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## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**CAMPTON BAPTIST** Church held their annual fund raising day on December 12. Kentucky Baptist Executive Secretary Harold G. Sanders was the speaker. The goal was \$1,500 and Ray E. Cummins is pastor.

**C. Y. DOSSEY** retired as an associate in the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the SBC on December 31. He is succeeded by William D. Lawes of Phoenix, Arizona. Lawes has been serving as evangelism director for Southern Baptists in Arizona. He will do evangelism promotion, specializing in state evangelistic conferences, national goals and the transfer of church membership by moving Baptists.

**AN EXPRESSION** of appreciation for Mrs. Elizabeth Bratcher has been made by the Clarkson Baptist Church. Mrs. Bratcher, a native of Texas, moved to the Clarkson Community in 1940 and served faithfully in the church as Sunday School teacher and W.M.U. president. After the death of Mr. Bratcher, she moved back to Texas to live with relatives.

**FUNERAL** services were held at the Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, for Ross Figart, Sr., on December 10. He was pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Lewis County. A native of Pennsylvania, Figart had been an active layman in First Baptist Church, Richmond, Grace Baptist, Lexington, and was deacon chairman at Trinity at the time he entered the pastoral ministry in 1961. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons. Ross, Jr., is pastor of the Petrey Memorial Baptist Church, Hazard.

**LUTHER C. MOUNCE** was ordained a deacon in the Calvary Baptist Church, Somerset, December 12. William R. Bradshaw is pastor of the church.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, Jenkins, has passed resolutions commending the life and honoring the memory of Shafter Davidson, a deacon who recently died. The resolutions recognized the loss from the church and community of a valuable member and commended Mr. Davidson for Christian ideals and qualities which made him admired, loved and respected by all who knew him.

**DEDICATION SERVICES** for the new

pastorium of Madisonville First Baptist Church were held December 21. Harold J. Purdy is the pastor.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST** missionaries who were evacuated from Pakistan to the Philippines in September because of hostilities between Pakistan and India are now resuming their work. Among the eight evacuated was Mrs. James F. McKinley, Jr. (the former Betty Cecil of Louisville). McKinley left his post but did not leave the country during the crisis.

**THE LONG RUN** Ministers' Conference has passed a resolution, expressing the loss sustained in the death of Dr. William R. Pettigrew. The resolution gratefully acknowledges "... the contribution of insight, inspiration, and leadership with which he endowed the ministerial fellowship of our association ..."

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**ROBERT AND JOAN AMIS**, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, may now be addressed at Eku Baptist Hospital, Private Mail Bag 4040, Sapele, Nigeria, West Africa. Born in Corbin, he lived in Barboursville and Lexington. She was born in Stanton and grew up in Taylorsville. When they were appointed missionaries in July, 1965, he was surgery instructor at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and was also in private practice.

**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**, Lexington, has scheduled a revival meeting May 1-8 with Jim Vaus. Vaus spoke at the convention in Lexington in November. He is an ex-convict and was employed as a wire-tapper for the West Coast gangster, Mickey Cohen. After his conversion, Vaus has spent his life working with young people in New York.

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH**, Paducah, has passed resolutions of appreciation for the former pastor of the church, Robert N. Solomon. He has become pastor of the Wesconnett Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. Solomon was pastor of the Paducah church for 6½ years.

**SANDUSKY CHAPEL** Baptist Church in the Wayne County Association reported 38 additions by baptism and 14 by letter. The church was organized in 1914 under the leadership of G. C. Sandusky of Owensboro. Ancin Perkins is the pastor now.

**RUTH ANN PRICE**, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Jimmy H. Price of Wheatcroft, was never induced to breathe after her birth on December 18. She was buried in the cemetery of Rock Springs Baptist Church in Webster County on the afternoon of the 18th with Bob Wallace officiating. Price has recently become pastor of the Pride Baptist Church in Ohio Valley Association. He was formerly pastor of Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Princeton. Mrs. Price is the daughter of the W. W. Johnsons, Greenville.

**MORE THAN 600** persons made professions of faith in Christ during the Spanish Baptists' first nationwide evangelistic campaign in October. Forty-six churches and mission points cooperated in the effort.

## EDUCATION AND WORSHIP:

### Twin Essentials: Academic Excellence and Christ

by Gordon W. Blackwell

As President of Furman University I have found myself caught up in an honest controversy among Baptists of good intent. But just now I am going to talk about education and worship—not controversy. Let us think together about education and worship. There is no controversy among us about the desperate need for Christian education in today's world.

Education and worship require each other. Education without worship may produce knowledge without wisdom. Worship without education may produce zeal without knowledge. Either situation can be dangerous. For as we learn, and to the extent that we truly learn, we grow closer to God, and to grow closer to Him is to worship Him, more and more. This is true whether we are studying Baptist doctrine, a play by Shakespeare, the speed of light, the theory of nuclear energy, a law of economics, or the ways of human behavior. These matters and all other legitimate elements of education relate in some vital way to the universe, to man, and to the Creator of these and all things. To know these things is better to know God. To know God better is to love Him more deeply. To teach—to study—to learn—all these can be to worship.

We all recognize the unity and integrity of man's existence as a knowing and worshiping person. Sound education and authentic worship have a stake in each other—an inseparable relationship which the church-related college confesses.

Just what is Christian education? It is sound education in an atmosphere which is Christ-centered, always. It's that simple.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** is education conducted in the light of that revelation which God made and makes of Himself in Jesus Christ. As the revelation is limitless in scope and meaning, so must the education be free and unconfined in its quest of truth. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the light," and again He said, "... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth ..." No true education is possible where fear of new knowledge takes precedence over love of truth. As one author has put it: "The greatest heresy is the fear that truth when it is known may not be good." He is being surely and truly educated who finds his per-

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sonal commitment in Christ, the Lord of all truth, and is set free thereby to face the universe with courage and to learn of it without fear or inhibition. To help young people face the universe committed to Christ—what a terrifying challenge to those who teach!

