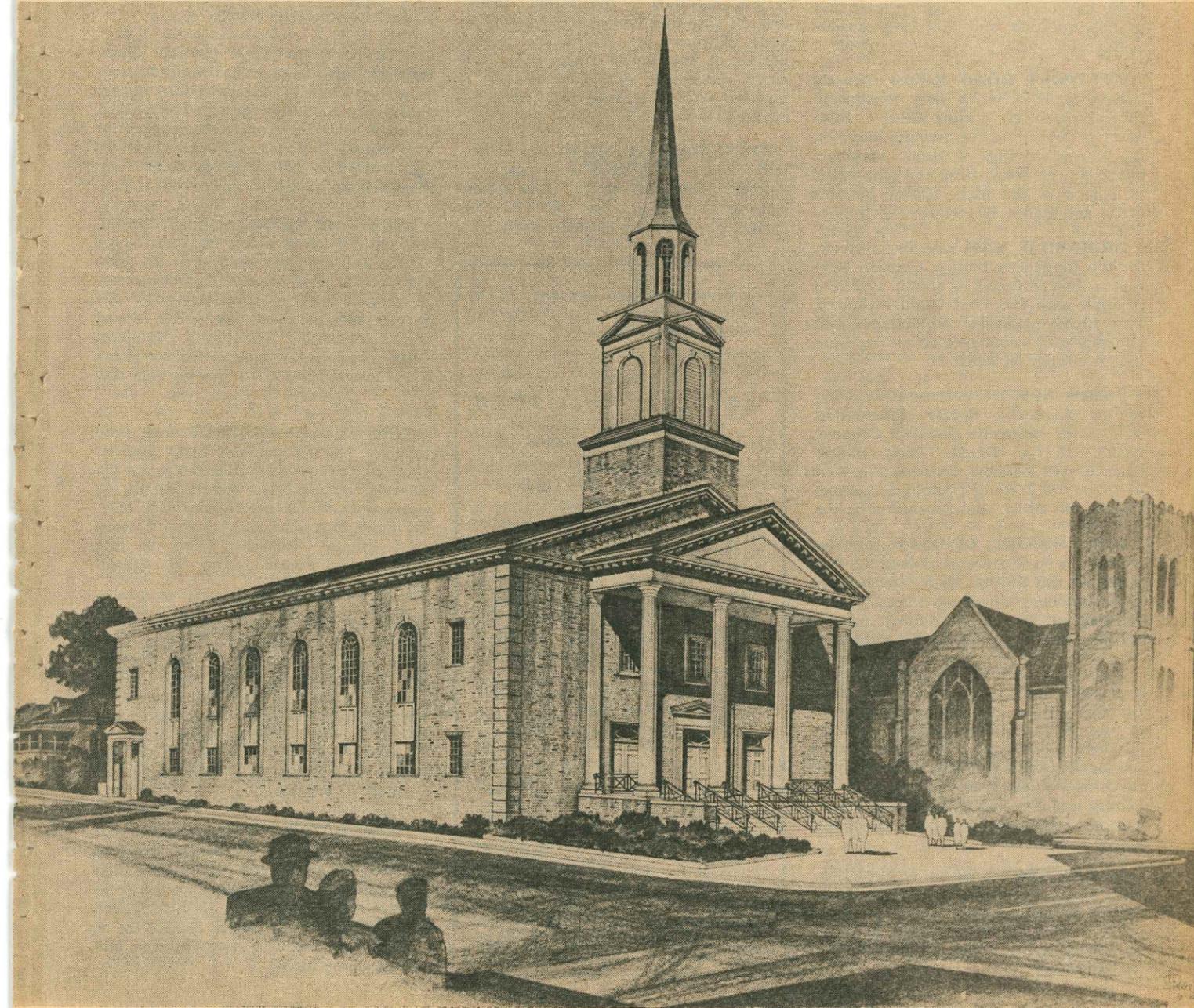




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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Lexington, will be the site of the WMU Meeting, April 5-7. See program on page 10.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

W. BRYANT HICKS, associate professor of missions and world religions at Southern Seminary, has contributed an article to the April issue of *The Baptist Student*. In "Are Missionaries Welcome?" Dr. Hicks says that because of anti-American demonstrations overseas, many people are asking furloughing missionaries if they are still welcome in the area which they serve. He says there has been some negative response to this question and discusses various reasons for this.

