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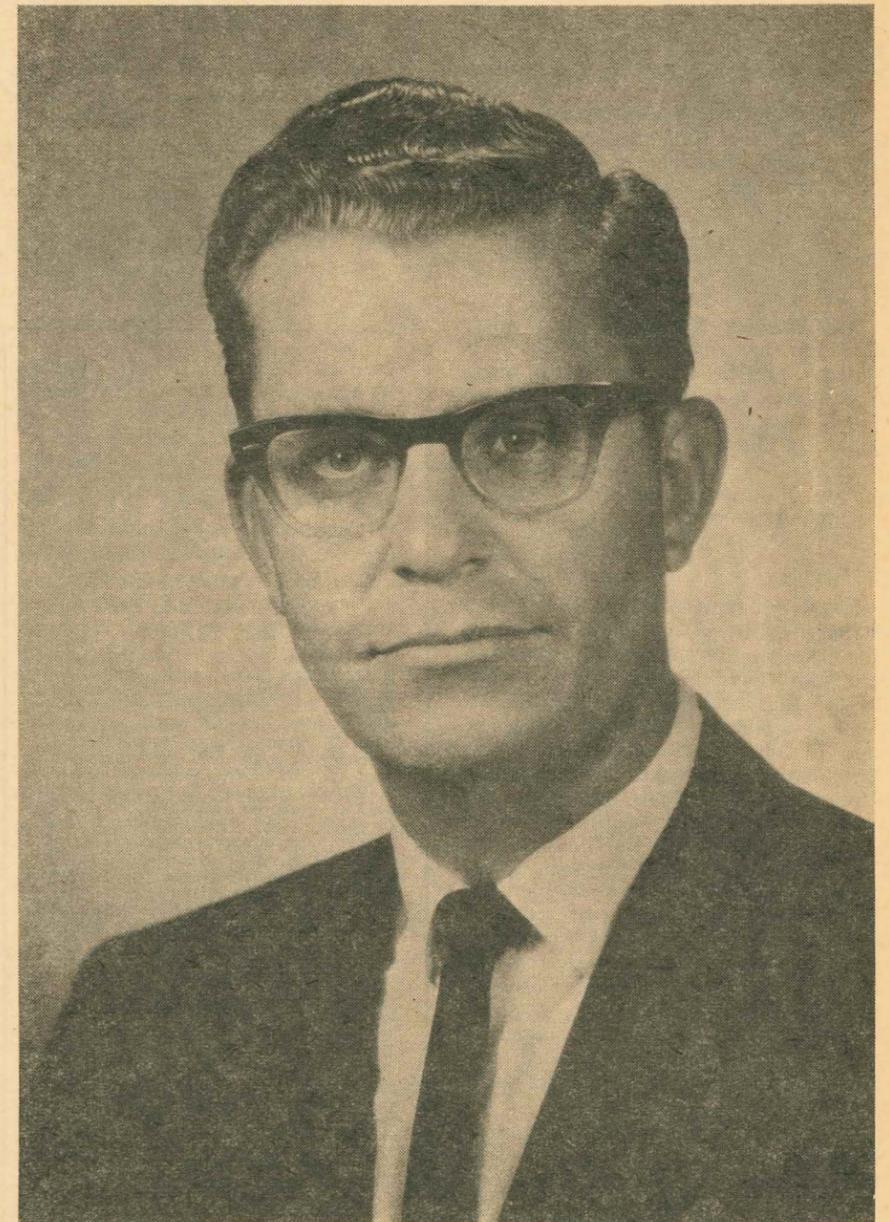
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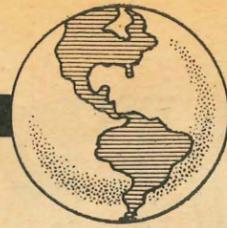
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DAVID NELSON, pastor of Owensboro's First Baptist Church, was elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in November. (See page 5)



## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**HERMAN E. ROWLETT**, pastor of the Lebanon Baptist Church, was the evangelist in a recent revival meeting at the First Baptist Church, Flatwoods, where Clel B. Rodgers is pastor.

**JOSEPH A. CALLAWAY**, associate professor of biblical archaeology at Southern Seminary, has extensively revised *Biblical Backgrounds* by J. McKee Adams. The revised version of this widely used text of Bible history and geography will be released January 3 and is available at Baptist Book Stores.

**TWO KENTUCKIANS** have been ordained as deacons in the Calvary Baptist Church, Emerado, North Dakota. They are John Martin, Jr., and Joe Johnson, both in the U. S. Air Force and stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base. Martin is from Lowell, Kentucky and Johnson is from Bowling Green.

**BROADMAN READERS** Plan selections for the first quarter of 1966 are *Memos For Christian Living* by James L. Sullivan, *How to Deal with Controversial Issues* by William M. Pinson, Jr., and *Keep Out of Paradise* by Marjories Mills Vandervelde. Broadman Press will release these books January 3, the beginning of the third year of Broadman Readers Plan, which has 9,000 subscribers.

**JESSE C. FLETCHER'S** book, *Bill Wallace of China*, has been translated into Spanish and published by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas. Dr. Wallace, a Southern Baptist medical missionary to China for 16 years, died in 1951 in a Communist prison there. Over 44,000 copies have been sold of the English edition and plans are underway to produce a film based on the biography.

**THE CLIMATE** of religious toleration in Spain has been painted by an editor just returned from a tour of the country as somewhat relaxed but still essentially the same. C. Stanley Lowell, editor-in-chief of *Church and State*, attended opening sessions of Vatican Council II in Rome and later toured several European countries. Spain was one of them.

**J. D. HERNDON**, superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home, served as evangelist for a revival in the Mexico Baptist Church. Charles Orr, music director of the Marion Baptist Church, led

the music. There were 10 professions of faith during the one-week revival. A. J. Smith is pastor of the Mexico church.

**THE HOME MISSION BOARD**, meeting in its annual session in Atlanta adopted a record budget of \$8 million. The funds, an increase of more than \$3/4 million, support more than 2,500 missionaries in the United States, Cuba, Panama, and Puerto Rico. (See page 6 for a complete report.)

**LOUISIANA** Baptist churches will receive \$50,000 from the Home Mission Board for the rebuilding of churches damaged by Hurricane Betsy. The \$50,000 will supplement another \$125,000 raised by Baptists in Louisiana.

**THE SBC ANNUITY** Board's 47th annual report has been selected as one

of the 10 best examples of creative work in the 13th annual Dallas Advertising Artist Association Exhibit. It is the second straight year that the Annuity Board has received the award.

**E. WARREN WOOLF**, a native of Piedmont, Ala., has been elected head of the new special mission ministries department of the Home Mission Board. Woolf has been the director of student work at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta for the past 15 years. Primary emphasis of the new department is the student summer missions ministry, which each year places more than 600 college students in mission tasks for ten weeks.

**FOR THE FIRST TIME** in Idaho history, a Southern Baptist has been elected to a major public office in the state. Jay Amyx, a layman from Mt. View Baptist Church in Boise, is the new mayor of the city.

**JIM STUART**, graduate student in veterinary medicine at Washington State University and Baptist Student Union leader, was killed in an automobile accident in eastern Washington in November. David Moseley, a passenger in the car, received minor injuries. He is the son of Fred B. Moseley, assistant to the executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and former executive secretary-treasurer of the Oregon-Washington Baptist Convention.

**A RESOLUTION** opposing acceptance of federal funds by Baptist institutions and agencies was adopted by the Louisiana Baptist Convention. The resolution called on Baptists to "recognize and accept our financial responsibility necessary for the survival of our institutions, and (to) give expression of this recognition through a more faithful stewardship of possessions."