But what a hope we have!

We know that we must, through Christian education, show our young people all the world. All of its beauty. All of its ugliness. For we cannot protect them from its ugliness—it is unwise even to try. As they wear the spectacles of faith, we must help them see the realities of the world in which they live: the good which God has made, and the evil which man has caused. If we show them well and truly, they will be encouraged to make the proper choices between the good and the evil in the world. It is not possible to make a proper choice between things one does not fully understand. A Christ-centered person is apt to make more nearly Christ-like decisions—therefore we must make sure that our educational programs, attempting to teach truth, are Christ-centered always.

**SUPPOSE** that you were—perhaps some of you are—a teacher. A Christian and a teacher. What tools do you have for meeting the challenge to teach all about the world and man? Twenty-six letters, nine numbers, a zero, a few symbols, and what small knowledge you have accumulated of your own as you have learned toward Christ and led a Christian life. Frightening, isn't it? The world's knowledge is increasing at such a pace that educators know they cannot possibly understand the world for which they are teaching. Two-hundred years ago it was said to be possible to be a totally educated man. It was then possible to know all that was known about the then-world. All the mathematics. All the literature. All the fine arts. All the theology. All.

And today? No man—not even the most gifted and energetic—can emulate Francis Bacon and take all of learning as his province. Our young people will be going into careers that aren't even named yet. Some of them haven't even been thought of. If a man can learn all that is to be known about one small facet of physics, he may break through into a discovery so vast it will influence the concepts and the direction of mankind—witness Dr. Charles Townes, Furman graduate and 1964 winner of the Nobel prize in physics for his discovery of the principle of the laser beam.

How can we teach for today's world with twenty-six letters, nine numbers,

## The Cover

January is the month in which Southern Baptists are urged to make their wills, remembering the work of Baptists throughout the world in sharing the gospel.

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a zero, a few symbols, and ourselves? We just have to do the best we can—while we stifle our awe—and hope that we can expose young people to as much of the world's knowledge and potential as possible, on as broad a scale as possible. We must teach them where to look for the stored information of the past (and even last week is the past); we must encourage them to think. With Christ as our inspiration we hope we can help them to think rightly. It is His world and His truth.

Not all of us are teachers in the strict sense of the word. But all of us are indirectly teachers as we contribute to the Cooperative Program which includes educational institutions.

How are we doing, then, as South Carolina Baptists, as we face the challenge to provide sound education under distinctly Christian influences? Between 1960 and 1964 our South Carolina Baptist church membership increased 6 per cent. Our total church giving increased 26 per cent. Our giving to the Cooperative Program went up 9 per cent. Enrollment in our South Carolina Baptist colleges went up 10 per cent, while enrollment in all Southern Baptist colleges and universities increased 24 per cent. Some of this is good.

**BUT ONLY 17** per cent of the South Carolina Baptist young people enrolled in college in our state are in Baptist institutions. And the enrollment in Southern Baptist seminaries, which jumped 104 per cent between 1950 and 1960, has declined 11 per cent since 1960.

And we must ask ourselves, "Why?" For this is not good.

Sure, we are not seeking to educate all our young people for church-related ministries at home and abroad. This would be unrealistic. But we should be educating an increasing number who will choose to dedicate their lives to these careers of Christian service.

We are not doing well enough. How can we do better? We can do better by providing better Christian education—wider Christian education—in our Baptist colleges: sound education where information is unrestricted and where commitment to Christ is genuine.

When we do this we will fulfill a crucial calling, a mission, if you will.

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**Making a Will Is Making a Way**

According to Solomon in Ecclesiastes 13 at death the body returns to the earth and the spirit to God who gave it. But a man generally has more than a body and a spirit when he comes to life's end. He usually has accumulated something in the way of worldly possessions. An important question is where these will go when he dies.

A majority of those who die has no say over what happens to the possessions they leave. It seems right that the one who has earned something should say how it is used but six out of ten persons who die leave no will. This means that almost anything can happen and generally where there is no will a huge slice of one's estate goes for lawyer's fees and taxes of various kinds.

Everyone then should make a will. One who has been wise in providing for his family and faithful in his stewardship to the Lord while he is alive should not be so foolish as to forget to provide for both after his death. How much of one's estate should be left for religious purposes depends upon when he dies and upon other factors. If the husband and father dies relatively early in life, much of his estate would be needed to take care of his wife and to rear and educate his children. If, on the other hand, he has already reared his children and provided them with an education, most of his estate could be left for the Lord's work.

This is a time for financial crisis for many Baptist institutions, and especially our Baptist colleges. It is clear that our present level of cooperative giving will not adequately provide the necessary resources. It has been this writer's conviction for several years that the greatest potential source for financial support of our Baptist institutions lies in will making. There is no doubt about God's material blessings to many of the 600,000 Kentucky Baptists. There is more than enough wealth in Baptist hands to do all we are trying to do. The question is whether or not the Lord will get His share.

Ordinarily a person needs professional help in making a will. Laws vary in different states and change from year to year. A lawyer's assistance is desirable in making a will that will be legal, binding, and most easily administered. The legal fee will be small compared to the costs involved in settling an estate without a will or with an improperly prepared will.

Another important source of help is the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Mr. James Austin, executive secretary of the Foundation, is an expert in the field of will making. He can give guidance in such a way as to guarantee that one's desires will be followed after he leaves this world. A letter or call to the Baptist Foundation in the Baptist Building in Middletown will bring Mr. Austin to your home. Remembering the Lord in making your will is making a way for the Lord's work from now on.

**The 1966 General Assembly Is Important**

Among the important events in the 1966 for Kentucky is the meeting of the General Assembly. Every two years the lawmakers gather in Frankfort to enact legislation that largely determines the kind of state in which we live.

