in the form of a thousand animals. "In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee." Humbly and wisely Solomon replied: "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad." This request pleased God so much that He not only granted him wisdom beyond that possessed by any other man of that day, but also told him that He would add to it the gifts of wealth, honor, and fame for which Solomon had not asked.

After Solomon was enthroned, Hiram, king of Tyre, a friend and admirer of David, sent servants to congratulate Solomon upon his accession to the throne. Solomon then asked Hiram for his assistance in building the house of the Lord, a privilege and honor which had been reserved for him, even though David had collected enormous supplies of materials and treasures of money for this purpose. Solomon set himself to this ambitious venture as his first major project. Cedar lumber was brought to Jerusalem from the forests of Lebanon. Stone was quarried, cut, and fitted in the mountains near Jerusalem and then transported to the site where the building was to be erected. Thousands of laborers were employed on this project. The erection of this magnificent structure was completed without the noise of a hammer in approximately seven and one-half years. This majestic building was one of the most expensive ever built, if not the most costly.

When the temple was completed, after much labor and at tremendous cost, Solomon and his leaders were convinced that it should be dedicated to the service of God. Accordingly, he announced the time for the dedication and extended the invitation to those whom he wanted to attend the ceremonies. Humbly, gratefully, and appropriately Solomon presented the temple to God, made an appropriate address, offered a lengthy and beautiful prayer of dedication, and then closed the joyous celebration with a timely and urgent exhortation to the

people. Solomon's prayer of dedication revealed his awareness and appreciation of God's sovereignty, omnipresence, holiness, grace, and goodness.

God was highly pleased with Solomon's prayer and dedication of the temple to Him. From this incident it is plain to be seen that God is always delighted to receive man's dedication of himself and his possessions to Him. He has a need in His service for that which His children are, as well as what they have in their possession.

With reference to a place of worship, the people were anxious for a place where God would put His name and to which they might go and make known their troubles and find a solution to their problems. In his memorable request Solomon asked for God's name to be placed inside the veil where the golden altar was, in order that all might have a place to which they could go for the forgiveness of their sins.

In His striking answer to Solomon's petition God said: "I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually." When God said, "My name shall be there," He meant that His power would be concentrated in that place. In view of the fact that He was omnipotent, it was the privilege and the duty of the people to go there to obtain from Him the power or the ability which they needed. When God said, "My eyes shall be there," He meant that because of His presence there He would see everything that they did. When God said, "My heart shall be there perpetually," He meant that His presence and His power would be affected greatly by His love. It was encouraging to them to have the blessed assurance that He would always be present there, and that the door into His presence would never be fastened so that they could not be admitted. It is so comforting and helpful to know that none of us who are God's children will ever get beyond His perfect vision or protective care. With sincere appreciation for all blessings received, let us pray daily for grace to help us in every time of need.

H. C. Chiles is pastor of the First Baptist Church, 203 South Fourth Street, Murray, Kentucky.

Solomon's prayer unto God was offered in the midst of a great multitude. Our prayers unto Him should be both public and private. What a privilege and honor to have an audience with God! What a satisfaction and blessing to have our prayers answered by Him!

After Solomon was told that the throne of David would remain in his lineage as long as he and the Israelites walked uprightly before God, he made the serious blunder of failing to continue in God's way. That promise should have challenged him to a fidelity that was unbreakable, but such was not the case. Many of his seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines were from foreign countries and of various pagan religious persuasions. Efforts to please these women, through the provision of the facilities which they desired for the observance of their rights and customs, and a desire on his part to have the good will of the surrounding nations, caused Solomon to turn from the worship of Jehovah to that of various forms of idolatry. Solomon even permitted some of his wives to bring graven images and set them up in the temple. And God had made it clear to Solomon that the fulfillment of His promises to him was conditional upon the obedience of him and his descendants to God's commandments. Consequently, when Solomon disobeyed God and strayed into the ways of sin, the judgment of God fell upon him and his people. Any nation, people, or individual that lives contrary to the will of God is doomed to failure. We need not expect the blessings of God to be showered upon us when we turn our backs on Him and walk in the pathway of disobedience. Good things will be withheld from us if we are not obedient to our heavenly Father.

#### Frank Rhodus Accepts Pollard Church, Ashland

Frank Rhodus has resigned as pastor of the Irvine (Ky.) First Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of the Pollard Baptist Church, Ashland. His last Sunday in Irvine was May 23.