**THE ISRAEL BAPTIST** Convention recently adopted a resolution commending the Christian Life Commission of the SBC for its leadership in race relations. The Israel resolution stated, "We heartily identify ourselves with the constructive approach of the Christian Life Commission in its struggle for a greater positive response on the part of Southern Baptists in the area of civic and moral righteousness in America."

### IN AMERICA:

## Speaking Out Against The New Morality

by R. Harold Mincey

Premarital sexual intercourse ceases to be "premarital" once a couple commits themselves to one another, so *Time* magazine (Mar. 5, 1965) quotes "Princeton's Paul Ramsey" as saying to a gathering of some 900 "clergymen and students" at Harvard Divinity School in February of this year. The purpose of this meeting, according to *Time*, was "to ponder the new morality and its significance for the church."

The *Saturday Evening Post* carries a weekly feature article under the heading, "Speaking Out." In this space, *Post*, without editorial endorsement, provides an opportunity for those who have "bones to pick," or "axes to grind," to "say their piece," i.e., to "speak out" and present the "other side" of current issues. The time has come, I believe, to speak out against the "new morality."

The new morality is being heard—the newspapers and magazines are making sure of that. Almost every issue, it seems, contains an article by or about the "new moralists."

What is the new morality? Technically, of course, the term refers to the ethical views of certain theological professors and students (for the most part) who contend that we need a "new morality" to define our changing moral standards. Norman Vincent Peale, in his book, *Sin, Sex, and Self Control* (1965), quotes "an Anglican theologian" as saying, "The moral code that we've been teaching has to be revised. Not two percent of our people . . . live by it any more, and what good is a moral code if no one lives up to it?" As defined by *Time* (Mar. 5, 1965), the new morality is "an ethic based on love rather than law, in which the ultimate criterion for right and wrong is not divine command but the individual's subjective perception of what is good for himself and his neighbor in each given situation."

At first thought, this doesn't sound so bad. As a matter of fact, the first part sounds pretty good. The Christian Faith is a religion of love rather than law, for "we are not under law but under grace." (Rom. 6:15) Yes, but it's the second part that doesn't "square" with the Christian Faith. To say that we are under love rather than law is not to say that we are not bound to the law as Christians. We are bound to the law in love. Jesus said, "Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven." (Mt. 5:19) What we have in the new morality is moral anarchy.

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Every person is a law unto himself. Right is not right, nor wrong wrong, because God (the Bible) says so, but because we say so—in "each given situation."

The word "situation" is an important word in the new morality. In fact, the new morality may be defined as a "situation ethic." The situation is all-important. Any act can be right in the right situation. There are no standards that are always right. As Bishop John A. T. Robinson says in his book, *Christian Morals Today*, "There are no unbreakable rules."

And the individual is responsible for knowing what is right in every situation! Here we have the fatal flaw in the new morality. "What a tremendous responsibility!" we say. "Who is able for these things?" The answer is obvious. Only God is omniscient! (And "only God is good.") Douglas Rhymes, in his book, *No New Morality* (in which he contends that the new morality is not new, that, in fact, it was started by Jesus!), tells of the young, teenage boy who came to him for counsel, wanting to know why he could not "have sex"

with his girl friend who "was willing." Rhymes tells his readers that he could only talk with the boy in such a way as to try to help him to be able to answer the question for himself. Not being in the situation, himself, Rhymes explains, he did not—and could not—know the right answer. Only the boy, he declares, could decide whether he ought to "have sex" or not. "At the end," he says, "I told him that no one could really answer this question but himself."

This brings us to the second question that we need to ask: Why is it necessary to speak out against the new morality? "What difference does it make?", some say. "What does all this have to do with the price of tobacco in Kentucky anyway?"

The first answer is that we must speak out against the new morality because of its inherent—and insidious—danger for our society, and indeed for civilization as a whole. Not only is the new morality a false ethic, it is a dangerous philosophy. Suppose, for example, the boy in Rhymes' book had asked about armed robbery, kidnapping, murder, etc.? As an advocate of the new morality, Rhymes would have had to give him the same answer as he did in the actual case. As the one actually involved in the situation, only the boy

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### IN AFRICA:

## Faith In Christ Comes Just In Time

by Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea  
Missionary Serving in Tanzania

One beautiful night last summer, as we sat around a safari campfire, under the incredibly clear African skies, we began quoting great passages from the Bible, including those that outline God's plan of salvation. The brown face of Redmon, the lithe African game scout, lighted up in the dwindling flames as visiting members of our family spoke of the beauty of repentance and of our Heavenly Father's forgiving love.

Judge John W. McCall, of Memphis, Tenn., our clan's 80-year-old patriarch, quoted quietly, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." He added, "I am not afraid to die." [Judge McCall is Mrs. Bethea's father.]

He turned to Redmon, sitting beside him, and asked if he believed in Jesus. The answer came earnestly, from the hunter's heart, "Yes, I believe in Jesus as my Saviour and Lord."

Redmon then told us of his hunting experiences, of how he had killed 38 elephants, becoming seasoned and crafty after he overcame his fear of the ferocity of the wounded animals.

A few days after our safari Redmon was called to shoot some rogue elephants that were destroying gardens and houses. He quickly tracked and located the leader. His first heavy bullet crashed into the animal's shoulder, and the second, hitting perhaps too far back, infuriated him. The third blast failed to bring down the hurricane of wild wrath that the beast had become.

Then, in consternation, Redmon realized he had loaded only three shells before handing his cartridge belt to a companion. And, he found that the other man had fled, taking the extra shells.

In fatal error, he called for ammunition. The elephant's sharp ears located the hunter for his shortsighted eyes. Tons of dynamically agile animal gave no chance to the small, brave man. That evening the crushed and lifeless form of our guide was placed in a Land Rover by shocked and silent fellow scouts.

How we thanked God that his word had been spoken in testimony that night around the safari campfire, while Redmon's sharp mind and strong body were alive and responsive to the message of our Saviour's love.



### Kentucky Southern Has Merry Christmas

Colleges generally aren't considered in line for Christmas gifts but a more prized and valuable Christmas gift could not come to an institution than that which came to Kentucky Southern in Louisville a few days ago. This was the "early recognition" status extended the school by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This put Kentucky Southern in line for full accreditation in 1966.

After graduating its first class in August of this year, Kentucky Southern was visited by a committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to study the college's program. Accreditation will be retroactive when granted.

If full accreditation comes next year, and there is little reason to doubt that it will, this will be a record for colleges in America. A new college is required to graduate at least one class before it is even looked at in view of being accredited. This generally requires four years but in Kentucky Southern's case it was accomplished in three years. The three years of three trimesters at Kentucky Southern is comparable to four years of two semesters at most other schools.

This early recognition by the accrediting agency is an outstanding tribute to President Rollin Burhans, the trustees, the faculty, and friends of the school whose support helped make it possible. President Burhans and the trustees have insisted from the beginning that the school must be outstanding and possess a unique educational excellence. They saw no justification for building just another college characterized by mediocrity.

Such a dream upon beginning a school is not unusual. To stick it out without giving up some ideals is unusual. Kentucky Southern has pursued this objective relentlessly in the choice of faculty members, in educational equipment, in curriculum and in academic standards. Now comes this gratifying reward from the accrediting agency.