As Christians we usually work too little in the realm of good citizenship. There are those who say religion and politics don't mix and they criticize preachers and others who try to inject moral and spiritual dimensions into the political process. Others regard the Kentucky General Assembly as a circus of political clowns. Still others are even more cynical and view the sessions of the General Assembly as a farce in which behind-the-scene political manipulations result in expediency over principle and selfish concern over public service.

Such an attitude plays into the hands of ruthless politicians and pressure groups seeking to get legislation favorable to their selfish interests. This is exactly what has happened in Kentucky in some instances and the result is bad legislation which hurts the cause of right.

Examples of bad legislation are such things as legalized parimutuel betting on horse races and the allowance of county tax funds to be used for parochial school transportation. These would be unthinkable in many states and we have only ourselves to blame for letting such laws be enacted. This comes from the apathy of those who should have moral convictions.

Governor Edward Breathitt and others have already indicated some of the proposals to be presented to the General Assembly. Some of these are good, others are bad. Among those in which Christians should have keen interest are:

1. **Civil Rights.** This is reported to be number one on the governor's list. Such legislation is right and is already late. Kentucky has an opportunity to set an

example for other border and southern states in civil rights legislation. The recent report on the fate of Negro teachers in the process of school desegregation is a glaring example of injustice that should be corrected.

2. **Abolition of Capital Punishment.** This has been a burning issue in surrounding states. Governor Breathitt has suspended all executions in Kentucky until the legislators have an opportunity to act. Opinion is greatly divided with strong arguments on both sides. This matter will have separate editorial treatment in a forthcoming issue of the *Western Recorder*.

3. **Highway Safety.** This is an urgent need in Kentucky where wholesale slaughter takes place on our highways. The difficulty is in finding legislation that will be effective and not be used for financial or other abuse of drivers. Some vehicle inspection provision is long overdue. Severer penalties on drunken drivers including mandatory taking of driver's license and stricter laws and enforcement on reckless youths on the highways would help.

4. **Repeal of Liquor Tax.** A strong effort will be made to repeal the 10c per gallon production tax on distilled spirits in Kentucky. This effort already has the support of the State Commissioner of Commerce

and officials of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. This is clearly a case of putting economics over morality and questionable economics at that. Considering the incalculable costs to the state resulting from the use of alcohol, it seems the liquor makers should pay part of the bill. The \$8.6 million that came to the state last year from this tax will not begin to pay for the law enforcement required to handle drinking to say nothing of the millions of dollars needed for rehabilitation of drunkards and welfare requirements for their dependents.

5. **State Lottery.** This proposal for a lottery on the Kentucky Derby was laughed at which first mentioned several years ago, but has won serious support in the last year. Such a thing in Kentucky would be a shame and disgrace. Gambling is already a major problem and this would give it an air of respectability which such an evil doesn't deserve. The only argument in support of a lottery is the financial profit. Would we sell our souls for a few paltry dollars?

These are but a few examples of 1966 legislative possibilities that have strong moral implications. Now is the time for every interested citizen in Kentucky to contact his state representative and senator personally to urge support of good legislation and defeat of bad legislation.

BAPTIST FORUM



**Tax Money For School Not Enough**

Dear Editor:

There has been much in the *Western Recorder* of late concerning receiving Federal aid for our Baptist colleges. I am in no way a learned man but would like to express my beliefs and concern on this issue.

I do not believe that the need that we think we have for money from our Federal Government should in any way enter the picture until we ask ourselves, "Is it right to accept money from taxpayers to help support our institutions?" I do not feel that it is right for my tax money to help support other denominational schools.

I feel that the Baptists can have more impact on the world for Christ by using our witness in state colleges and universities through a strong Baptist Student Union program and a strong appeal and effort through the local churches in these cities than even through a strong supported Baptist school.

How can this be true? Because with a strong B.S.U. and help from local churches in our state colleges and our Baptist young people attending the state colleges, I believe the Baptists will have

a greater impact for Christ among our total college people than if most of our Baptist young people were sent to Baptist colleges.

I am not nearly as concerned about whether our Baptist colleges will survive as I am about what means we use for survival.

Bowling Green, Ky. Billy V. Morris

**An Unregenerate Church?**

Dear Editor:

I read with interest your editorial "How to Explain It" which appeared in the November 11 issue of the *Western Recorder*. Of particular interest was your conclusion that an unregenerate church membership is a probable answer to the fact that Southern Baptist per capita giving is only \$55.80. This conclusion parallels the provocative statements of many religious leaders that 50% to 60% of the membership of American Protestant churches stands in need of the regenerating grace of God.

It is common knowledge that approximately one-third of the membership of Southern Baptist churches are non-resident; another one-third refuse to participate in the activities of their church, thus leaving hardly more than

one-third to share in the responsibilities of the local fellowship. In reality, only a small percentage of total membership becomes involved in following Jesus through the local church.

I find it most difficult to conclude that we as Baptists still realize the cardinal doctrine of a regenerate church membership. Perhaps it is easy to come to this conclusion. However, it is far from easy to determine what must be done about the situation and even more difficult to implement what must be done.

May I offer a few suggestions?

1. I wonder if it is wise to continue to ignore the fact that 2 of 3 church members evidently do not understand what it means to be a member? I would speculate that misunderstanding about the meaning of church membership indicates a misunderstanding about the meaning of discipleship. Jesus' teachings indicated extreme care in helping prospective followers understand what is involved in discipleship. For example, Jesus said to the multitudes on one occasion, "And whosoever doeth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27) Perhaps it would be of value if we were careful to proclaim what it means to be a disciple as well as making the appeal to become a disciple.

2. I wonder if it is wise to continue to receive members into our churches without any questions asked or counsel given? Our Baptist forefathers had four

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## Twin Essentials: Academic Excellence and Christ

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We will produce educated young people who think toward Christ—no matter what careers they follow. We will crowd our seminaries to the bursting point with eager young Baptists called explicitly to pastoral and missionary ministries. We will fill public school and college faculties with teachers who understand what Christian education is.