Rhodes was moderator of the Boone's Creek Association for this year. The associational newsletter expressed appreciation for his work and wished him well in his work at Ashland.

### Let No Pulpit Committee Despise Thy Age

by Ray K. Hodge, Pastor  
Yates Baptist Church  
Durham, North Carolina

A paraphrase of Paul's statement to Timothy, "Let no one despise thy youth," can focus attention upon a critical issue in our churches. Paul might well have said, "Let no pulpit committee despise thy age."

A survey of the qualifications listed by numerous pulpit committees will reveal the requirement that their preacher be a young man, usually between thirty and forty-five. I choose to call this span, "the Golden Fifteen." Until a person is thirty he is not considered to have maturity enough to be dependable, and after he is forty-five he is considered to be so old that he will be hard to handle. And a preacher who is beyond fifty will find it extremely difficult to change pastorates.

The occupational hazards of the ministry are greatly increased by this limitation-on-age factor. Timothy's problem

seemed to be his youth, but the present-day Baptist preacher has problems with being too young or too old, or as a popular song of some years back had it, "They're Either Too Gray or Too Grassy Green."

Needless to say, this is causing great distress and unnecessary anxiety in the lives of many pastors, and it contributes to a great waste of valuable manpower.

But is this a fair judgment to make in the first place? Is it wise to place such limits? To be sure, there are exceptions to this unwritten rule, but it is increasingly a pattern followed by committees and churches.

Let me point up the folly of this along two parallel lines.

1. If you were charged with a serious crime, and wanted the best legal representation in court you could find, would you seek out a recent law school graduate, a man who had little or no experience, or would you get a seasoned legal mind who had many court victories on his record? The answer is obvious, for we would have so much at stake that we would want the best experience available. Age would not be a factor at all.

2. If you were critically ill, and your life was hanging in the balance, would you seek out a surgeon who just recently completed his surgery residence, or would you secure a surgeon who had performed that very operation a multitude of times? The answer is obvious again. The experienced and seasoned surgeon would be secured, without age as a factor. In both of these cases, the only consideration would be whether we believed the individual could do the job.

In like manner, Pulpit Committees should consider a prospective pastor for their church.

The age factor is not a problem for me at the moment, for I am presently in the "Golden Fifteen," but I would

like to think that my ministry has more future to it than such limitation affords, and that I could be useful for many years to come, and not made useless and passed by when I reach forty-five.

In other words, "let no Pulpit Committee despise thy age," but let them seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in finding the man who can be their minister.

### Magazine Reports Church-State Problems In Poverty War Funds

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Complaints that the antipoverty crusade is "undermining separation of church and state by providing public subsidy for anti-poverty programs in church schools" are heard from all over the country, according to an article in the June issue of CHURCH AND STATE.

The magazine is published monthly by Americans United in Washington, D. C. According to the story parochial schools and church-related colleges have been able in several instances to substantially augment their staffs.

The magazine reports that a grant of \$4,140 to Nazareth College in Rochester, N. Y., operated by the Sister of St. Joseph, provided salaries for student jobs ranging from clerk and typist to dormitory and library assistants.

Another grant, the magazine reports, will make possible the employment of 183 persons during the regular school year in Evansville, Ind., and 62 through the summer. "Of these," the report reads, "138 and 21, respectively, were to work in Catholic schools."

The magazine reports that Father James Deneen, diocesan superintendent of schools in Evansville, explained what a boon this would be to his schools. He is reported to have said that in one county only two parochial schools have a secretary on the staff.

Other problem areas mentioned in the magazine article include:

Chicago, where "two parochial schools were being paid \$6,500 a month for pre-school programs." The article relates that the diocese "has asked funds for 25 more such programs."

Denver, where "\$67,850 was allocated for 265 student jobs in six Catholic high schools." The magazine reports that despite a strong protest on constitutional grounds Gov. John A. Love gave his approval and "added that it was not his business to interpret the Federal Constitution."

Pittsburgh, where vacation programs of parish schools reportedly "were to be financed with antipoverty funds."

Kansas City, where a \$49,320 Federal grant will partially finance daily week-day sessions for an eight-week period.

### Baptist Choir Popular In Villafranca, Spain

For the second year in a row, the choir of the Baptist church in Villafranca del Panades, in the province of Barcelona, Spain, has been the most applauded group at annual choral festivities sponsored by the town.

This year it was nearly midnight before the Baptist choir—seventh of eight groups on the program—sang the three hymns they had selected. They were enthusiastically applauded after each hymn, reports Southern Baptist Missionary Daniel R. White.

