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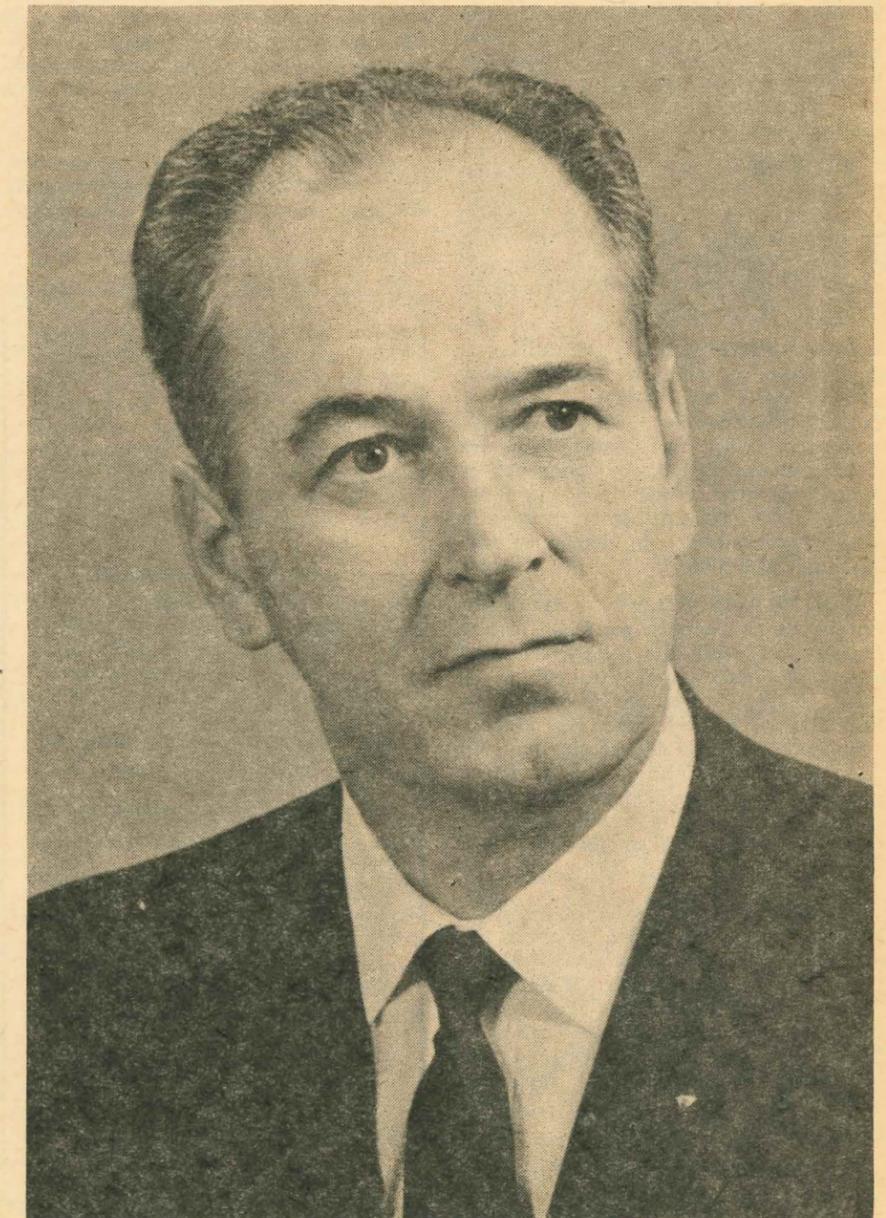
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FRANKLIN OWEN, pastor of Lexington's Calvary Baptist Church, will preside over the 128th annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

HAYES FORK BAPTIST Church, Kingston, Kentucky, near Richmond, had a note-burning service on October 3 for the pastorium. The pastorium was constructed in 1962 when M. L. Hahn was the Hayes Fork pastor. Hahn returned for the occasion and delivered the message at the note-burning service. The present Hayes Fork pastor is Syl G. Adkins.

A. M. VOLLMER, former secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, was evangelist for a revival in the Vine Street Baptist Church, Louisville. E. Truett Murphy is pastor. Dr. Vollmer spends his time in revivals and supply work.

MAURICE L. BATES has accepted the call to become pastor of the Howard's Mill Baptist Church in Boone's Creek Association. He lives at 20 French Avenue, Winchester. He was formerly pastor of the Waco Baptist Church in Tate's Creek Association.

A NEW SIMPLIFIED system of keeping records of Church Study Course awards went into effect October 1 through the Sunday School Board's awards section. The Board continues to issue books awards, but churches or individuals are asked to accumulate book credits in multiples of five and send these awards in exchange for diplomas and seals.

PASTOR DON WILSON of the Ghent Baptist Church reports a deacon prayer retreat preceding the fall revival had a profound effect upon the revival results. Karen Joines, pastor of White's Run Baptist Church, was the visiting evangelist and visible results included 5 professions of faith and 3 additions by letter. The pastor feels that much of the success of the revival was due to the leadership and dedication of the deacons.

KENNETH COLE, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Morehead, served as the evangelist for an October revival at the Ephesus Baptist Church, Winchester. The music was under the direction of Howard Thompson, music minister, First Baptist Church, Winchester. Ephesus pastor, Robert Sheffield, reports 5 professions of faith resulting from the revival effort.

EIGHT ADDITIONS by baptism and one by letter resulted from revival ef-

forts at the Carlisle Baptist Church, October 18-24. Truett Miller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, was the evangelist and Carlos Gruber of Nacogdoches, Texas, conducted the revival music. August Peters is the Carlisle pastor.

NORMAN E. HODGES of Alexandria, La., will begin work at the Sunday School Board November 16 as a consultant of associational work in the Training Union department. He has been serving in the Training Union department of the Louisiana Baptist Convention since January 1959. He is a Georgia native.

GENTRY FARMER has become pastor of the Greenbriar Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association. A few years

ago he served as pastor of the Heidelberg and Beech Grove Churches in that association.

MISS MAVIS ALLEN on November 1 assumed duties as editor of church study course books and *Broadman Comments* in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department. She succeeded Miss Caroline Henderson who retired October 31 after being associated with the Board for the last 16 years.

MARSHALL AND DORSIE PHILIPS, missionaries to East Africa, have resumed their work in Kenya following furlough in the States. They may be addressed c/o Marshall G. Duncan, Mombasa Good Will Center, Box 2948, Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa. Both are natives of Kentucky and he was pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, Shelbyville when they were appointed missionaries in 1961.