We will give to science, the professions, business and industry men and women whose Christian outlook leads always to progress and to peace in Christ's name. And, perhaps most important of all, we will educate the homemakers and mothers whose Christian influence is our best hope for tomorrow. Truly, when we educate a woman, we educate a family.

This is what we are trying to do in Baptist higher education. Our goal—our calling—is comprised of two inter-related parts: first, the carrying out by Christian teachers of the liberal arts tradition which comprehends the humanities and fine arts, the sciences, and the social sciences, and, on occasion, the offering of professional training in selected fields; and second, the exposing of the realities of the Christian faith, while creatively relating them to the situation of the world and the needs of the church. The church-related college community of academic quality must also be a community of purpose, a worshipping community in the deepest sense.

**LET US LOOK** more closely at our goal. In its academic aspect the church-related college must strive for excellence. It must not be less good nor less thorough in its academic program than a public institution. In these efforts our church-related colleges must match the up-surge of educational improvement which is all around us—or we shall fail within one generation. We shall be left behind. And where better than in a church-related college can we educate scientists, doctors, nurses, teachers, businessmen, mothers? These are the leaders who will shape the destinies of our world. Quality higher education is vital to the development and functioning of modern, complex civilization. It is vital in the defense of our nation against the world-wide threat of communist aggression. Because it is so important we must not turn the entire responsibility for quality higher education over to the state colleges and universities. We must keep up, or we will dry up. Education is expensive. Christian education is mortally necessary. Think about it.

Now, if church-related colleges should be merely academically strong, their

existence could not be justified. There must be a Christ-centered atmosphere which makes them different and enables them to qualify under the Great Commission. For many students this involves special instructional programs of preparation for advanced study for the ministry or other fields of religious service. But for all students there must be a special spirit of the college which is kin to Christ's own spirit, a commitment to Christian purposes, an open avowal of the Christian ethic so as to assist students in their search for meaningful religious experience and a deepening, maturing Christian faith.

**FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS** are searching. Believe me—I have seen tens of thousands of them, and they are searching, every one. They are searching for answers. In our church-related colleges, we must give them not only the answers which academic excellence provides, but also the answers which we know are only to be surely found in Christ. The students demand both. We cannot offer them less of either. It is encouraging that a recent *Newsweek* survey found that 42 per cent of students in denominational colleges reported intensified religious faith as a result of campus experiences, while the ratio was only 17 per cent in public institutions.

I do not like definitions of Christian education which are couched in negatives—thou shalt not engage in this or that social practice—thou shalt not do

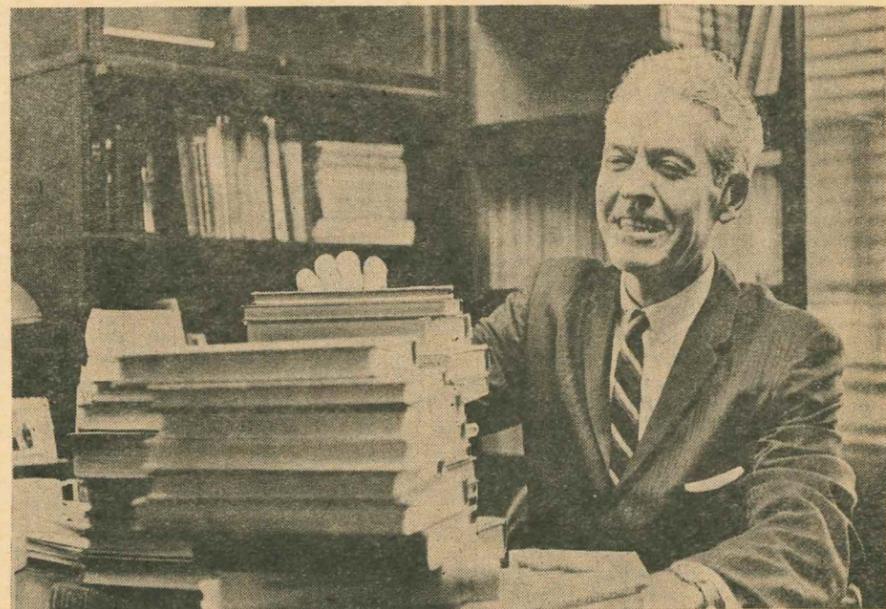
thus or so. I prefer to think of Christian education in positive terms—Christian teachers, Christian leaders, Christian programs—a Christ-centered institution. The young person of today often resents and resists the proscriptive approach, but he will respond to inspiring Christian leadership.

The ultimate success of our Baptist colleges will rest upon how steadfastly we point toward our goal and how clearly our Baptist constituency understands the nature of our purpose and what is required to achieve it. Academic excellence and Christ are the twin essentials in our educational purpose. We must not allow extremists to pull us far in one direction at the expense of the other.

Let us give thanks for the great challenge we face. Let us understand exactly what it is. And let us meet the challenge with a commitment strong enough to inspire truly sacrificial effort. God being Lord of all, the more we learn of anything, the more we are enabled to know of Him. Our Baptist college campuses are certainly among our altars. We must not fail in our worship there.

### Professor Gives Personal Library On Speech, Drama To Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Dr. Charles A. McGlon, professor of speech and homiletics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for 23 years, has given his extensive personal collection of books



**PROFESSOR CHARLES A. MCGLON**, professor of speech and homiletics at Southern Seminary for 23 years, looks over some books he is giving to the library.

and plays to the Seminary's Centennial Library.

It amounts to quite a Christmas gift—800 volumes, including many out-of-print editions of plays and journals, most of which are now collector's items and will increase in value over the years.

Dr. McGlon, a native of Florida, holds two degrees with honors from the University of Florida and the Ph.D. from Columbia University. He is a past president of the Southern Speech Association, the Kentucky Speech Association and the Tennessee Non-Professional Theater Association, and is a leader in several national educational organizations.