Nothing counts so much for a college as accreditation. Without this a college is handicapped beyond description. Its work is not recognized by most other institutions and its graduates have difficulty getting into graduate schools. The quality of Kentucky Southern work has made it acceptable to other institutions from the very beginning, but only because it was obvious the school would be accredited. If anyone ever had any doubts about the recognition of credits earned at Kentucky Southern, these doubts are now completely removed.

It would be wonderful if all our needs and dreams for our Baptist schools in Kentucky were as near realization as accreditation for Kentucky Southern.

### A Gift Idea

While the Christmas spirit is with us and we are thinking how we might express our love and appreciation to each other, what about this idea? Recently at Cedarmore when Dr. James Sullivan was teaching the *Gospel of John* to about sixty or seventy pastors, someone expressed regrets that more pastors were not present for this spiritual feast.

The informal discussion which followed revealed the difficulty many pastors face in getting to attend such an activity. In addition to the two and a half days required for the study, there is a little cost involved—about twenty-five dollars for the ones not living too far away. The larger churches which can afford to send their pastors to such activities are so demanding in pastoral duties as to make it extremely difficult for the pastor to get away considering other times he's been away. The pastors who could find the time to attend such an activity generally are serving churches which don't provide in their budgets expenses for such events and the pastor's salary doesn't afford it.

Here's where the Christmas gift comes in. Churches often like to remember the pastor at Christmas time. How better to remember and bless him than to make possible the spiritual feast of two and a half days of Bible study and meditation that Cedarmore affords? A more perfect expression would be to include the pastor's wife, especially if she is the stay-at-home kind which many pastor's wives are. The pastor may be given his choice of what event to attend. The January Bible Study Preview for most pastors seems to be a spiritual apex at Cedarmore.

In instances where the church cannot or does not make such an expression, some individual or family in the church could do it without publicizing it.

Anyway it is looked at, this is a worthy suggestion. If the pastor is loved and the congregation wants him to stay around for many years, his heart will be warmed by such a gesture and his capacity to preach and teach increased by the study. If it is felt it is time for the pastor to move on, as is sometimes unfortunately the case, he will more likely receive an invitation to move if others see such an expression of love from those in the place where he presently serves.

### PRESENTING THE PRESIDENT:

## A Preacher's Son Who Did Not Want to Preach

by the Editor

Dr. David Nelson had a difficult time surrendering to preach, but once having decided he devoted all his energies to being all the Lord wanted in him. The result is that as a relatively young man he has been chosen for the greatest responsibility that can come to a Kentucky Baptist. As president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the coming year, he will need all his abilities as well as divine guidance.

The story of David and his reluctance to enter the ministry may sound strange to some but it is not too unusual. His father was a Baptist preacher in Alabama and David was one of seven children. The difficulties and hardships of the ministry are best known by preachers' children and most of them declare very early in life not to enter the ministry. The time of David's childhood made it even more difficult. Being born in 1926, his early days were the days of the depression and pastors often were not even paid the small salary they were promised.

It is understandable that being a boy with the natural human wants, this preacher's son determined to find a more financially rewarding profession. Having also a good mind which made learning come rather easily, David decided on medicine and went through Howard College as a pre-medicine student majoring in chemistry and biology. As he now reflects upon it, he feels he was aware of the call to preach when he was about 13 or 14 years old but only agreed to abandon his medical ambitions for the call late in his college days.

It was also at Howard that he made another major decision of life. This was to seek to marry a fellow student, Jo Griffin, the daughter of a Baptist deacon. Jo had more concern for the religious at Howard than David and was Baptist Student Union president, an office usually reserved for a male student. David and Jo decided they were for each other while he was a senior but married only after David was in his second year at Southern Seminary.

**LIKE OTHERS** of us, he never left Kentucky having found a most fruitful ministry in the Blue Grass State. Upon completing the usual three years of seminary training, his record was so outstanding as to be asked to serve as fellow in New Testament while he did three years of graduate study.

At the same time he was serving the small Vine Street Mission in Louisville sponsored by the Highland Baptist Church. David regards this experience in many ways as the most rewarding of all his ministry. He remembers the

small beginning group of about twenty-two that grew and grew to the point of becoming a church that by now has reached hundreds in its community. The two building programs and other projects in the six and a half years of his ministry depended more upon him than many greater projects in his other two pastorates where there were many able leaders.

The remarkable success of his work at Vine Street led the mother church to call him when he had finished his doctorate at the Seminary. He was equally successful at Highland Baptist Church and soon found himself in the front line of Baptist leadership in Louisville. From Highland he was called to lead the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Owensboro, one of the leading Baptist churches in Kentucky for many years.

**DR. NELSON** has many strengths as a preacher, but he is strongest where it is most important. He is a master pulpiteer and pays the price to be such a preacher. His mornings are mostly given to study. His Sunday morning sermons are written out and distributed in printed form the same day they are delivered. No special effort is made to distribute these sermons beyond his own congregation but somehow they get around. Recently he heard from someone as far away as Saigon, Vietnam, who had read one of them.

Such a preacher has not been without frequent visits from pulpit committees. One such visit several years ago by a committee from a large church from another state was the occasion of an ingenious plan by a Highland Baptist deacon. Spotting the visiting committee, he welcomed them saying, "We are glad to have you and I hope you'll like our preacher. When you hear him, you'll think he's some preacher. But the truth is he has a photographic mind and memorizes in ten minutes sermons he has bought for 20 cents each and delivers them as if they are his own."

Later the same deacon saw his pastor on the way to the pulpit and said, "I hope you won't be interested in this pulpit committee. I think I fixed it so you won't hear from them again." Surely enough, David never heard from the committee though he later learned some of the committee members called several places in Louisville trying to overcome their confusion about him.

Taking care of the preaching, administration, visitation, and counseling of a large congregation and giving considerable time for denominational work make a heavy load but Dr. Nelson still finds time for his family, his fellow

preachers, and regular recreation. About recreation he says he not only believes in it but believes it pays. Part of his annual vacation every year is used for a fishing expedition to Florida. His reports would lead one to believe he catches enough to last the whole year. His regular relaxation is golf. In Louisville he usually played with fellow preachers but in Owensboro he generally plays with men from his church.

**HOW CLOSE** he is to his family is revealed by the fact that he doesn't talk long about anything without the names Jo, Drew and Kathryn getting into the conversation. Drew will be ten this month and Kathryn is already past three.

The arrival of Drew will always be remembered by David and Jo. The day Jo was scheduled to enter the hospital happened to be the same day David was to defend his doctoral thesis before his graduate committee. Since babies nor graduate exams wait for no man, David arranged to have a friend deliver Jo to the hospital while he was in his exam. After the exam he hastened to the hospital to greet his first son. Upon returning home the same night he got the good news that he had passed the exam.

This was Friday and on the next Sunday he began his pastorate at Highland. Noting that so many important events were crowded into so short a time, a friend said, "There's not much else that could happen to you except a visit from your mother-in-law."

"She's arriving next week-end," replied David.

Such is the interesting life of the president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

### Harlan Baptist Calls Staff Member

The Harlan Baptist Church has called Kenneth Massey, Bellville, Illinois, as minister of music and education. He will begin his work in Harlan on January 17, 1966.

A native of Somerset, he is a graduate of Eastern State College and the school of religious education of Southern Seminary. Massey has served in a similar position at the Central Baptist Church, Corbin, and the First Baptist Church, Princeton. He is presently with the Westview Baptist Church, Bellville, Illinois.

The Masseys have three children, two daughters and a son. Mrs. Massey is the former Patsy Knigga, Ghent.