RAY E. ROBERTS, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Danville (Ky.), was the At-Home Week speaker at the Baptist Sunday School Board, November 1-5. During this week, all employees will gather for daily inspirational messages. All employees which travel as a part of their work do not schedule out-of-town engagements during At-Home Week.

ROY LAMBERTH was evangelist for a revival at the First Baptist Church, Central City October 18-24. Lamberth is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Earlington. Jon Edwin Lam led the music for the revival and W. R. Cook is the pastor.

D. O. IDOWU, a denominational worker in the Nigerian Baptist Convention, is spending this year in study at Southern Seminary, Louisville. He attended the Baptist World Congress and came to Louisville immediately afterward. The Scholarship Board of the Nigerian Baptist Convention awarded Mr. Idowu a scholarship for one year's study in America. Miss Ethel Harmon, a Kentuckian who has served many years in Nigeria has commended Mr. Idowu very highly and hopes he will have many opportunities to visit churches, assemblies and other activities here where he can learn as much as possible about Sunday School work among Southern Baptists.

CONVENTION SERMON:

Unsearchable Riches

by Raymond Lawrence

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." (Ephesians 3:8)

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that ye through his poverty might be rich." (II Cor. 8:9)

In Ephesians the third chapter and eighth verse, we find a profound statement of humility. Paul said that he was less than the least of all Christians—not less than the least of all apostles—not less than the least of all prophets, but less than the least of all Christians.

His humility qualified him for his task. Without humility it is impossible to serve God. One has said, "He that feels himself least of all saints, will become the greatest of all preachers."

His humility resulted from his appreciation of the great riches he had to offer. God had given unto him the high privilege of offering unsearchable riches. The world's greatest calling is the calling to offer men unsearchable riches.

What was Paul's subject? Was he to discuss scientific facts? Was he to discuss philosophical speculation? Was he to discuss theological theories? No. He was to preach unsearchable riches!

There are those today who believe that the day of preaching is about over. It has been suggested that in the third millennium of the history of the church, the preacher may be replaced by the "discussion leader". But, as Charles Smith has said in his *Biblical Authority for Modern Preaching*, "The gospel cannot be arrived at by the process of group discussion. At the very most, all that could be arrived at by this means would be the NEED for such a gospel." In preaching, the gospel is made contemporary. It is not "once upon a time," but "now". When Nathan arrived in the palace, it was not to discuss "once upon a time" but to preach "now" and "thou art the man".

The preacher is not the employee of the church but the apostle to it. It is his job to contemporize the gospel. Theodore Wedel makes this abundantly clear in the current issue of *Religion In Life*.

Paul was not called to be a servant of the Gentiles but to be a preacher to the Gentiles.

Raymond Lawrence is pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Corbin. The convention sermon as it is printed here is a condensation of the full manuscript supplied by Brother Lawrence.

By "unsearchable", Paul meant that no matter where we search, no matter when we search, no matter how we search, no matter with whom we search, we can never find anything in all the world that can compare with the blessings in Christ. The word "unsearchable" is found only one other time in the New Testament, in Romans 11:33 and here it means "past finding out".

I. The Unsearchable Riches of Grace

There are unsearchable riches of grace. Every prayer that was ever answered was answered by the grace by God. Just as salvation is by grace through faith, prayer is answered by grace through faith. The faith is our part and the grace is God's part. Our prayers are not answered because of anything we have ever done, but because of what Christ did on Calvary's cross. Our prayers are always answered by His grace and not because of our merit.

All of us have experienced miracles through prayer, but like the disciples, we have a tendency to forget. On the lake, Jesus mentioned the leaven of the Pharisees and immediately the disciples began to worry because they had brought along no bread. Jesus reminded them of the feeding of the 5,000 and of the basketsfull left over, and of the feeding of the 4,000. The disciples had forgotten about the miracles they had witnessed with their own eyes and so do we!

We have the privilege of walking into the throne-room of the Universe with our requests. We need not go through a human priest. We need not be perfect before we go. We stand in God's presence "justified" by His grace!

II. Unsearchable Riches of Joy

In Romans 5, Paul talks about the results of salvation. He said, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God". In the 11th verse he said, "We joy in God".

The very first result of salvation is joy. The eunuch received Christ, followed Him in baptism and then "went on his way rejoicing". The new Christian experiences a radical change of feeling.

Increasing numbers of American people are trying to find happiness in the bottle. Happiness cannot be found in the bottle. Nor can happiness be found in changing one's geographical location.

All the people in Miami Beach are not happy. A widow in a small Kentucky town tried to find happiness by moving to a larger town. After losing a godly, deacon husband, she sold all and moved away. Soon she was back again. We cannot find happiness by moving to another location.

We cannot find happiness by accumulating material things. In his book, *View From The Ninth Decade*, J. C. Penney tells of his desire to make a million dollars. He thought he would be happy when he had made one million, but then he wanted two million. "Then," he said, "the chase became too exciting, too absorbing. I grew more and more blind to the degree to which I had allowed the idea of possessing huge sums of money to possess me." Edward Burk said, "If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free; if our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed."

Happiness is a condition of the heart. It is not the result of adding one pleasure onto another pleasure. Henry Ward Beecher said, "No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich."

Happiness is found in the blessed fellowship. Many have found the church to be a "colony of heaven on earth." How much is a Christian friend worth? In addition to our Christian friends, we have a friend that, "sticketh closer than a brother."

Jesus tells us, in the parable of the Sower, that some fell away because of the deceitfulness of riches. Often in revivals, sinners recognize in the Gospel the answers to the deep longings of their hearts. They respond and accept Christ but are soon led astray by the deceitfulness of riches. Happiness cannot be found in sin in any form, regardless of how attractive it may be.

III. Unsearchable Riches of Peace

Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you." It is a peace that passeth all understanding.

The conscience will never allow the sinner to rest until he has made his peace with God. The conscience tells a man that he has broken the law of God. The Spirit tells a man that he has broken the heart of God. The conscience and the Spirit cause a man to be miserable until he makes his peace with God. The lost are "sinners not reconciled." Thoma A. Kempis said, "He will easily be content and at peace whose conscience is pure."

The Christian has peace because he possesses spiritual security. His house is built on the rock. The word rock used in a figurative sense refers to God. The Christian is building his life on God.