His interest in mass communications as an evangelistic tool led Southern Seminary to produce the first live religious television program in the United States, a venture which was nominated for the Peabody Award in the early 1950's. His library includes materials on radio and television as well as newspaper and magazine writing.

"I hope this will prompt other persons to contribute contemporary collections to the Seminary library," Dr. McGlon said. "The more complete we can make our materials in the fields of communications, the fine arts, architecture and related disciplines, the better prepared our ministers will be."

The personal libraries of such well-known Southern Baptist pioneers as Manly, Broadus, Whitsitt, Dargan and Mullins are found in the Seminary library, as are the archives of evangelist Billy Graham and his beloved friend Mordecai Ham. James P. Boyce Centennial Library, where the books are housed, is one of the largest of its kind, with more than a quarter million volumes and two museums—the Nicol Museum of Biblical Archaeology and the Eisenberg Museum of Egyptian and Near Eastern Antiquities. The building was completed in 1959.

### Korean Missionary Kids Give \$95 to Missions

NASHVILLE (BP)—The children of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to Korea have given \$95 to support Baptist foreign missions around the world through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Ted H. Dowell, Baptist missionary to Korea, sent the check to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here.

SBC Executive Committee Executive Secretary Porter Routh asked Dowell to convey to the youngsters "heartfelt appreciation for this contribution which will play a part in sharing the message of Christmas even unto the ends of the earth."

### Kentuckians To Start Mission Work In Turkey

Rev. and Mrs. James F. Leeper, of Dayton, Ky., were appointed December 9 as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's first missionaries to Turkey. They expect to work with English-speaking people in Ankara.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeper already have experience in English-language work overseas. They spent nearly three years in Bamberg, where he was pastor of Bamberg American Baptist Church (formerly First Baptist Church). Since returning to the States in September they have been living in Dayton, his home town.

At Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., for appointment and a week of orientation, they said that they became interested in serving overseas when they took a trip to Europe five years ago. Following his graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1962, he became pastor of the English-language church in Bamberg.

"Our three years in Bamberg were not easy, but they were rewarding, happy, and the fastest in our lives," he said.

She seconded his evaluation. "The experience was wonderful and challenging, giving us a real opportunity for growth," she said. "We felt the working of God in our lives and in the life of the church. We thank God for leading and blessing us thus far, and we believe that he can now use us in his service as missionaries."

Born in Houston, Tex., Mr. Leeper moved with his family to Dayton when he was nine. He volunteered for missions three years later, during a state Baptist Training Union convention in Newport.

He graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., with the bachelor of arts degree and from Southern Seminary with the bachelor of divinity degree.

Mrs. Leeper, the former Jean Davis, was born and reared in Battle Creek, Mich. After receiving the bachelor of education degree from the National College of Education, Evanston, she taught fifth grade in the Louisville schools for two years.

She met Mr. Leeper in Evanston, at a meeting of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (an interdenominational organization). She was a little disappointed, she told the Foreign Mission Board, to learn that he was a mission volunteer, for her picture of missions then consisted of "hot, steaming, unbearable jungles." However, after attending an Inter-Varsity missionary conference she



**JAMES AND JEAN LEEPER**, Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Turkey, look at the Christmas story in a foreign-language Bible before leaving the States.

felt a "softening of heart" toward mission service.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeper have three daughters, Tracy, four, Kelly, three, and Kerry, one.

### Early Lesson

by James A. Clarke

Missionary Associate for Nigeria

I grew up on a farm in Newton County, Mississippi, where the nearest neighbors were two Negro families. My playmates were the Negro children. On a nearby hill was a Negro church which I attended when I couldn't get to town.

One day I was playing with a group of white children. We were standing on a white, sandy bank, throwing the white clods of dirt onto the red clay road.

A Negro girl came walking down this road. The white sand, red clay, and black-skinned girl were an interesting color contrast to me, and I decided to have some "fun." As the little girl approached, I began to throw the dirt and call her a "black nigger."

As she came in front of me, she stopped and looked up at me and said, "Yes, sir, I'se black, and I knows I'se black, but I'm black because the good Lord made me this way, and if he hadn't wanted me to be black, I wouldn't be." With that statement she smiled and walked on down the road.

My hands dropped to my sides and the clod of dirt fell at my feet.

I know now, and I think I knew then, that my heart was black and hers was white. In those brief moments she taught me a great deal. I am convinced that was the beginning of my missionary call to Africa, and it was, I know, the beginning of a love in my heart for people of all colors.

Yours  
and  
His



## Kentucky Baptists

### Father of Foreign Missionary Dies

Nathan E. McFarland, father of Mrs. Robert F. (Jo Ann) Travis, died of a heart attack in November. He suffered the attack, was admitted to a hospital in Paoli, Indiana, and died 15 minutes later.

The Robert Traveses are missionaries of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, serving in Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa, where both are teaching in the Mombasa Baptist High School.

Before going to East Africa, Travis was pastor of the Woodland Baptist Church, Morganfield; the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Owensboro; and the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Bremen.

### Academic Recognitions Made at Georgetown College

Laura Ecton, Winchester, Wanda Hamilton, Scotsburg, Indiana, and Ruth Marie Reed, Corinth, were presented plaques for having the highest academic standings among girls at Georgetown College for 1964-65. Each year the Woman's Association of Georgetown presents to each residence hall a plaque engraved with the name of the girl having attained the highest grades for the past school year. A certificate is given to the off-campus woman with the highest average for all girls residing there.

The off-campus certificate was given to Jo Carol Morris, Lexington, for a 3.67 average of a possible 4.0; Patricia Stiles Owens (Knight Hall), Louisville, 4.0; Miss Reed, representing Rucker Hall has a perfect 4.0; Miss Ecton, Sigma Kappa, 3.911 and Miss Hamilton, Kappa Delta, a 3.906. Miss Ecton, as president of Sigma also holds the cup for that house. Their overall average was 2.777 to 2.754 for Kappa Delta.