The coming of Massey completes the staff of the church. Earl S. Bell is pastor, Bill Melzoni is assistant to the pastor and mission pastor. Mrs. Hazel Miller is the financial secretary and Mrs. Charles Berger is the office secretary.

## Baptist Efforts In U.S. Missions To Increase

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists can expect new methods and a stepped-up tempo to their national growth efforts in the immediate future, the denomination's Home Mission Board was told here.

The board heard its top executive call for 500 more churches a year to keep up with population growth and for a creative approach to stay abreast with today's changes.

The agency revealed through a record budget, new personnel, and program decision that a new era has begun in sharing its responsibilities toward making the nation Christian.

Two days of committee and general sessions of the annual meeting emphasized the basic aims of the board—winning converts and starting new churches.

Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, head of the agency for only a year, has strongly placed his imprint upon the organization.

Half of his Atlanta-based leadership staff of 61 hold positions given them in the last year as expansion, retirement, and reorganization have brought changes.

At this meeting mission leaders were elected for evangelism, language work, rural-urban missions, property supervision, church extension, and editorial work.

The agency also adopted a record \$8 million budget, which primarily supports evangelism, new churches, and more than 2,500 missionaries.

In addition the agency heard a report on the use of more than \$15½ million in loan funds used to start and build new churches.

Also, \$50,000 of expected missions funds from the advance section of the Cooperative Program were voted for use in Louisiana to meet needs of churches and individuals following damage by Hurricane Betsy in September.

The budget, because of cooperative mission efforts with 29 state Baptist conventions, is supplemented substantially in actual mission work.

Rutledge challenged the agency to a creative approach in contemporary missions, required by the "rapid changes that call for new insights and procedures."

He called attention to currents affecting society, such as population, increased knowledge, racial injustice, international conflicts, secularism, and moral revolution.

To meet these changes more effectively he indicated an increased emphasis would be given to research and special test projects, noting that present studies were underway with ex-prison-

ers, problems of churches in transitional communities, and the downtown church.

Test projects now are studying ministries to high-rise apartments, social ministries in mountain missions, and the use of newspaper advertising in evangelism.

He called for more than 500 new churches each year "to maintain the present membership ratio to the expanding population.

"Unreached areas and teeming cities provide challenges of the first magnitude for the beginning of needed churches," he said.

He also called for continued emphasis on ministering to all persons of special need, regardless of race or other characteristics.

In a move to strengthen its approach to the Baptist association, local groupings of churches, the board effected a minor reorganization of the missions division.

A new position, that of associate director to Hugo Culpepper, was created and given to veteran missions leader Loyd Corder of Atlanta, now secretary of the language missions department.

Culpepper said that while Corder would assist in all of the work of the division, he would major in coordinating mission work through Baptist associations.

Corder will coordinate the board's programs of establishing new churches and church-type missions and associational administration as implemented by departments in the division.

## Changed Interest Rates Reopen 'Subsidy' Debates

by Walfred H. Peterson  
For the Baptist Press

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For many years some people have thought that the level of interest rates on federal loans to colleges has been crucial in debates on church-state relations. Whether they are right or wrong, changes in two laws affecting federal loan rates have reopened the discussion.

When the 1950 College Housing Loan

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Does a federal loan to a church-related institution for building construction involve a "subsidy" and thus violate the principal of church-state separation? Several Baptist state conventions are currently grappling with this question, including Georgia where a loan request from Mercer University was recently denied by the Georgia Baptist Convention. After a thorough study of changes recently adopted by Congress, the director of research for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, gives these views)

To replace Corder, his associate, Gerald B. Palmer was asked to become secretary of the language missions department.

C. Wilson Brumley, a native of Many, La., now the associate secretary of the rural-urban department was named secretary of that work.

M. Wendell Belew was made program secretary of the department of pioneer missions, and E. Warren Woolf of Atlanta, Baptist student director for Georgia Tech, heads a new department of special mission ministries.

Another new position, that of secretary of mission property, was given to Meeler Markham, now state missions secretary for Kansas Southern Baptists.

William D. Lawes of Phoenix, presently evangelism director for Baptists in Arizona, will become associate director of the division of evangelism to do evangelism promotion.

Added to the editorial department was a news editor, Dallas M. Lee of Philadelphia, Pa. Now news bureau chief for "Purchasing Week" a publication of McGraw-Hill Inc., Lee will also serve as associate editor of the board's magazine.

The board re-elected Edgar M. Arendall, pastor of the Dawson Memorial Baptist Church of Birmingham, as its president, and also re-elected David Hall of Phoenix as first vice-president, W. Arnold Smith of Atlanta as second vice-president, and Mrs. Clint E. Rogers of Atlanta as recording secretary. Miss Marie Cooper of Atlanta was named assistant recording secretary.

Program was implemented, private colleges could obtain loans for dormitory and related construction from the federal government. Since the 1963 Higher Education Facilities Act was recently implemented, there has been some loan money available for construction of certain types of academic facilities.

Under both acts the interest rate paid by the colleges fluctuated. The formula determining the rate included two elements: (1) a rate which represented the average cost money borrowed by the federal government by floating bonds, and (2) a one-fourth of one per cent charge for administrative expense.

The former element has ranged over the fifteen years of the dormitory program from 2½ per cent to 3½ per cent. Since 1955 the trend has been upward. As a result of this increase, 1965 loans under the two programs have required

a 3¾ per cent and 3⅞ per cent rate respectively.

Now the Congress in two separate acts (the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 and the Higher Education Act of 1965) reduced the loan rates of both programs to a maximum of three per cent. This action took place as interest rates on federal bonds continued to climb toward four per cent or more.

Up to this time, some church-related colleges took the federal loans believing that they were not receiving a subsidy from taxes. There was some argument about whether the cost of bonds to the federal government should include only long-term bonds or all bonds. Treasury officials argued that even at the lower figure achieved by averaging the rates of interest on all federal loans, the college dormitory program was paying its way.

For the College Housing Loan Program this view appears correct. Recent figures indicate that the account shows an overall surplus of around six million dollars. The newer program of academic facilities construction is too recent to indicate a meaningful balance.

What will be the situation now that the rate of interest is cut to a flat three per cent? The off-hand assessment is that now there will be a partial subsidy. This may well be true for the loans made under the 1963 act, but for loans made under the 1950 act the answer is ambiguous.

In the dormitory program the total amount already loaned is approaching \$2.9 billion. Since there has been no instance of default and since administrative costs year by year have not grown proportionately to the total loaned, this program will probably show surpluses for years to come.

For several years into the future as the colleges acquire new loans at the lower interest rate, the "profit" from the old loans will offset any loss on the newer loans. Presently about \$300 million a year can be loaned.

Officials refuse to estimate how long this capacity of the old loans' profit to offset new loans' losses will last. The estimate would be very uncertain at best since such an estimate would have to assume the future rates of government bonds and future use of the program by the colleges.

What can be said is this: For the next several years, the old loans' profits probably will offset new loan losses. Here the government is presiding over a program that benefits those making new loans at the expense of those who have old loans. Presently, this cannot be called a "subsidy" from tax monies.

The issue is different for loans for academic facilities under the 1963 act.

Here no massive backlog of "profitable" loans and no surplus from administrative funds have been built up to absorb losses on new loans. Since the costs of borrowing by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare at present bond prices will not cover all expenses, the program will have to be supported by some tax money. This will be a "subsidy" from general tax revenues, though administrative officials are loath to use the word.

The existence of this "subsidy" raises an issue of church-state relations: Should church-related institutions receive financial support in this way from the government?