The Christian has peace because he has escaped the judgement of God. In
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1. Free Methodist Church (53,601)	\$358.17
2. Wesleyan Methodist Church (38,715)	282.00
3. Evangelical Free Church of America (45,021)	247.30
4. Pilgrim Holiness Church (30,185)	233.70
5. Brethren in Christ Church (9,378)	210.80
6. Evangelical Covenant Church of America (64,713)	207.99
7. Evangelical Mennonite Church (2,531)	201.36
8. Orthodox Presbyterian Church (8,067)	193.70
9. Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (6,335)	179.40
10. Church of the Nazarene (349,270)	160.38
11. Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) (139,539)	155.75
12. United Brethren in Christ (21,100)	141.09
13. Mennonite General Conference (35,651)	137.83
14. Pentecostal Holiness Church (61,539)	133.91
15. North American Baptist General Conference (53,346)	120.44
16. Presbyterian Church in the United States (944,716)	114.61
17. Reformed Church in America (230,731)	110.26
18. Moravian Church, Northern Province (27,706)	104.26
19. Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (1,777,185)	103.90
20. Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (15,435)	96.06
21. United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (3,302,839)	92.29
22. Evangelical Congregational Church (30,117)	89.25
23. Lutheran Evangelical Synod (9,811)	88.79
24. Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) (1,181,265)	86.44
25. American Lutheran Church (1,714,129)	83.83
26. Churches of God in North America (36,300)	80.99
27. Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (243,876)	80.24
28. Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio) (17,912)	80.22
29. Protestant Episcopal Church (2,287,604)	76.66
30. Lutheran Church in America (2,226,706)	76.35
31. Evangelical United Brethren (740,860)	76.34
32. Church of the Brethren (200,067)	76.08
33. United Church of Christ (2,228,080)	75.94
34. American Baptist Convention (1,495,994)	69.99
35. Seventh Day Baptist General Conference (5,730)	67.46
36. Cumberland Presbyterian Church (80,231)	65.15
37. Moravian, Unity of the Brethren (4,901)	61.14
38. Methodist Church (10,304,184)	59.09
39. Southern Baptist Convention (10,601,515)	55.80
40. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (27,017)	52.63

How To Explain It

When it comes to statistics, Southern Baptists are not usually disposed to take a back seat to anyone. A recent report, however, giving the total giving per member of various church groups in America in 1964 is shocking. Our faces are red, our heads are bowed and our boasting silenced. We are not on top nor are we near the top. We're not even in the middle, but we are 39th in the list of 40 religious groups whose records appear in the adjoining column.

It seems unbelievable! Can it be that Free Methodists give six and a half times as much and the Pilgrim Holiness gives more than four times as much as Southern Baptists? Does a Nazarene and a Church of God member really give three times as much as a Southern Baptist?

Are these groups more wealthy than Baptists? Far from it. On the contrary, those belonging to these groups are generally of a lower economic level than Baptists who by now are a middle class group with higher income. Surely these are not more able to give than Southern Baptists.

Is it because we don't know any better? It can't be that. We take great pride in our belief in and obedience to the Scriptures. We even sometimes decry others because they don't follow the Scriptures as Baptists do.

It is because we have neglected to emphasize stewardship in our teaching and training? Hardly. Southern Baptists probably have the most elaborate stewardship promotional organization of any one of these groups. We have a Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission giving full time leadership in this area.

In practically every state Baptist organization there is a Department of Stewardship Promotion with the best professional staff personnel. We have used tithing campaigns for years and now we have a Forward Program of Church Finance that in some churches consumes two months of emphasis each year. Sometimes it seems that fund raising has become the main emphasis of many Baptist churches.

There is some consolation in that such a report never tells the whole story. Allowances must be made for differences in methods of reporting. Some of these groups with the highest per member giving don't count members like Southern Baptist churches count them. The Church of God (Anderson, Indiana), for example, has no church roll as such but considers as members only those who are actively participating in the life of the church at any given time. If

we counted like this — and maybe we should — we would lose about 6 million overnight and our per member giving figure would jump to more than \$150 per year.

The sad truth is that only a fraction of the Baptists we count has ever given any evidence of any Christian growth. They don't study the Bible in Sunday School, they don't worship, and they don't pray. How can they be expected to give? A large number on every Baptist church roll gives absolutely nothing to be recorded.

This means that only a small fraction of the members gives almost all the income of a Baptist church. And so those who give generally give generously but our record is made poor by the many who give nothing.

Our sense of shame should not be so much in our 39th place in this list as it should be in our practice of giving a sense of security to millions whose failure to give is but an indication that they have likely never known anything genuine in the way of a religious experience.

BAPTIST FORUM



Opposes Revival Love Offering

Dear Editor:

Realizing anew that the early weeks of fall customarily are those of the "revival season," I feel impelled again to speak out against the practice of promoting, collecting, and accepting the "love offering." This revival custom, if indeed it ever was necessary, has completely outworn its usefulness, and, in fact, can become a detriment to the attaining of spiritual ends in these significant soul-winning efforts.

It is hard to understand how our ministers (and song leaders)—particularly the pastors of larger churches in which the offerings usually go to relatively high-salaried visiting evangelists, who themselves are pastors of fairly large churches—can stand before their people and promote this "pocket-lining" endeavor. I wonder how often the word "racket" crosses the minds of the glib (and often reluctant) church members as they dutifully reach for their purses and wallets. This is to say nothing of the lost man who must have a hard time determining why this paid-at-home preacher should profit so handsomely from a supposedly selfless fulfillment of his "call."

No substantial reason can be given for linking the quest for souls with the personal quest for money. The spectacle of a pastor admonishing his people during a revival because the "love offering" is not lovely enough is sure to cause many to wonder where the primary interest of the revival leadership lies.

If one person has a desire to bestow a gift upon another (for any reason), he will present this symbol of his appreciation spontaneously. He needs to neither be exhorted or "given the opportunity to show his love." In any case, a far better act would be the placing of the gift (in appreciation of God's sending the evangel) in the church

where it will do more people more good.

Preachers spend much time preaching the virtue and necessity of sacrifice. The time has come for more than mere words.

Ashland, Ky.

James L. Clark

Words From Pakistan

Dear Friends:

This letter finds us in a situation far different from any we had ever suspected.

On September 9th, we received a telegram from our Dacca office advising us to come to Dacca prepared to leave Pakistan. We had been listening carefully to the local newscasts as well as several foreign broadcasts and did not feel the situation was too serious. However, we felt that perhaps we did not understand the entire situation so while Betty was packing a few things I went to talk with our local government officer. Dr. Dickerson, who also lives in Feni, was in India on vacation so we took a last "look" at her things and were soon on our way to Dacca traveling by road.

In Comilla we stopped at the Carney's

Next Week

The November 18 issue of the Western Recorder will have the first reports of the Lexington sessions of the 128th annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Convention actions through Thursday noon will be reported in next week's paper. Copies of the paper will be distributed in Lexington at the Convention.

Final reports and evaluation of the convention will be in the issue of November 25.