Each year the Woman's Association presents five \$100 scholarships to woman students at the college. Mrs. W. K. Lucas

is president. Mrs. Horace Hambrick, Mrs. John DeMoisey and Miss Edith Monson form the scholarship committee.

Georgetown College is Kentucky Baptists' oldest college, dating to 1829. Robert Mills has been president of the school since 1959. At present approximately 1,400 students are enrolled.

### Harrod's Creek Church Calls Danny Griffin As Pastor

The assistant pastor of the DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, has become the pastor of the Harrod's Creek Baptist Church of the Brownsboro community.

He is Danny Griffin, a native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. He is presently a theology student at Southern Seminary.

Griffin is married to the former Marilyn Miller of Owensboro. They have a three-year-old daughter, Natalie.

The couple was honored with a pantry shower in December.

### Louisville Pastor Moves To Arkansas

Alvis B. Carpenter, pastor of the Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, has begun his work as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Blytheville, Arkansas. He had served at Audubon ten years.

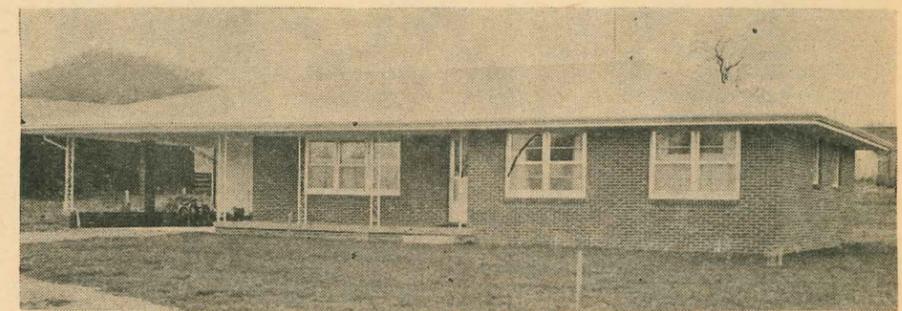
A native of Arkansas, Carpenter is a graduate of the University of Denver (Colorado) and Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Carpenter, the former Miss Florence Childress, Louisville, holds a master's degree in music education from Eastern State College, Richmond.

The Carpenters are the parents of two children: Elizabeth, 6, and Daniel, 3.



Danny Griffin



LINCOLN COUNTY BAPTISTS held open house in this new home for their missionary, Raymond Stewart, and his family. Costing approximately \$17,000, the home has three bedrooms and is electrically heated. Robert Winn, Phillip Rousey and Carter McKinney served on the Building Committee. The home is in Stanford.

### Come To Louisville

Yes, January 10-12, the annual Evangelistic Conference will be held at historic old Walnut Street Church in Louisville—starts at 6:45 P.M. Monday, and ends at noon Wednesday. We will miss the genial spirit of W. R. Pettigrew, the beloved pastor for 19 years, who died of a heart attack December 12, but we will be thinking of that which was so dear to his heart—winning lost souls.

Our new secretary of evangelism, Thomas Hicks Shelton, will be directing this great meeting which was planned originally by A. B. Colvin. Great heart-warming messages by outstanding leaders—Charles Howard of Buies Creek, N.C., John Havlik of the Division of Evangelism, R. G. Lee of Memphis, and W. Hines Sims will direct the music—he is SBC secretary of church music, Nashville. Other outstanding leaders of Kentucky will speak and preside. Several Committees of the Board and Convention will meet before and during the Conference.

### Missionaries To Meet

Missionaries will meet at 1:30 P.M. Monday, January 10, Walnut St., with A. B. Colvin and the Direct Missions Committee and others. Also, they will meet again at the close, Wednesday, January 12, afternoon and evening, with the Middletown Staff and SBC representative Bill Young to train in the use of *Manual II: Selecting and Planning Strategies* in the Church Programing series, in preparation for the Tours January 24-28 in 40 centers of Kentucky.

### Church Programing Tours

During the week of January 24-28, 10 teams of our State Staff, SBC leaders and missionaries will meet in 40 centers of Kentucky to assist pastors and church leaders in Church Programing:

4:00 PM Introducing *Manual I: Setting Church Goals* (for all those who missed them before—to help start now);

7:00 PM Introducing *Manual II: Selecting and Planning Strategies*, for those now working on Manual I, and those who will come at 4:00 same day! Study the two in one day.

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### Hearings Scheduled On Judicial Review Bill

WASHINGTON (BP) — Hearings are scheduled for early this year on a bill to provide first amendment constitutional tests for grants or loans under certain education acts, according to announcement from the Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights.

The "judicial review" bill was introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) during the first session of the 89th Congress. Among its cosponsors is Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D., N. C.), chairman of the constitutional rights subcommittee. Morse is chairman of the Senate education subcommittee.

During the debate on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 unsuccessful attempts were made to include constitutional judicial review as a part of the bill. Morse opposed such amendments but promised that he would introduce a separate judicial review bill affecting all education acts.

Hearings on the bill are set for February 1-3 and 8-10, 1966.

Testimony is expected to be presented by representatives from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the Department of Justice. Others to be invited are "constitutional authorities from universities, practicing attorneys, members of numerous religious organizations, as well as various bar groups and other organizations and individuals," according to the report of the subcommittee.

The proposal would provide for constitutional judicial review of seven

major acts of Congress plus "any other act which is administered by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and was enacted after January 1, 1965."

Civil action could be brought by an institution or agency, or by an individual taxpayer in the district court of the United States in the District of Columbia.

Filing of such suits would stop payment on a grant or loan until final determination is made by the court. If the grant or loan were declared invalid the

institution or agency would have to refund the grant or the loan with accrued interest.

The bill includes: Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963; Title VII of the Public Health Service Act; National Defense Education Act of 1958; Mental Retardation Facilities and Community Mental Health Center Construction Act of 1963; Title II of Public Law 874, Impacted Area Aid; Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; Cooperative Research Act; and others enacted after January 1, 1965.