It is doubtful if the issue could be raised in a law suit on the basis of the First Amendment, because in the nature of the situation it would be exceedingly difficult for anyone to establish "standing to sue." Also, since the federal government already gives grants to church-related colleges, there would be little point in challenging this "little subsidy" before the courts until the grant program was challenged.

Thus, the issue is one for congressional or administrative action if any governmental action can be obtained. Until or unless the government acts, it is, of course, an issue for the church-related colleges to settle with their own consciences.

(NOTE: In this discussion, the word "subsidy" has been used to refer to a payment from general tax monies to support a financial transaction between government and a private agency that does not raise as much income as it expends. Some argue that a "subsidy" by government is created when a governmental program costs less than a comparable private program to the users, regardless of the cost of the program to the government, but this use of the word has not been adopted here.)

## Houston Graham Crusade Ends, 14,063 "Decisions"

HOUSTON (BP)—Baptist evangelist Billy Graham closed his Greater Houston Crusade here with more than 61,000 people packing the famed domed stadium, including President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson.

During the ten-day crusade, a total of 14,063 "decisions for Christ" were recorded. Total attendance for the crusade was 380,194.

It was the largest Graham crusade since the Los Angeles meeting two years ago when nearly one million people attended.

For the first time, the Houston Astro-



Home from college for Christmas  
Bringing the joy and enthusiasm of newfound worlds  
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## Student Night At Christmas

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dome overflowed with a crowd of 61,000 attending the final session.

Several thousand carried cushions to the playing field where they sat on the ground. Never before had the 48,000-seat air-conditioned stadium been filled beyond capacity.

After the final Graham sermon, an estimated 1,600 came forward to express decisions and make inquiries.

Meanwhile, President and Mrs. Johnson sat and stood through the entire service in a special private box high above the speaker's platform.

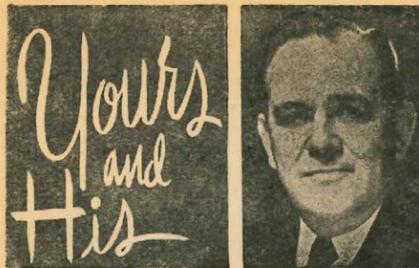
Following the service, Graham made his way to the presidential box. The president reportedly told Graham in private that it was a very moving service.

It is believed to have been the first time a president while in office attended an evangelistic crusade.

Graham told the president during the service: "This great audience today would join me in pledging our loyalty to America, and pledging our prayers on your behalf that God will continue to grant you wisdom, strength, and courage for the overwhelming responsibilities that you bear."

Following the crusade, Graham said that he felt much stronger than when the crusade started. He said a slight infection which was annoying during the early days of the crusade was gone.

The Houston crusade had been postponed twice because of complications following surgery on the famed Baptist evangelist.



## Christmas Song

Christmas 1965 is almost here, and we take this column to communicate our greetings to more than 61,000 families who receive the *Western Recorder* each week.

Since the angels in the sky over His birthplace sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of goodwill", the followers of Jesus have had a song in their hearts. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come", will be sung from a billion throats during this season.

### Carol Tours

As a youth and pastor, Christmas Carol tours of the community, especially to shut-ins of the church, hospitals, and others, were meaningful to me. I always got a raw throat from the cold air, but what matters? It was Christmas, there was new hope for God and good to reign, there was love overcoming hatred, there was Christ and the church—in rich and intensified impact. I like tours. I wish I could join in yours this year.

### My Choice Song

I do not know who wrote the words, but the melody came from Brahms' "Lullaby". They put a lump in my throat and joy in my heart. Why not try it in your home, church, on tour? Here's the words:

"Long ago, there was born  
In the city of David,  
A sweet holy child  
Who was Jesus our King.  
While the stars sang above,  
'God is love, God is love';  
While the stars sang above,  
'God is love, God is love.'"

### Second stanza:

"Jesus came, as a Child,  
From His Father in heaven  
To show us the way  
To be loving and kind.  
Angels sang at His birth,  
'Lullaby, Peace on earth;'  
Angels sang at His birth;  
'Lullaby, peace on earth.'"

What a time to be saved and to witness to others of the Saviour! For the poet is right:

"Tho Christ in Bethlehem  
A thousand times be born;  
Except He be born in thee,  
Thy soul is still forlorn."

God bless you, everyone.

*Harold G. Sanders*

## Kentucky Baptists

### Mike Speer Elected Stewardship Secretary

Meeting in the semi-annual session December 2, 3, at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board elected Mike L. Speer as secretary of stewardship-promotion, discussed the special convention to be held in 1966 to deal with needs of its schools and colleges and heard program statements from department and agency heads.

Succeeding Robert Hastings, now the pastor of University Baptist Church, Carbondale, Illinois, Mike Speer will assume his duties on December 15. An associate in the Training Union Department of the KBC since February, 1964, he is a native of Missouri and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southern Seminary's school of religious education. Speer has served several churches in music and education. From 1959-62 he was director of administration at the Carver School of Missions and Social Work before the school merged with Southern Seminary.

In other actions, the Board called Clarence M. Penn, Jr., as an associate in the Sunday School Department. Penn, a native of Washington, D.C., and a graduate of Baylor University, holds the B.D. and M.R.E. degrees from Southern Seminary. He has been serving as minister of education at Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson, since 1962.

The Board approved a motion, "respectfully requesting" the Convention's Committee on Order of Business to reconsider the time and purpose of Youth Night. For four years, the annual convention meeting has closed with a giant youth rally with such personalities as Miss America, Miss Kentucky, Billy Graham and Bobby Richardson.



Mike Speer

The Board also approved a trip to Africa for Eugene Quinn, state music secretary. Several ministers of music from Kentucky will make the trip next spring, singing and visiting at mission points of Southern Baptists.

A RESOLUTION from Elkhorn Association presented at the Lexington convention and referred to the Executive Board was assigned to a special committee in the Board, to be nominated and elected by the nominating committee of the Board. The Elkhorn resolution deals with the manner in which KBC Executive Board members are elected. At present, local associations nominate two men for each vacancy and the Convention nominating committee selects from these nominations. The Elkhorn proposal would let the Convention nominating committee select Board members without nominations from the local associations.

Harold Wainscott, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, was elected chairman of the Board's Christian Education Committee. This committee is to initiate a study of the feasibility of a loan or bond issue for the capital needs of Kentucky Baptist schools. The committee is to report to the Board which will call the special session of the Convention as instructed at the Lexington meeting. Wainscott reminded the Board that his committee would study the matter, report to the Board and provide adequate publicity prior to the special session in 1966.

The Program Committee of the Board was asked to study the structure of the Executive Board and bring a report by November, 1966. This pertains to the working organization of the Board after it is elected by the Convention.

Meeting in Boone Lodge, the members of the Board concluded this session with a 10-minute statement of program from each department head and the heads of agencies.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Board is May 2, 3, at Cedarmore. Various committees indicated it may be necessary to have some special sessions of the Board in preparation for the called Convention which must be held before July 12.

### Kentucky Southern To Be Accredited In 1966

Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, was given "early recognition" by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

This puts the three-year-old school in line for full accreditation in 1966.

Dr. Rollin S. Burhans, Kentucky Southern president, said the school earned "early recognition" faster than any other college in American history. The designation given means that "quality" work is being done at the college and that it meets standards of the association.

After graduating its first class in August, Kentucky Southern was visited by a committee from SACS to study its program. If full accreditation is granted next year, it will be retroactive.