—The Editor

to see what they were planning. They had not received their telegram but had just received a notice from the American Consulate in Dacca advising them of the situation. We realized that there wasn't enough time left for us to make it to Dacca that night since we had three ferries to cross so we spent the night with the Carneys and traveled on to Dacca with them the next morning.

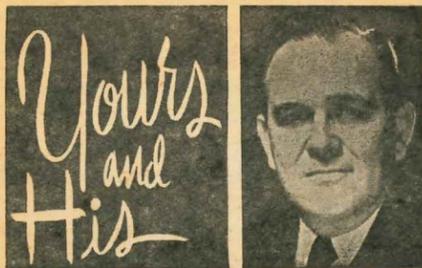
In Dacca we registered with the Security Branch of the Police as usual and were informed that we were not to return to any of the border Districts and of course this included both Comilla and Feni. This actually leaves only five of the seventeen Districts open to missionaries. Included in the five are Dacca and Faridpur our other two mission stations.

On the 18th our Mission decided that all of the ladies and children would leave Pakistan when the U.S. planes arrived to evacuate other Americans. We asked Dr. Carney to accompany them. Early on the morning of the 19th we were informed that the planes would be arriving soon. By noon they were off for what we understood would most likely be Manila. We heard early the next morning on a regular Manila news-broadcast that they had arrived "tired but cheerful". We knew they were tired because of the strain of the past few days but were glad to know that others felt they were cheerful.

With the Loflands and Dr. Dickerson in India on vacation and two families on furlough our Mission staff is left with only five men. Carl Ryther and Howard Teel are in Faridpur and Trueman Moore and Pat Johnson are in Dacca. It was hoped that I would be able to "look after" things in both Comilla and Feni, however, almost a month and a half have passed and still there is no permission to return to either place for even a visit. We had thought the ceasefire would bring a change in this but it didn't.

Dacca now has most of East Pakistan's remaining missionaries. Actually, there are now probably less than thirty American evangelical missionaries left and even fewer from the Commonwealth countries.

Box 99, Ramna Jim McKinley
Dacca, East Pakistan



Your Host Church - KBC

Immanuel Baptist Church has made much preparation for messengers and friends attending the Kentucky Baptist Convention November 10-12 in their beautiful new church. Dr. H. B. Kuhnle, host pastor, his staff, leaders and people will be ready to serve you in many formal ways and extend personal courtesies to any person in distress.

If you have Nursery age children with you, you may take them to the Nursery departments in the Educational Building back of the auditorium—for all services and sessions. Be sure to pick them up at the close!

The fellowship hall, ground floor, has been marked for a large display of Books and other materials for sale to you and your churches. Your regular credit may be used. The Baptist Book Store will take any order for books not on hand, but the supply is large. Miss Blanche Mays and Martha Minor, Book Store Managers, will be on hand to serve you.

Be sure to see the exhibits on various phases of your church's work—departments, emphases, missions, etc.

In addition to Host Pastor H. B. Kuhnle, you may receive assistance from his fine staff and committees. For assistance in arrangements of all kinds, contact Paul Robinson, Minister of Education. For assistance for music, choirs, etc., contact Richard Ham, Minister of Music. Pastor and other secretaries will be sources of help and encouragement to you. In addition, the Host Church will have committees working at the Registration and information desks, in parking, in hospitality, for visual presentations, etc.

Each messenger and visitor is asked to register his attendance. The Host Church has packaged an envelope containing a program, a Convention Badge, and other materials of new interest.

As you register, purchase your ticket for the Ministers Wives' Buffet Supper (Thursday, 5 P.M., Calvary Church, \$1.75); and the Christian Education Luncheon (Friday, 12:00, Phoenix Hotel, \$2.50).

We are grateful to Pastor Kuhnle and the fine people of Immanuel Baptist Church for the cordial and careful welcome to their beautiful and functional church.

Harold G. Sanders

Kentucky Baptists

Parkland Baptist, Louisville, Adds Staff Members

Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, has called W. B. Marley as minister of music and his wife, Harriette, as church secretary.

Marley has worked in radio and television for several years and has experience in singing and working with choral groups. He served a church as interim minister of music in North Carolina.

This year he felt the call of church music ministry and resigned his position with the broadcasting industry to enroll in Southern Seminary's school of church music.

Mrs. Marley has thirteen years of secretarial experience. The Marley's have two children, Leisa and Laurin.

Don Zuberer is the pastor of Parkland Baptist.

Swiss Colony Church Burns Note On Building

Valued at \$85,000 the Swiss Colony Baptist Church building is now debt free. The note was burned in special ceremonies. Built in 1956, the church just recently installed air-conditioning and wall-to-wall carpeting in the building.

The day of note-burning included all-day services with dinner served at the church. Speakers for the occasion included Caleb McFadden, pastor of the church when the building was con-



MAYNARD HEAD, pastor of the Swiss Colony Baptist Church, London, holds the tray as Treasurer Carl Keller burns the note for the indebtedness of the building.

structed; Fountaine Jones, former pastor; and A. H. Keith, former pastor.

Present for the services but not shown in the picture below were Edd Binder, Leander Jones, Bryan Powers, Burton Jones, Bill Herron, Glenn Robbins, George Vandy, T. A. Isaacs and Rex Wesley, all deacons of the church.

Kentuckian Writes Of European Baptist Life

Douglas Simpson, who preached at Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, last year where members of his family attend church, has completed one year of work in Toul, France, where he is pastor of the First English Speaking Baptist Church.

He writes of his work, "The close of our first year has seen many victories for our Lord and I feel more each day that it is the Lord's will that we are over here.

Our little church has seen 33 come to know the Lord as their saviour and many others from the States have united with our church. We are badly in need of a building and are planning to that end. It will cost about \$30,000 and it is hard to borrow money here for a Baptist Church. . . .

"We need the prayers of our friends in the States and may have to depend on some of them to help with financing this project. This is truly mission work."

Morgantown Baptists Experience Revival

A report from the First Baptist Church in Morgantown indicates a genuine revival spirit in the congregation. In a recent revival there were eleven decisions by profession of faith, four by letter and two for special service. One of those surrendering for special service was the pastor's son who surrendered to preach and one of the professions of faith was the pastor's daughter.

In the past four months there have been fifty-one additions to the church with about half of these by baptism. James O. Green is the pastor.

Kentuckian Moves To Ohio

Ronald Wilburn, former minister of music and education in the Crestview ville, has accepted a call as minister of music and education to the Crestview Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. Bert E. Williams is the Dayton pastor.

Wilburn, a native of Louisville and the son of Earl M. Milburn, is a graduate of Georgetown College and has been active as soloist and musical director in revivals in Kentucky the past ten years. He has been minister of music at Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, and

Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort.

Wilburn was recently invited to participate as singer in the 1966 simultaneous revival crusade in Alaska.