After the concert, held in the public plaza, the choir was invited to sing at many residences in the town. Two Roman Catholic nuns were among those who wanted to hear more of the Baptist music. It was four o'clock in the morning before the choir members returned home.

Baptists were not always so well received in Villafranca. In 1943 the Baptist pastor was imprisoned and other church members were fined for conducting a religious service without government authorization. The man who was mayor of the town at that time is one of the persons at whose home the choir sang this year.

### J. N. Barnette Dies

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ins of Double Springs, N. C. She survives.

Before going to Nashville in 1927, Dr. Barnette was for six years associate Sunday school secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh. Earlier, he taught school in his home state and in Georgia.

He was a deacon of Belmont Heights Baptist Church and was active in all phases of its work until confined by illness.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Roupem M. (Mary Sue) Gulbenk of Nashville; and a son, J. N. Barnette, Jr., of Miami, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

### Mountain Preaching Mission

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Prestonsburg, and I served at the Holbrook Mission servicing Middle Creek with two main hollows—Katy Frind and Granny Fitz Hollow.

Our preconceived notions of the people didn't quite fit. We found that no one person could personify what the mountain people are. Many are above average in income and intelligence and education. Others are employed and able people. There did seem to be a higher percentage of the unemployed people

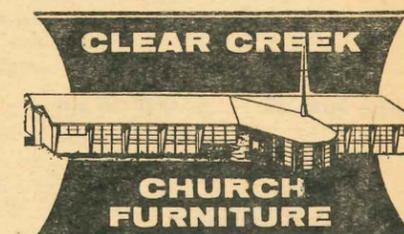
there than anywhere we were. We came away with the feeling that the greatest need in the mountain area is for the preaching of the Gospel. We do not feel that we solved or resolved all of the problems there, but the team did make a definite contribution to the work.

One characteristic of the mountain area is that the influence of some of the old-time religions there had caused many men to delay a decision for Christ until late in life. Some wait for a particular feeling or until they have a particular vision that they have been led to expect.

Eight out of every ten persons in Floyd County are lost. We found it to be a very real mission field, but also a field that is ripe unto harvest. The visible results from the work in these six missions were beyond our wildest hopes. The people received us warmly and gladly. We did not have the strange feeling of merely being looked over. There were 70 professions of faith in the six missions for the week; 15 rededications and nine who made decisions of transfer of letter.

The greatest single contribution that came from the week was to give each one of us pastors a deep sense of the spiritual need of the mountains. It is a wide open opportunity and someone is going to fill it. In our observations for that brief period, Southern Baptists seem to be the only group qualified by missionary zeal and doctrine to reach the people of the mountains. It is our hope that there will be many other teams such as this team that will be sent by their churches to serve in these mission points for weeks of revival. The Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church has voted to invite this particular team back again next year. It was the unanimous feeling of the members of the team that we

would be glad to serve for this week. Speaking personally, I consider this one of the high spiritual experiences of my life.