### Leon Humphrey Ordained To the Ministry

The Mexico Baptist Church, Marion, ordained Leon Humphrey to the ministry on November 7. Council consisted



Humphrey

of 25 ordained men from the Ohio River Association. Ordination was called for by the First Baptist Church, Erwin, Tenn. Cecil Highfil, chairman of deacons of the Mexico Church, served as moderator. Robert Bozarth, pastor of the Hyland Baptist Church, Henderson, was the interrogator. A. J. Smith, pastor of the Mexico Church, preached the sermon and gave the charge. Prayer of ordination was by Deacon W. O. Winstead and the Bible was presented by Deacon Willard Mott, both of the Mexico Church.

Humphrey is married to the former Judy Laughrun of Bluff City, Tennessee. He is pastor of the Hulen Avenue Baptist Chapel, a mission of the First Baptist Church, Erwin, Tenn.

He is a graduate of Crittenden County High School and has attended Bethel College, Hopkinsville and Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He is presently a student at East Tennessee State Teachers College.

He and his wife will make their home at 415 S. Main Street, Erwin, Tenn.

### Paducah Church Honors Member for Service

A special service was held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, West Paducah, in honor of Gerel Steger. It was in appreciation of 65 years of continuous, dedicated service. Mr. Steger, now 81, joined the church in 1900.

He has served the church as Sunday School superintendent, teacher, Training Union director, song leader, clerk, trustee and deacon.

A framed certificate of appreciation and letters from members and friends



RICHMOND'S FIRST BAPTIST Church dedicated this new educational building in November. Allen W. Graves was the dedication speaker and J. Edwin Hewlett, a former pastor, led in the prayer of dedication. The cost was \$290,000, including furnishings. Dr. E. N. Perry has been pastor in Richmond for 21 years.

were presented at the special service. The Paducah *Sun-Democrat* printed an editorial tribute to Mr. Steger.

Mrs. Steger, now an invalid, was given a planter by the pastor and deacons.

L. W. Carlin, pastor of the Bellview Baptist Church, preached in the service at the request of Mr. Steger.

J. C. Lewis is the pastor.

### Minister of Music-Education Called at Harmony Baptist

Bill Slack is the new minister of music and education at the Harmony Baptist Church, 1414 Algonquin Parkway, Louisville. Mrs. Slack will serve as pianist.

The Slacks have four daughters and the family came to Harmony from the Chapel Park Baptist Church, Louisville. Mrs. Pearl Whobry is organist and Frank Borick is pastor at Harmony.



Bill Slack

## Kentucky Baptists

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# Kentucky Baptists

## Gilead Baptist Burns Note

Gilead Baptist Church, Glendale, Kentucky, held a note burning service Monday, November 22. Church members and guests gathered in the church dining room for a meal with the note-burning service following in the sanctuary. William E. Miller, a former pastor of Gilead, read from the scriptures and led in prayer. Mrs. C. B. Jeffries read a recent history of the church which covered a span of the last 15 years. "To God Be the Glory" was sung by the church choir.

C. Ford Deusner, general superintendent of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes, Middletown, Kentucky, brought the message to the group. Mr. Deusner, a former superintendent of the Glen Dale Children's Home, was chairman of the Building and Plans Committee and led in the building of the new sanctuary.

On behalf of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes, Ralph McConnell, superintendent of Glen Dale Baptist Children's Home, presented the note to James Sego, chairman of deacons at Gilead. The note was burned and the congregation stood and sang the Doxology. Mrs. Carolyn Smith concluded the program by singing "Bless This House."

Money borrowed on a twenty-year loan for the building was repaid in nine and one-half years.

## Somerset Baptist Writes For Magazine

Dr. Alpha Mayfield, head of the music department of the University of Kentucky Community College in Somerset and a member of First Baptist Church is the author of an article entitled "Desirable Qualifications of a Minister of Music," scheduled for early publication in the *Church Musician Magazine*, official music publication of the Sunday School Board.



Mayfield

Dr. Mayfield has also been invited to write an article for the *Music Educators National Conference Journal*, in which she will encourage young people to consider the field of church music in their choice of a vocation. Several of her articles have appeared in leading music magazines in times past.

In addition to official duties at the Somerset Community College, Dr. Mayfield is active in church and community affairs. She serves as faculty sponsor for the Baptist Student Union, and is director of the Somerset Community



**GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH, Glendale, burned a note for the indebtedness on the building. Left to right are George W. Smith, pastor; James Sego, chairman of deacons; and Ralph McConnell, superintendent of Glen Dale Children's Home.**

Chorus which will present a portion of Handel's "Messiah" at First Baptist Church on December 13. Many of the young people and adults who sing in the Community Chorus are members of First Baptist Church.



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

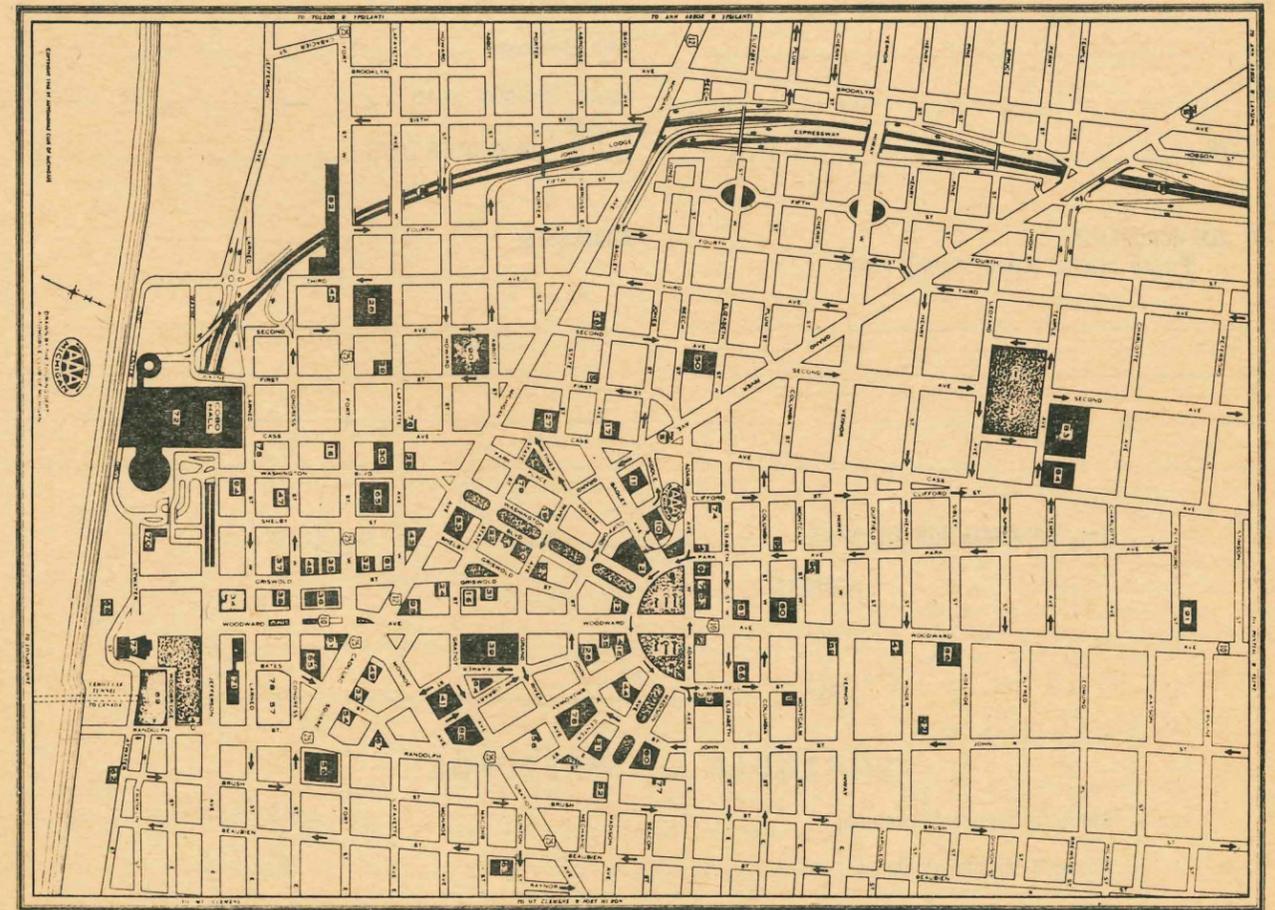
... Senator Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) has introduced a bill by which the federal government can retire the national debt through royalties from the rich oil lands owned by the federal government itself.