### Gifts in 15 Baptist Churches Top \$500,000

by the Baptist Press

Fifteen churches in the Southern Baptist Convention received more than half-a-million dollars each in total contributions from their members last year.

Nine of those churches also reported church property valued at more than \$3 million.

A list of churches in the denomination which reported more than \$500,000 in total receipts, and a similar list of churches with property value over \$3 million were compiled by the research and statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board in Nashville.

First Baptist Church of Dallas, the largest church in the convention with 13,291 members, topped both lists.

Total contributions to the Dallas church last year were reported at \$1,588,099, and the church's property including three city blocks in downtown Dallas was valued at \$7 million.

First Baptist in Dallas also gave more to missions last year than any other church in the convention, with \$470,569 reported.

Of the 15 churches giving more than \$500,000 during the year, seven were in Texas, two in Georgia and Louisiana,

and one each in Florida, Alabama, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

Seven churches in Texas reported property value over \$3 million; two in Louisiana, and one each in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

In total gifts, four churches in Texas—two in Dallas, one in Houston and in Amarillo—headed the list.

On the list of churches with property value over \$3 million, the First Baptist Churches of New Orleans and Shreveport, La., ranked second and third behind the Dallas church.

Other top ranking churches with property value of more than \$3 million were Park Cities in Dallas, fifth; First Baptist in Lubbock, sixth, Travis Avenue of Fort Worth, seventh; Bellevue in Memphis, eighth; South Main in Houston, ninth; First Baptist of Midland, Texas, tenth; Myers Park in Charlotte, N. C., eleventh, Broadway in Fort Worth,, twelfth; and First Baptist in Columbia, S. C., thirteenth.

Listed in order by total receipts were the following churches:

	Property		Missions (rank)*	Value (rank)
	Total Gifts	Value (rank)		
(1) First Baptist, Dallas	\$1,588,099	\$ 470,569	(1)	\$7,000,000 (1)
(2) First, Amarillo	862,508	344,722	(4)	2,639,543
(3) Park Cities, Dallas	812,565	430,834	(2)	4,173,439 (5)
(4) South Main, Houston	761,221	246,146	(7)	3,245,477 (9)
(5) Second Ponce De Leon, Atlanta	715,514	355,641	(3)	2,700,000
(6) Mid City, New Orleans	696,524	249,074	(6)	4,500,000 (2)
(7) First, Shreveport	628,411	104,017	(13)	4,412,847 (3)
(8) First, Tampa	610,714	49,570	(15)	2,080,000
(9) First, Lubbock (Texas)	586,213	175,887	(9)	3,554,962 (6)
(10) First, Atlanta	572,802	117,954	(12)	4,200,000 (4)
(11) Southside, Birmingham	568,389	299,571	(5)	1,759,371
(12) First, Tulsa	567,495	180,305	(8)	2,855,207
(13) First, San Antonio	553,305	96,442	(14)	2,556,000
(14) Bellevue, Memphis	525,953	118,209	(11)	3,344,000 (8)
(15) Broadway, Fort Worth	523,209	154,395	(10)	3,066,902 (12)

\* NOTE: The "rank" listed under the missions is based only on the churches listed as giving more than \$500,000 in TOTAL contributions. There is a possibility that some churches which did not give more than \$500,000 in total contributions might have given more to missions than churches on the list.

### Let Us Re-examine Our Christian Educational Program and Policies

by A. Dalton Leath

Will a multimillion dollar loan solve the problems confronting Kentucky Baptists in our Christian Educational Program? The decision to borrow a large amount of money to be used for capital needs by our colleges is not the most important issue before Kentucky Baptists. We need to adopt policies and a program that will be in keeping with our ability and willingness to finance such a program.

Our Baptist leaders decided over three years ago that it would take nine million dollars to meet the pressing need for capital funds by our Baptist institutions. Even if our four Baptist colleges received all of this amount, it would not go far in providing new buildings and equipment. Our colleges are already crowded. All available information indicates that most all college enrollments will continue to increase. If we continue our policy of unlimited enrollment, it will not be many years until we shall be faced with the need to secure another multimillion dollar loan for the capital needs of our colleges. We need to determine just how many students we can adequately provide for in our schools and hold our enrollment at that number until we have the money to provide for a larger enrollment.

As we make plans to provide money for new buildings and equipment for our colleges, we need also to face the fact that increased help in the operational costs of our colleges is long overdue. New buildings that have to be staffed and maintained will necessitate greater costs in operation. It is reported that approximately ten percent of the operational budget of our colleges come from our Baptist Convention. Our Baptist College leaders should not have to devote so much of their time, energy and thought to raising money to operate our schools. We should not force them to the status of beggars for Christian Education. We should provide for the major cost of operating our schools.

Facing the need for providing money for the cost of operating our colleges with efficiency and dignity will bring to the forefront another major problem which we should resolve before we burden our Convention with the multimillion dollar debt. How many senior colleges do Kentucky Baptists need? How many can we support with adequate finances? Is there any basis for believing that Kentucky Baptists can, or will, ever provide sufficient funds for

four senior colleges to keep their academic standing on par with other good colleges. If we keep our present number of schools will we not ultimately have to decide whether we shall conduct a second rate Christian Educational Program, or channel more and more of our Cooperative Program dollars into our colleges, or turn to the federal government for aid? If we were just big enough to place our Christian Educational Program above our personal sentiment for, and our loyalty to, our favorite College, we could then concentrate on building one strong senior college and possibly one or two junior colleges. I believe Kentucky Baptists, as a whole, would appreciate such a move and respond with gifts that would help us avoid going so deeply in debt, and which would keep us from sacrificing one of the major tenets of our faith.

Kentucky Baptists, as a whole, are not children. Surely we have matured to the point that we can lay aside our personal feelings and adopt an educational program that is in keeping with our financial ability, the needs of our youth, and which will preserve the dignity of our Baptist Heritage.