He is married to the former Julia Ann Shirley of Owensboro, Ky. Mrs. Wilburn is a graduate of Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Louisville.

R. A. Slinker Retires After 32 Years Service

October 1 was retirement day from 32 years of service with the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Department for R. A. Slinker.



R. A. Slinker Field Worker for the western 60 counties of Kentucky.

A native of Green County, Slinker retired from the position of missionary for the same three areas with which he worked in 1933. During the 32 years, he served under the direction of four executive secretaries for the Kentucky Convention: C. M. Thompson, J. W. Black, W. C. Boone and Harold G. Sanders. In these years he traveled more than one million miles, spoke in more than one-third of the Baptist churches in the state and participated in 100 weeks of Schools of Missions from Delaware to Arizona. He has served on the board of the Kentucky Temperance League for 30 years.

The Slinkers now live in Murray, Route 1. Their telephone number is 753-7544. Retirement years will be spent in interim pastorates, supply and revival work. After 43 years in the pastorate and mission work, Brother Slinker expects to keep busy.

George Harrison At New Orleans Luncheon

Kentucky alumni of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will hold a luncheon meeting November 11 during the state convention meeting in Lexington.

Milton D. May of Arlington has served the past year as president of the group. He said that details of this year's gathering will be announced during the Convention. Dr. George W. Harrison, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, will represent the seminary.

Kentucky Baptists

Van Buren Baptist Merges With Summitt Park Chapel

A Louisville Baptist church has merged with another congregation.

The Van Buren Baptist Church has merged with the Summit Park Baptist Chapel, a mission of Clifton Baptist Church, because of the construction of Interstate Highway 64 which will pass through the church property.

Years ago, the Van Buren Church relocated on Story Avenue to escape flooding by the Ohio River.

Jack Goodwin, pastor of Van Buren, will continue to be the pastor of the merged congregations. The congregation will continue under the name of Van Buren Baptist Church. A new sanctuary and educational building is planned.

H. E. Inman Pastor Of Kuttawa Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church, Kuttawa, has a new pastor. He is H. E. Inman who also serves as chaplain of the Kentucky State Penitentiary, Eddyville.

Inman, a native of Mississippi, received his college degree from Mississippi College, Clinton. He received the B.D. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He spent one

year in Louisville studying clinical training before going to KSP.

Inman is married and has one son. The family will move to Kuttawa from New Eddyville. He succeeds Calvin Wilkins who resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Oran, Missouri.

Shelbyville First Baptist Calls Two Staff Members

Ande Clark, a native of Paducah, is the new assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shelbyville. The church has also called Gene Soulsby as minister of music. Both



Ande Clark

men are students, Clark at Southern Seminary and Soulsby at the University of Louisville graduate school. Clark is a graduate of Georgetown College where he was president of the student body, a BSU summer missionary in 1963 to East Pakistan and Kentucky BSU president in 1964. He and his wife spent the

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GEORGETOWN COLLEGE President Robert L. Mills, center, examines the Minutes of the Elkhorn Baptist Association along with its newly elected officers, Rev. John Kruschwitz, Moderator (right) and Rev. Charles Holland, Vice-Moderator (left). The Elkhorn Baptist Association passed the 35,000 member mark this year. There are 57 Baptist churches affiliated with the group. Central Baptist Church, Lexington and Georgetown College were hosts to the two day session of business and inspiration.

Catholic Church Avows Positions On Education

by W. Barry Garrett

VATICAN CITY (BP)—A Declaration on Christian Education with far-reaching ecumenical and political consequences was promulgated by Vatican Council II here October 28.

The Council said that "the public power, which has the obligation to protect and defend the rights of citizens, must see to it, in its concern for distributive justice, that public subsidies are paid out in such a way that parents are truly free to choose according to their conscience the schools they want for their children."

In making this statement the Council avoided saying categorically that public funds aid "parents" in the education of their children in the schools of their choice. It made no effort to spell out ways this could be done.

Another section of the declaration said that moral and religious education must take place in "all" schools.

"The Church must be present with her own special affection and help for the great number who are being trained in schools that are not Catholic," the Council declared.

Three ways this is possible were stated: (1) "by the witness of the lives who teach and direct them;" (2) "by the apostolic action of their fellow students;" but especially (3) "by the ministry of priests and laymen who give them the doctrine of salvation in a way suited to their age and circumstances and provide spiritual aid in every way the times and conditions allow."

The Council then called on parents with children in all schools "to arrange and even demand that their children be

able to enjoy these aids and advance in their Christian formation to a degree that is abreast of their development in secular subjects."

Continuing, the Council declared, "the Church esteems highly those civil authorities and societies which, bearing in mind the pluralism of contemporary society and respecting religious freedom, assist families so that the education of their children can be imparted in all schools according to the individual moral and religious principles of the families."

In a section on Catholic schools the Council declared "the right of the Church freely to establish and to conduct schools of every type."

It then reminded Catholic parents of the "duty of entrusting their children to Catholic schools wherever it is possible."

The Council document in a section on Catholic colleges and universities treated the problems of academic freedom and the relation of science and religion.

It said that individual subjects should be "pursued according to their own principles, method, and liberty of scientific inquiry, in such a way that an even deeper understanding in these fields will be obtained and that, as questions

that are new and current are raised and investigations carefully made according to the example of the doctors of the Church and especially of St. Thomas Aquinas, there may be a deeper realization of the harmony of faith and science."

The Council then said "that even at universities that are not Catholic there should be associations and university centers under Catholic auspices in which priests, religious and laity, carefully selected and prepared, should give abiding spiritual and intellectual assistance to the youth of the university."

Throughout the document the importance of education and of teaching as a career was stressed.

The Declaration on Christian Education was one of five documents promulgated at the October 28 general session of the Council. The others are: Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, Decree concerning the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church, Decree on Priestly Training, and Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of the Religious Life.

Western Recorder Has Peak Month

The names of 1,207 Baptist families were added to the *Western Recorder* mailing list during the month of October. Approximately 65% of these are going into the homes of Deacons, Sunday School Teachers, Training Union Officers, Brotherhood and W.M.U. Leaders throughout the state. This is beyond a doubt the best news we receive here at the office and we shall be watching the mails for the names of your leaders in the very near future. The church rate is the same, \$1.50 per year, regardless of the number of families you may have on your list. Payment can be made to suit the convenience of your church.

Walnut Street, Louisville, Celebrates 150 Years of Service

Kentucky's largest and Louisville's oldest Baptist congregation celebrated the 150th year of the church November 4-7. Walnut Street Baptist Church was started in 1815 with 13 members. The congregation now numbers more than 5,000 and the church is the largest contributor to the Cooperative Program in Kentucky.