Senator Douglas stated, "Through the introduction of this bill . . . I wish to illustrate again the fact that the publicly-owned natural resources of this country far exceed the national debt in value." Senator Douglas warned that many in Congress "will be alert to any attempt to deprive the people of their rights to this national resource."

... *Listen News* (October 20, 1965 issue) reports that about 6 in 10 women drink alcoholic beverages compared to 8 in 10 men. The gap, however, is narrowing. About one drinker in thirteen is an alcoholic, totaling about 5 million alcoholics in the nation—making alcoholism the fourth-ranking health problem.

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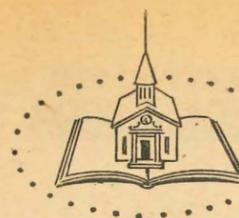
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

By H. C. Chiles



**NEHEMIAH: COMMITTED TO A TASK**

(This Lesson for Sunday, December 26, 1965)

**Nehemiah 4:6-14, 21-23**

In his youth Nehemiah was appointed by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, to the responsible position of cupbearer. This prominent and influential position evidently carried with it a nice salary and considerable prestige. Inasmuch as the king was constantly in danger of being poisoned by an enemy, it was the duty of the cupbearer to taste the drinks and to sample the food which were served to him, thus insuring his protection from injury or death. Naturally this position demanded the services of one whose character and loyalty were unquestioned.

After Nehemiah had served in this capacity for years, some Jewish brethren, including his own brother, Hanani, went to visit him. Nehemiah inquired of them concerning his people and their beloved city, Jerusalem. With saddened voices they reported that the Jews in Jerusalem were in a miserable and deplorable condition. They informed Nehemiah that Jerusalem was wasted, its walls broken down, and its gates burned. Upon hearing this report of the sad plight of his people, Nehemiah sat down, wept, fasted, and prayed. In his earnest prayer he confessed the sins of his people and invoked the divine blessings upon them.

When Nehemiah appeared before the king, the latter asked him to reveal the cause of his sadness, which was reflected in his countenance. Nehemiah explained that he was grieved because Jerusalem was in ruins and his people were suffering. Then, compassionate Nehemiah requested permission to return to his beloved city for the purpose of rebuilding its walls, restoring its gates, and leading in the work of reconstruction. The king granted his request, gave him a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, ordering him to supply the necessary timber for the wall, the fortress, and the temple. He also provided a military escort for Nehemiah's protection on his long and perilous journey. Armed with these credentials and powers, and stirred with a spirit of patriotism and devotion, Nehemiah immediately went to Jerusalem with a strong determination to help his brethren, and to do all that he could for their beloved city.

Man of God that he was, Nehemiah sought the counsel of the Most High in prayer. After he had spent three days in meditation in Jerusalem, he arose in the night and, with a few friends, went forth to make a personal, secret, and thorough investigation of the whole situation.

Having discovered the real conditions, Nehemiah called a meeting of the Jewish leaders and disclosed to them how God had led him to Jerusalem, what He had laid upon his heart, what he had discovered, and how he intended to go about changing the prevailing undesirable conditions. So ardent was his eloquence and so cogent was his argument that the assembly shouted, "Let us rise up and build." Thus his program challenged and inspired them to do their best, and elicited the hearty response of all who were associated with him to do all that they could to rebuild the walls of their beloved city. It is truly wonderful when God's children have faith in Him and are united in heart and soul as one man.

It was so fortunate that Nehemiah knew how to plan, how to handle people, and how to instill in them the desire to cooperate and the willingness to sacrifice. Unafraid of the threats, unmoved by the mockery, and unshamed by the ridicule heaped upon them, the people continued the work of building. The enemy sneered at their character, motives, enthusiasm, attempted project, and completed task.

It was to the credit of Nehemiah and his collaborators, and to the glory of God, that the wall was rebuilt, notwithstanding numerous sneers, active opposition, and despairing friends. They had their hearts in their work and were so earnest about it that they could not be daunted by opposition. It must have been with a justifiably proud satisfaction that Nehemiah wrote, "So built we the wall." They did it in an atmosphere of prayer and through the hearty cooperation of all the people. Through united effort, efficient organization, and implicit trust in God they finished the job in fifty-two days. The opponents

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of the project were enraged. Nothing so angers the enemies of God as the progress of His work at the hand of His obedient children.

Despite discouraging remarks and seemingly insurmountable difficulties, that remarkable achievement was made possible by an unshakable faith in God, an inspiring leadership, a corps of willing workers, an enthusiasm for the task, and a wonderful spirit of cooperation. Each was willing and anxious to do whatever and all he could. Fortunately, they put first things first and refused to allow anything to distract their attention and energies from that which God had committed to their hands. Their cooperative and enthusiastic spirit was due to the fact that they were working for their personal safety, religious liberty, and national honor.

Nehemiah and his collaborators were wise in not cursing and fighting their enemies, but in talking to God about them. The results of that wise course of action were amazing. Courageous Nehemiah, who trusted God implicitly, and his loyal associates prayed earnestly, worked diligently, and watched carefully until the great project was completed successfully. God always gives the necessary wisdom and strength to His children for the tasks which He assigns to them. It is their responsibility to receive and to use that which He provides in the doing of the job which He wants done, and in the manner which He prescribes. All Christians are responsible for proving their love for the Lord by working diligently and faithfully for Him. When they encounter opposition in so doing, the best procedure for them to follow always is simply to continue receiving orders from the Lord and carrying them out, without being disturbed because of what the critics may say. Make much of your glorious privilege of serving the Lord to the best of your ability with what He has entrusted in your care. God will bless you as you confirm to His wishes for your life and work.

**A Lesson Omitted**

There will be no December 30 issue of the *Western Recorder*. The December 23 issue will have the Sunday School lesson for January 2. The next issue will be January 6 which will contain the lesson for January 16.

—The Editor

# KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

## Evangelism

### Why I Attend The Evangelistic Conference

by Robert Shettler, Sr.

First Baptist Church, Covington

Under today's crushing pressures there is a real danger of our putting first things last and last things first. (These pressures are relentless and constant.) Therefore, there must be some time for a minister to "take stock" of himself—to examine his involvements—to challenge his commitments, and to search his soul before the Lord.

I have found the Kentucky Baptist Evangelistic Conference provides such a time for me. The praying of prayers, the preaching of The Word, and the presence of the Holy Spirit create a climate in which God can renew, redirect, and revive his servant in the primary task of evangelism.

## Brotherhood

### Don't Be Surprised

by Forrest Sawyer

Don't be surprised if you notice boys around the Southern Baptist Convention furiously raking leaves, shoveling snow and working at other odd jobs to raise money.