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**Baptist Forum**  
 (Continued from Page 5)  
 requisites to church membership: (1) public profession of faith, (2) time lapse before baptism during which the candidate was under the watchcare of the church, (3) a public testimony as to the individual's experience of grace and desire to live for Christ, in a (4) baptism. Could it be that we tend to leave out points 2 and 3 because of the involved responsibility of church leadership as well as the tendency of some candidates to shy away and not follow through with their decision? Are we as concerned about having a regenerate membership as we are in reporting an increase in baptisms to the Association? It could be that a little old-fashioned church polity would help our situation.

3. I wonder if it is wise to continue to baptize Beginners, Primaries, and some Juniors without serious instruction and counsel prior to their baptism? Can these this young really have an understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus? For example, can one be saved without repenting of his sins? Can one repent if he does not know what sin is? Shall we dare to search the Scriptures to find how many children were numbered among the disciples of Jesus? Perhaps it would be of help if we re-examined our own policy of infant baptism.

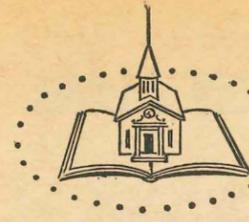
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4. I wonder if it is wise to continue to ignore the teaching of the Scriptures concerning church discipline? Unfortunately, the only thing that separates some who are in the church from those outside the church is a bit of ink upon some church book. Shall this continue to be true without serious concern on the part of the church? Can you imagine an athletic team without discipline, a school system without discipline, a military band without discipline, etc? Perhaps this in itself indicates the seriousness of the situation we are in because we have refused to follow the teachings of the Scriptures concerning constructive discipline.

Perhaps we can glibly say, "We as Baptists follow the Scriptures more closely than any other denomination," as long as we know neither ourselves nor the Scriptures, but I doubt that we can continue forever ignoring the reality of an unregenerate church membership. Campbellsville, Ky. Robert L. Richardson

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



### GOD IS HOLY

(This Lesson for Sunday, January 16, 1966)

With this lesson we begin a unit of four dealing with some of the basic Christian beliefs about God. God is a person. He has the elements of personality: intellect, or the power of thinking; sensibility, or the power of feeling; and volition, or the power of willing. Only a person can think, feel, and will. God has various attributes, both natural and moral. By an attribute is meant an essential, distinguishing, and permanent characteristic or quality which is inseparable from His very nature or inheres in the divine essence.

Today's lesson deals with His moral attribute of holiness. When we say that God is holy we mean that He is entirely free from all defilement. There is not a trace of any evil in Him. When He revealed Himself to men, the one thing which stood out most prominently about God was His perfect holiness, which He manifested in His hatred of sin and in His great delight with righteousness.

**I Chronicles 29:10-13.**

David, king of Israel, had been very anxious to build a temple, which would honor God and serve as a center of worship for the people of his nation, but he discovered that it was not God's will for him to do so, inasmuch as he had been a man of war and bloodshed. This great achievement was to take place under the supervision of his son and successor, Solomon, who was a man of peace. Greatly disappointed at not being permitted to erect the temple himself, David did everything possible to lay the groundwork for this great project by securing an imposing site, assembling the necessary materials, instructing and encouraging Solomon, and urging the princes of Israel to give Solomon all the support possible in this worthy endeavor. He reminded the people that God had been exceedingly gracious to them, having delivered them from their enemies, and having continued to be with them.

After David had enumerated some of God's blessings upon his people, which certainly called for their gratitude, he gave Solomon some timely exhortations as to how he should live and conduct himself as the king of Israel, and challenged the people to do their very best

in supporting him. As he reviewed the events of his own reign, he realized fully that each of his triumphs had been through the blessing of God, and he wanted to give Him the praise and glory for all that had been accomplished under his supervision. He ascribed to God all the praise that he knew how to express for His greatness and power which He had demonstrated to him and his people in so many ways. He acknowledged that God had sole dominion over all creatures and the sovereignty to dispose of all things according to His perfect will and purpose. He was so thankful that God, Who was so much above and beyond them, had so mercifully and graciously bestowed so many great and wonderful blessings upon them. The realization of the presence of God and the demonstration of His power should cause every child of God to praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

**Revelation 4:8-11.**

John's vision of the distant future, with God sitting on the throne in heaven, reminds us of the vision which Isaiah received in the temple, which made an indelible impression on him and completely transformed his life and work. He saw the Lord "sitting upon a throne" reigning in majesty and glory. Isaiah also observed some celestial beings standing near the Lord's throne, full of swift energy, blazing with enthusiasm, and glowing with fervent love. Their cry, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory," was accompanied by a remarkable demonstration of divine power.

In his vision John saw four living creatures near the throne of God praising Him and giving Him the glory and honor which He rightfully deserved. Each of these beings, which John saw, also had six wings. With two of their wings they could cover their faces when overwhelmed by a sense of awe and reverence. With two wings they could cover their feet, signifying their keen sense of their sinfulness and unworthiness. With the other two they could

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signify their readiness and willingness to render swift and unquestioning obedience to the Lord. Both day and night they engage in praising the Lord and extolling His holiness. They praise Him not only because He is holy, but also because He is eternal. God is worthy to receive the ascription of glory and honor from every one of His creatures.

**Romans 11:33-36.**

These verses constitute the conclusion of the doctrinal part of this epistle, and they are related to what has been said in the preceding chapters as to the doctrine of salvation by Christ and justification through Him. The riches of His grace and wisdom and knowledge are unfathomable. His actions throughout the history of the human family have been expressions of His infinite wisdom and illimitable love. Both His wisdom and His ways are beyond our comprehension and explanation, but we can fully trust Him, knowing that all that He does is dictated by holy love. The thoughts, intentions, and purposes of God could not have been known if He had not revealed them. Nor can the doctrines based upon and related to them be understood and appreciated until and unless the Spirit of God reveals them to those who have spiritual discernment. All things in grace were produced by Him. They originated in His mind and will, were made available through His almighty power, and should be used to bring glory to His holy name.

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