In 1849, First Baptist and Second Baptist, a mission of First Baptist in 1838, were without a pastor. Both churches called Thomas Smith of Georgetown. The churches merged, formed what is now the Walnut Street Church located then at Fourth and Walnut.



HOST PASTOR H. B. Kuhnle of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, welcomes messengers to 128th annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

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Miscellanea

Shelbyville Staff

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1964-65 academic year at the Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. He served as interim pastor of the Baptist church in Maintz, Germany.

An ordination service for Clark will be held soon in the First Baptist Church, Paducah.

Soulsby is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. While in Oklahoma he was minister of music at the Rock Creek Baptist Church, Shawnee. Soulsby is baritone soloist with the U. of L. touring chorale and is also working with the Louisville Opera Company.

Shelbyville Pastor Fred Moffatt, Jr., writes, "These dedicated young people have already made large contributions to the ministry of First Baptist Church."



Hal Shipley

Bailey Anderson Is Erlanger Staff Member

The Erlanger Baptist Church has called Bailey Anderson, Shelbyville, Illinois, as minister of music and education.



Bailey Anderson is a native of Minnesota, a graduate of Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Previous experience includes services as minister of music in McComb, Mississippi; minister of music and education in Wachula, Florida and Salem, Missouri; and minister of music and youth at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Anderson is married to the former Joy Shogren of Des Moines, Iowa. The couple has two children, Lois and Lynn. The Andersons will be welcomed by the Erlanger congregation with a reception on Sunday evening, November in the social rooms of the church.

Sacramento Baptist Church Gets New Pastor November 1

On November 1 Hal Shipley began his work as pastor of the Sacramento Baptist Church in Daveiss-McLean Association. He has been pastor for 3½ years at West Baptist Church, Hickman.

A graduate of Murray State College, Shipley is also a graduate of Southern Seminary. He was president of the Hickman Ministerial Fellowship and moderator of the Fulton County Baptist Association.

estants and others should be taxed to pay for Catholic schools has now been incorporated into Catholic doctrine.

"This rigid demand for separate schools for which the entire public is taxed will wreak havoc with ecumenical relations in the United States if it continues to be pressed. The Catholic leadership will certainly rouse anti-clerical sentiment against itself if it persists in this program. It is to be hoped that wiser counsels will prevail and that there may be firm acceptance by the American Catholic hierarchy of the separation of church and state."

—C. Stanley Lowell



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

Beginning next January 1 every pack, box, and carton of cigarettes sold in the United States will carry the following warning: "Caution: cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health." It is generally conceded that the mildness of this warning is a victory for the tobacco industry. The new law bars additional warnings in cigarette advertising until July 1, 1969. An estimated 4,000 additional people per day become addicted to cigarette smoking.

The Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare reports that forty percent of all babies born out of wedlock are born to mothers 19 years or younger.

According to the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, six youths belonging to a burglary ring were recently arrested for burglaries which had been occurring over a period of several months. Fifteen unsolved burglaries were cleared up by their admissions, and the youths also admitted shoplifting on numerous occasions. **Ages of the offenders: 13, 11, two aged 9, and 7.**

The American Civil Liberties Union has launched a campaign to abolish capital punishment in the United States, believing that "capital punishment is so inconsistent with the underlying values of the democratic system that the imposition of the death penalty for any crime is a denial of civil liberties."

Senator Everett Dirksen received a massive protest against his suggestion to hold elections on Sunday. Said one letter: "Don't you know Sunday is a shopping day?"

While at Hickman, Shipley led the West Baptist Church to improve their building and add air-conditioning. Total cost of the improvements was \$17,000. There were 83 additions to the church with 67 of these by baptism. Other forward steps included rewriting of the church constitution, the use of envelopes for offerings and the keeping of financial records.

Protests "Same Old Line" On School Aid

ROME (POAU)—A vote of the Vatican Council in Rome favoring the proposition that public subsidies should be paid to Roman Catholic schools drew a prompt disclaimer from C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State who has been serving as a correspondent there.

"This doesn't sound much like aggiornamento to me," Mr. Lowell commented. "It sounds very much like Cardinal Spellman's old line. It is lamentable that this insistence that Prot-

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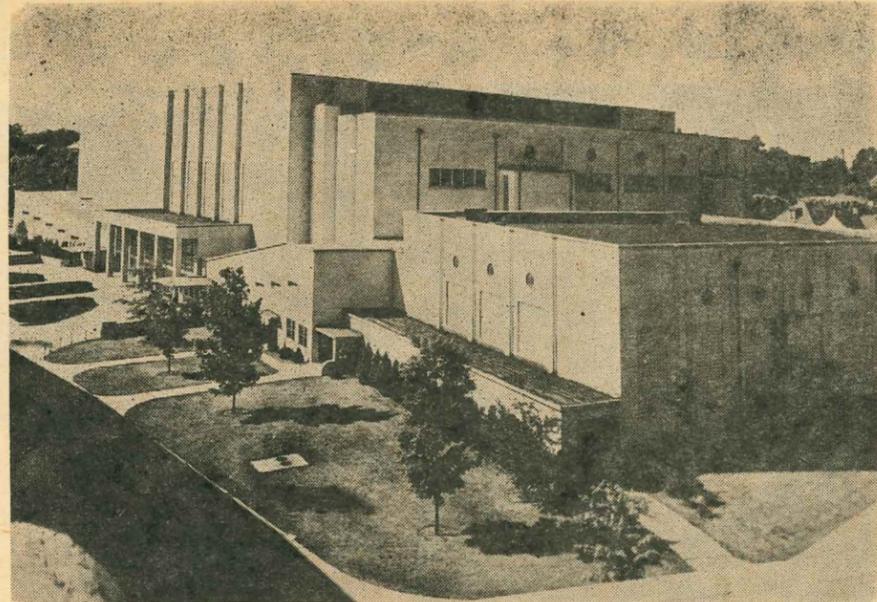
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SBC News Briefs

Federal aid to Texas Baptist institutions, expected to be the biggest issue facing the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting in Houston, never got to the convention floor. Although a floor fight on the question was averted, the issue was thoroughly debated from the pulpit.

A special church-state committee appointed earlier this year will decide the issue and report back to the convention and its executive board next year. The committee got plenty of advice from speakers on the convention program, with three major addresses devoting a major part of their messages to the church-state separation principle involved. Among them was outgoing convention president Abner V. McCall, also president of Baylor University. He spent his entire presidential address on the issue. McCall pleads for "cooperation" between state and church and insists that Baptists in the past have worked with government in projects of mutual concern. During the annual convention sermon, Dallas minister Herbert R. Howard said accepting federal aid would "mute our holy voice and compromise the church's freedom."