And don't raise your eyebrows in surprise when you hear of men setting aside a portion of their weekly paychecks or starting special savings funds.

These men and boys have a plan in mind and it isn't just to buy Christmas presents.

Actually, these people are Royal Ambassadors and Brotherhood men who are preparing with their families to contribute to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions in December in their churches.

In most cases, these men and boys have been challenged by their churches to strengthen foreign mission work of Baptists through this offering.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is second only to the Cooperative Program in support of foreign missions. This offering provides for support of missionaries and the current expenses of schools, hospitals, evangelism, and other ministries. In addition, the offering provides most of the funds for constructing and improving buildings.

Southern Baptists in 1964 gave

\$11,870,469 to foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Goal this year is 14 million dollars.

In 1918, Woman's Missionary Union voted to name the Christmas Offering for Lottie Moon since she had challenged the women with the taking of the first offering.

Originally a WMU Offering, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has become a church-wide event sponsored by the WMU. Sponsors emphasize the gift is what Baptists give beyond their tithe.

## Sunday School

### Church Libraries

by Roy Boatwright

Your Sunday School Secretary received a letter from Rev. Wayne E. Todd, Secretary of the Church Library Department, Nashville a few days ago. The following is a portion of the letter: "Every Southern Baptist Church could and can have an active church library. This is what Dr. Harold E. Ingraham has been preaching for years. It seems to us, he has done everything possible to make it so. This is the reason we are challenged by his recent appeal to register the 15,000th church library before February 28, 1966—As our record stands today 13,334 libraries are registered with the Church Library Department. This means a goal of 1,666 new libraries in five months. May we count on you?"

It may be that your library has not

been registered with the Library Department in Nashville. We urge that you do so immediately.

Perhaps your church does not have a library. Now, would be an excellent time to start one. If your church does not have a library it would be entitled to a free offer of books to assist you in starting your new library.

Be sure to register your library with the Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203, or, write us for further information.

## Church Music

### Kentucky Music Ministers Plan African Mission Tour

by Eugene Quinn

Arrangements with the Foreign Mission Board and African missionaries are well on their way for a Kentucky Baptist Music Ministers' Chorus to make a tour of choral concerts in Ghana, Liberia, and Nigeria in May of 1966. Kentucky's coordinator, William B. Williams of Paducah, is working with area secretary Cornell Goerner and the mission secretaries of the three nations in Africa. The mission secretaries in Africa have reported their plans to work out the agenda for the choral tour as soon as possible.

The Kentucky music ministers who go on the choral tour will provide their own expenses, with the gracious assistance of their churches. The total expense for each person, leaving Louisville and returning to Louisville, will be almost exactly \$1,000.00. The tour will last 21 days from New York back to New York, plus a day or two for transportation from Louisville to New York and back to Louisville.

Dr. Goerner and each of the mission secretaries in Africa have expressed their evaluation of the great contribution which such a tour can make to the African mission programs.

Kentucky Baptists can profit from the tour by hearing reports in the churches sending music ministers and perhaps associational meetings as well.

A down payment of \$100.00 per person must be made on March 1, 1966, and the balance of the \$1,000.00 must be paid a month or so later. The music ministers covet the prayers of all interested persons in preparation for the tour.

## The New Morality

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could decide. Here we see the reductio ad absurdum of the new morality. As *Christianity Today*, in an editorial entitled, "Love Without Law," (Oct. 8, 1965) puts it, "If nothing is inherently wrong and any act right if only the situation is right, then everything Hitler did would in the right situation be morally commendable and proper."

Secondly, in this day of changing moral standards, we need to speak out against the new morality for the sake of our youth. They read about the new morality, we may be sure; and the question is, What are they to think? For example, just a few weeks ago, the *Louisville Courier-Journal* carried an article about the Brown University Chaplain who sanctioned the giving of birth control pills to two unmarried coeds. What are our youth to think of such things? Regardless of what they ought to think, we know what they do think—"If the preacher says it's all right, who am I to argue?"

We must speak out—in self-defense, if for no other reason. Our youth need to hear "the other side." They need to know that not all ministers are advocates of the new morality.

The danger of the new morality for our youth is best shown by the *Time* article already referred to. It quotes Professor Joseph E. Fletcher, of the Episcopal Theological School Cambridge, as saying, "One enters into every decision-making moment armed with all the wisdom of the culture, but prepared in one's freedom to suspend and violate any rule except that one must as responsibly as possible seek the good of one's neighbor." And then *Time* adds this devastating comment, "Which is quite a long thought for an 18-year-old during a passionate moment in the the back seat of a car." Touche! Here we see, again, the utter absurdity of the new morality.

Yes, we must speak out. The falseness and danger of the new morality must be exposed. Our youth especially must see the new morality for what it is.

One more question must be asked: What do we have to offer in place of the new morality? When we tear something down, we must have something to put in its place. What is the answer to the new morality?

*Christianity Today* answers this question in terms of the "old morality," contrasting the old morality with the new morality and identifying the old morality as the truly Christian morality. This sounds good, but the problem is that, of course, there is no single old morality, but many old moralities. The

old morality is not necessarily Christian, any more than the new morality. And it goes without saying that our morality must be Christian. Is our morality Christian? That is the question.

What is Christian morality? For our purposes here, this question is best answered by Rom. 13:8-10, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." (R. S. V.) Here we see that Christian morality is not morality based on "love rather than law," as *Time* defines the new morality, but law fulfilled in love.

What does this mean? First, it is not to say that we are under the law. We are under grace, not under law. (Rom. 6:15) But this is not to say that we are not bound to the law as Christians. We are bound to the law in love.

What does "law fulfilled in love" mean? Briefly and practically speaking, it means love expressed in law. And, practically speaking, that's what Christian morality is—love expressed in law. As *Christianity Today* puts it Christian morality "insists that the nature and demands of the agape of the Cross are defined in moral and ethical principles and laws that are morally binding."

"Love without law" is not Christian morality. And neither is law without love. It takes both. We must keep the law in love. We are not free to do as we think best "in each situation." We are free to do as God commands—in love.

What is the answer to the new morality? Love expressed in law. This is Christian morality. Let us practice it, and profess it! Let us "speak out" against the new morality.



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by **Ralph A. Herring, Director**  
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Sincerely yours,  
A. J.

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Department and for showing me the way. The letter I wrote you in 1962 was the most important of my life."

Maybe it was!

**Henderson Memorial Church Organized in Hopkinsville**

Henderson Memorial Baptist Chapel, Hopkinsville, was organized into a church December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Garlon C. Sils, chapel pastor, said there were 262 persons who will be the charter members. A mission of Second Baptist Church, the chapel has grown to an attendance of 250 in Sunday School and 85 in Training Union. The church is completely organized in a full program of work.

The constitution message was brought by J. H. Maddox, retired pastor of Second Baptist and a leader in getting the mission started two years ago. Scripture was read by Marvin Hines, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church.

The present building has been used since December, 1963 and cost approximately \$100,000.

**Circulation Continues to Climb In December**

Robert L. Pogue, business manager for the *Western Recorder* reports 655 new families have been added to the mailing list of the paper thus far in December.

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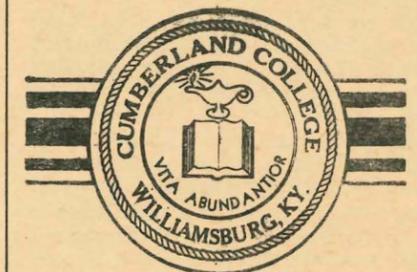
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