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| <i>First Plenary Session</i>   |                       |                        | <i>Sixth Plenary Session</i>  |                     |                        |
| Call to Order<br>Hymn: "All Hail the Power" ..... Congregation<br>Baptist Welcome ..... Representatives of Miami Baptists<br>Response to Welcome ..... Alfonso Olmedo, Argentina<br>Appointment of Committees<br>Recognition of Observers and Visitors ..... V. Carney Hargroves, USA<br>Panel: "Purpose of the Baptist World Alliance and the Congress"—<br>Past Presidents and Secretaries of the Baptist World Alliance<br>Keynote Address ..... Herschel H. Hobbs, USA |                       |                        | Roll Call of Nations<br>Manifesto on Religious Liberty ..... C. Emanuel Carlson, USA<br>Sermon ..... Billy Graham   |                     |                        |
| <b>Friday, June 25</b>   | <b>2-4 p.m.</b>       | <b>Various Places</b>  | <b>Monday, June 28</b>  | <b>9:30-12 a.m.</b> | <b>Convention Hall</b> |
| <i>Meetings of Commissions (Open to Congress registrants)</i>  |                       |                        | <i>Seventh Plenary Session</i>  |                     |                        |
| Baptist Doctrine ..... Duke K. McCall, USA, Convener<br>Religious Liberty and Human Rights—<br>C. Emanuel Carlson, USA, Convener<br>Evangelism and Missions ..... Frank H. Woyke, USA, Convener<br>Bible Study and Membership Training—<br>Gaines S. Dobbins, USA, Convener  |                       |                        | Report by Commission on Religious Liberty and Human Rights<br>Panel: "Witnessing to the Truth Where Other Christian<br>Churches Dominate" ..... Chester Jump, Jr., USA, Convener<br>Panorama—Asia ..... Lam Chi Fung, Hong Kong<br>Two Messages: "Freedom and Responsibility" ..... Gardner Taylor, USA<br>Brooks Hays, USA                                 |                     |                        |
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| <i>Second Plenary Session</i>  |                       |                        | <i>Sectional Meetings</i>   |                     |                        |
| Parade of Flags<br>Civic Welcome ..... William R. Tolbert, Liberia<br>Response to Civic Welcome ..... Joao F. Soren, Brazil<br>President's Address ..... James L. Sullivan, USA<br>Panorama—North America ..... To be announced<br>Address .....   |                       |                        | Women ..... Mrs. Edgar Bates, Canada, Chairman<br>Youth ..... W. Wickramasinghe, Ceylon, Chairman<br>Men ..... John Dawson, USA, Chairman<br>Pastors ..... Gene Bartlett, USA, Presiding<br>Theological Teachers ..... Duke K. McCall, USA, Chairman<br>Radio and Television ..... Paul Stevens, USA  |                     |                        |
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| <i>Third Plenary Session</i>   |                       |                        | <i>Eighth Plenary Session</i>   |                     |                        |
| Report by Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training<br>Address: "Ye Shall Know the Truth" ..... Stuart Arnold, Great Britain<br>Business<br>Panel: "Witnessing to the Truth in the Christian Community"—<br>Ernest A. Payne, Great Britain, Convener<br>Address: "The Nature and Purpose of Our Freedom"—<br>Russell Aldwinkle, Canada   |                       |                        | Women's Department ..... Mrs. Edgar Bates, Canada, Chairman<br>Address ..... Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde, Nigeria<br>Dramatic Presentation ..... Mrs. R. L. Mathis, USA<br>Panorama—South America ..... Hugo Ruiz Roca, Colombia<br>Congress Sermon ..... John Ithel Jones, Wales   |                     |                        |
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| <i>Sectional Meetings</i>  |                       |                        | <i>Ninth Plenary Session</i>  |                     |                        |
| Women ..... Mrs. Edgar Bates, Canada, Chairman<br>Youth ..... Willie Wickramasinghe, Ceylon, Chairman<br>Men ..... John Dawson, USA, Chairman<br>Pastors ..... John Williams, USA, Presiding<br>Theological Teachers ..... Duke K. McCall, USA, Chairman<br>Radio and Television ..... Paul Stevens, USA   |                       |                        | Report by Commission on Baptist Doctrine—<br>Duke K. McCall, USA, Presiding<br>Business and Election of Officers<br>Panel: "Witnessing to the Truth in a Secular Society"—<br>Fred Bullen, Canada, Convener<br>Address: "Peace with Freedom and Justice" ..... Harold Stassen, USA  |                     |                        |
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| Youth Program ..... Willie Wickramasinghe, Ceylon<br>Robert S. Denny<br>Testimonials by young people from various continents<br>Panorama—Africa ..... E. A. Dahunsi, Nigeria<br>Sermon ..... Billy Graham  |                       |                        | Baptist Doctrine ..... Duke K. McCall, USA, Convener<br>Religious Liberty and Human Rights—<br>C. Emanuel Carlson, USA, Convener<br>Evangelism and Missions ..... Frank H. Woyke, USA, Convener<br>Bible Study and Membership Training—<br>Gaines S. Dobbins, USA, Convener   |                     |                        |
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| Report by Commission on Evangelism and Missions<br>Frank Woyke, USA, Chairman<br>J. D. Grey, USA; E. B. Willingham, USA, Leaders<br>Panorama—Europe ..... Henri Vincent, France<br>Address: "World Missions Today and Tomorrow"—<br>J. T. Ayorinde, Nigeria<br>Address: "God at Work Today" ..... Edward Singha, India   |                       |                        | Business and Recognitions<br>Message ..... New President<br>Resume: "Highlights of Congress" ..... V. Carney Hargroves, USA<br>Panel: "Witnessing to the Truth Amid Other World Religions"—<br>B. J. Cauthen, USA, Convener<br>Coronation Address: "Our Unity in Christ"—<br>C. Oscar Johnson, Past President of BWA<br>Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" |                     |                        |