►B. Gray Allison of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has accepted a position with the Home Mission Board's department of evangelism to work with college and university



MEMORIAL COLISEUM on the campus of the University of Kentucky will be the scene of the annual Kentucky Baptist Youth Night, November 12. Speaker for the evening will be Bobby Richardson, well known baseball player and active Christian layman. A 3,750-voice youth choir will sing.

campuses. He is widely known in the denomination as a writer, teacher and evangelist. He was on the program of the Kentucky Baptist evangelism conference last January.

►Southern Baptist churches have been asked to help with the new influx of Cuban refugees. Lloyd Corder, Atlanta, secretary of the language missions department of the HMB, said aid was needed now for the refugees Fidel Castro has allowed to leave the island in recent weeks and more will be needed if proposed plans are carried through to completion.

►Ohio Southern Baptists have employed their first full-time student worker. He is Joe D. Pool, a native of Kentucky and a graduate of Murray Satte College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Groveport, Ohio, at the time of his acceptance of the student position. He will work under the direction of W. C. Dudley, Ohio Training Union and Student secretary. Dudley served in the Kentucky Training Union Department before going to Ohio.

►A \$500,000 budget for 1966 was adopted by the tenth anniversary session of the Colorado Baptist General Convention. When the state convention was organized in 1955 there were 89 co-operating Baptist churches with 10,000 members. Current membership was reported at 38,500 in 191 churches.

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►A workshop for full-time Southern Baptist preaching and music evangelists will be held for the first time at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary December 14-16. More than 450 evangelists have been invited to the three-day conference of discussions and lectures.

►Net enrolment at all levels of higher education maintained by Southern Baptists has reached 68,752 this year compared with 62,000 a year ago. There are five categories of schools—senior colleges, junior colleges, seminaries, academies and Bible schools. There are 73 institutions in all, compared with 72 last year. The new school is the Baptist College at Charleston, S. C., a senior college.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



NAAMAN: ACTING ON FAITH

(This Lesson for Sunday, November 21, 1965)

II Kings 5:1-5a, 9-15b

It would be difficult to find another scriptural narrative of equal length which contains a greater wealth of human interest and moral instruction than the one recorded in II Kings 5.

At the time of this narrative Benhadad was reigning in Damascus. This fierce enemy of the Israelites was a proud, haughty, pitiless, and remorseless tyrant, who trusted in his wealth, in his military strength, and in the help of his idols. None of his numerous possessions was more precious to him than his faithful friend and the commander-in-chief of his army, whose name was Naaman. Few characters in the Old Testament, if any, are more attractive or interesting than Naaman the Syrian. He attracts our attention and evokes our admiration.

I. Naaman's Characteristics.

1. He was prominent.

Naaman did not belong to the ranks of the humble citizens, but was commander-in-chief of all the Syrian army. Next to King Benhadad, he was the most prominent man in Syria.

2. He was popular.

Because of his great services in the deliverance of his country, Naaman enjoyed to an unusual degree the confidence, esteem, and favors of his monarch, who lavished upon him great honors and rich gifts. He was also the idol of his army and the pride of his countrymen.

3. He was honorable.

Naaman was an exemplary husband, a useful public servant, and a courageous general.

4. He was successful.

Because of the way in which he led the armies of Syria, Naaman was acknowledged as the political and military saviour of his country—"by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria."

5. He was valiant.

"He was also a mighty man in valour." Naaman possessed wisdom, forethought, ingenuity, energy, and versatility.

6. He was proud.

Being high in rank, great in honor, rich in worldly goods, and successful in war, it is not surprising that Naaman was proud.

II. Naaman's Condition.

Although Naaman was prominent, popular, honorable, successful, valiant, and proud, he was the victim of a terrible disease—leprosy, which kept him from life's greatest enjoyments. His condition illustrates the fact that there is usually something to modify the happiness of an individual or to mar the most brilliant success. In practically every life there is some good thing withheld or some sad thing added.

Leprosy was the most fearful, terrible, and dreaded disease known to the people of the East. It was painful, contagious, defiling, loathsome, separating, and incurable by man. In these respects it resembled sin.

III. Naaman's Cure.

In one of their many border raids in the towns and villages of Israel, the Syrian troops had seized a little Hebrew girl, whom Naaman appropriated and presented to his wife as a servant. In this position of attendant to Naaman's wife she did her work admirably. Surrounded by the pomp and show of idolatry, this girl maintained a strong faith in the God of Israel.

Ere long she discovered that Naaman was a leper. She was touched deeply by his misfortune. Immediately she thought of God's prophet, Elisha, in Samaria, and his wondrous works of healing. Affectionately and with great assurance, she said to her mistress, "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy." Convinced that there was a possibility of healing, Naaman's wife conveyed this message to her husband.

Moved by this news, Naaman informed his sovereign of his hopes and asked for a letter of introduction. Armed with a letter of recommendation and a request for healing, and, taking with him a large retinue of servants and fabulous sums of money to pay for a cure, Naaman mounted his chariot and made his journey to the king of Israel. When the tidings of the king's consternation and perplexity reached Elisha,

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the prophet requested the king to send Naaman to him.

When Naaman approached the door of the prophet's humble abode, he actually expected Elisha to be flattered by his call. He expected to be healed by a solemn word, act, or touch. Instead of going out to meet Naaman in recognition of his rank, to the former's chagrin Elisha merely sent an humble messenger to him, saying: "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again unto thee, and thou shalt be clean." Because Elisha's counsel did not fit in with Naaman's preconceived notions, prejudices, and sense of his own importance, he resented being treated as though he were an ordinary person, became angry with the prophet, and turned away in a rage. His pride and vanity were wounded to such an extent that Naaman expressed furiously his disappointment and contempt.

Naaman considered it far beneath his dignity to wash in the despised Jordan River, but his courageous and tactful servants attempted to stay his wrath and get him to give the prophet's prescription a trial. Their persuasion prevailed and Naaman finally went to the river, laid aside his robe, stepped down into the water, and dipped himself seven times. When his action was translated into obedience the cure was wrought instantaneously and his flesh became again like that of a little child.

IV. Naaman's Conduct.

When Naaman came up out of the water, his leprosy, pride, and anger were gone. Gentleman that he was, he immediately and happily returned to Elisha in order to express to him his personal appreciation, to acknowledge the supremacy of Jehovah and his determination to worship Him, to offer gifts as a token of his gratitude, and to seek additional instruction. Not long before Naaman had sneered at the waters of Israel, but as soon as his cure had been effected the very soil of the country was sacred to him. Naaman was anxious to show his gratitude to Elisha and to honor him for what he had done in his behalf. Naaman's cure had evoked gratitude, annihilated an old prejudice, and inspired worship. His healing and conduct thereafter constitute a superb example of how faith works. He demonstrated that he was anxious to serve the true God.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Sunday School

Statewide "January Bible Study" Preview Study

November 29-December 1, Cedarmore

by Roy E. Boatwright

Dr. James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, is the author of *John's Witness to Jesus*, the book to be used during January Bible Study Week, 1966.



Dr. Sullivan

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Brotherhood

How Much Is All?

by Forrest Sawyer

How much is all?

Last May, the Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Brotherhood Commission to assist churches in their task of providing missionary education for all men, young men, and boys.

Since then some people have asked, "How much is all?"

Did the Convention mean young men and boys who live in rural areas and attend churches too small for organized Brotherhood work?

Did they mean men whose work schedule is such that they cannot attend

the Baptist men's meetings in their churches?

Did they mean young men on military bases?

Did they mean boys who do not have Royal Ambassador chapters to attend? Just how much is all?

All means every last man, young man, and boy in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Of course, the best way to provide this missionary education is through some organized group. Where there is not an organized Brotherhood program, the next best approach is by providing missionary education magazines to all these men, young men, and boys.

For men, this means the *Brotherhood Journal*.

This compact 80-page quarterly contains missionary education materials for all men. On the first page it tells how men are relating to missions. Many pages contain pictures and stories about what is happening on home and foreign mission fields. The *Brotherhood Journal* also carries articles on the responsibilities of men in missions and how they can carry out these responsibilities. Suggestions for mission projects and activities are presented in each issue.

For young men a new magazine is being planned which will provide materials necessary for their missionary education.

It will seek to inform them about the mission task of the church, motivate them to accept their responsibility to this task, and involve them in this task.

The magazine will give young men a look at contemporary missions, the Biblical perspective of missions, the history of Christian missions, and denominational emphases. It will try to present missions in contemporary context and relate missions to the life concerns of young men.

For boys, missionary education is provided through *Ambassador Life*, the boys' magazine with a world outlook. Each issue carries articles on the work of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and a "Hot Lines" article giving the latest mission news. Suggestions for mission projects are presented along with items of denominational interest.

Of special interest to boys are articles on sports, science, seasonal events, physical fitness and social problems which aim at helping a boy find his place in society and in mission service. How much is all?

It's as much as Southern Baptist churches want it to be. The Brotherhood Commission and the Kentucky Brotherhood Department hope all will come to mean every Baptist man, young man, and boy.

Annuity Department

The Program of the Annuity Department

by A. W. Walker

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5. Receive, process and forward all applications for annuities and advise annuitant of their rights and privileges in retirement;

6. Implement policy of state convention on retirement plan coverage for missionary personnel;

7. Handle cancellation and refund of member's equity in case of withdrawal, always advising member fully concerning his best interests; and

8. Securing and giving out information on potential annuities under varied circumstances to all members of all plans on request.

C. Concluding Statement

The Annuity Department is in truth a service department with its chief purpose being to offer security to individual members, churches, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the denomination, ever mindful of the truth found in I Corinthians 9:14, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel," believing that this applies to ALL their lives, even when they must lay aside the heavy responsibilities of active service.

Convention Sermon

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John 5:24 Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

The Christian has peace because he possesses power. Jesus was asleep in the boat during the storm. The disciples were frantic. Jesus was at peace because He possessed the power to still the storm. We are always asking God to bless our programs but what we really need is more power. We have a tendency to depend upon our own plans and programs rather than upon the power of God. Jesus instructed his disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they had received power.

Spanish Publishing House Dedicates "Iron Preacher"

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"We dedicate this press to the proclamation of the gospel, to the defeat of error, to the eradication of sin, to the liberation of souls, to the edification of churches, to the consummation of the kingdom, to the glory of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Thus this summer the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., under the leadership of Dr. Frank W. Patterson, director, dedicated a new Miller TPJ Perfector Press, a gleaming reality of answered prayers and dreams come true.

As the chapel bell announced the hour, the press slowed to a silent stillness. With one accord the congregation rose to sing, "I love to tell the story . . . of Jesus and his love," and Dr. Thomas W. Hill, president of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries at the Publishing House, prayed, "We give back to thee the instrument which thou hast given us."

The \$73,500 "iron preacher," recently erected in the production room and representing more than the entire capital investment of the Publishing House 25 years ago, symbolized the growth of Baptist churches in the Spanish-speaking world.

As members of the Publishing House staff anticipated this growth, they began to pray for a press equal to the foreseen production increase. The Foreign Mission Board, at the request of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House Mission, listed it as an item to be supplied out of income for 1963 and 1964.

Meanwhile, the directors of the Publishing House and the production division staff studied presses. As the last installment of funds was being granted, they chose the Miller TPJ Perfector Press because of its singular adaptability to their need. Not only can this press use the offset plates prepared for the old press, but, because it has two printing units, it can produce twice the number of impressions, operating simultaneously in two colors or on both sides of the sheet of paper.

"If the number of plate changes were limited and the same size sheet of paper used continuously, this press could pro-

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The Iron Preacher

duce 1,152,000 pages per day, 5,760,000 per week, or 299,520,000 per year," said Merle Lee, assistant production manager. "This, of course, the Publishing House does not propose to do because of the different needs it has for the press."

The pressman is also an answer to prayer. Recognizing that this machine would demand a skilled craftsman, the Mission set about praying for such a specialist. Notices were run in commercial papers as well as in state Baptist papers. In Mississippi, a deacon called the notice to the attention of his pastor, Rev. R. T. Hegwood, an experienced operator of precision presses. Mr. Hegwood visited the Publishing House in April and returned home to seek the Lord's direction.

In May, the Publishing House Mission prayed through its five-day annual meeting. The last day, after closing time, a long-distance call came through. Mr. Hegwood had heard God's call and answered the challenge of the "iron preacher." Someone began the "Doxology," and the Mission dispersed with renewed faith in Him who meets its every need.

Speaking at the dedication service, Mr. Hegwood told of his love for the pastorate and of his joy in personal witnessing. "But," he continued, "I do not have to stop that to run this press. It is capable of producing millions of impressions per year. If I were a hundred men and should spend the rest of my life in South America, I could never reach that many people."

Ray Robles, noted soloist, sang "How Great Thou Art." The press was dedicated as Clifford J. Smith, production manager, led in prayer:

"We continue to thank thee for this equipment which thou hast so generously given to us. We dedicate it to the end that lost souls may be won and Christians and churches strengthened to understand the commandments in thy word." Misty voices proclaimed, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."



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