WESTPORT ROAD Baptist Church, Louisville, is trying a new concept in revival meetings. Pastor Glen I. Igleheart is preaching for five Sundays on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. Members of the church are visiting and witnessing in homes in the area. Dates for this effort are March 13 through April 10.

RICHARD W. HAM, minister of music for the Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, has resigned to accept a similar position with the First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He finishes four and one-half years service at the Lexington church on April 17.

JAMES AUSTIN, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, will be the evangelist and Bill Cropper, pastor of the Davids Fork Baptist Church, will lead the music in a revival at the Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, March 20-27. Bob Brown is pastor.

MISS MAXINE LINDSAY returned to Jordan in February, following furlough in the States. A Southern Baptist missionary nurse, she may be addressed at Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan. She is a native of Carrollton.

PULASKI COUNTY BAPTISTS held a crusade rally on February 28. Jack Stanton of the evangelism department of the Home Mission Board was the speaker. Additional rallies are planned for March, April and May. Stanton will serve as evangelist for a crusade in the county in June. J. N. McFadden, Greenville, S. C., will be the evangelistic singer.

M. DAN STONE, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, will attend the S.B.C. Christian Life Commission sponsored "Christianity and World Issue Seminar" at the U.N. Building in New York, March 28-30.

AN ADVANCE report on Southern Baptist vacation Bible schools held in 1965 shows gains over 1964 in both enrolment and the number of schools. The 1965 enrolment was 3,394,953 and the number of schools was 29,883. The previous year, 3,216,232 boys and girls enrolled in 29,272 schools.

C. AUBREY HEARN, editor of young people materials in the Sunday School Board's Training Union department, retired February 28. Hearn, 58, an employee of the Board since 1930, took early retirement and has assumed a position with Guaranty Bond and Securities Corp. of Nashville.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Jenkins, will observe their 53rd anniversary in August. This will be the first homecoming service in the church. Guy Deane, Jr., is pastor of the church.

LARRY O'BRIAN, a member of the Paintsville Baptist Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry in January. He is a student at Cumberland College and serves as pastor of the Saxton Baptist Church.

THE Y.W.A.'s of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, held a Sunday afternoon tea in February with the mothers and daughters of St. John's Baptist Church as guests of honor.

CALVARY BAPTIST Church, Glasgow, ordained as deacons Jimmy Musen, school teacher in Glasgow, and James Manion, a football coach in the Barren County school system. The charge to the church and deacons was given by Boyd Manion, father of James Manion. Frank Longino, Jr., is the pastor.

FIRST SOUTHERN Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona, oldest Southern Baptist church and first church in the Arizona S.B.C., will observe the 45th anniversary of the church on March 20. All former members are invited to attend the homecoming event. C. Vaughan Rock is the pastor and will observe his 30th anniversary with the church this year.

MISS NELLIE MOBERLY, long time member of the Buena Vista Baptist Church, Owensboro, died February 20. She was a teacher in the church for 60 years and actively worked in the W.M.U. To many, her name and "missions" were synonymous. Services were in the church with Pastor Archie W. Allison officiating.

MEN of the Breckinridge Association Brotherhood heard soul-winning presentations February 24 by Bill Fortner and Hollis Walker of the Beth Haven Baptist Church, Valley Station. More than 80 men attended the meeting and Pastor George R. Bausum, pastor of the Corinth Baptist Church, McQuady, stated "The challenge they brought will be long remembered."

EVERETT GRAVETT, a deacon for 27 years in the Allensville Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, died January 23. He had been song leader in his church for 39 years. He also served as treasurer and church clerk. He is survived by his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

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STATE BAPTIST PAPERS:

A Case For Editorial Freedom and Responsibility

by Purser Hewitt

AT irregular intervals, some good brother, possessed of the best of intentions, arises in our midst to propose a Convention-wide newspaper or news magazine for Southern Baptists.

As a general rule, we would favor such a program, since we believe the printed word, made available, has power, appeal, and influence unmatched by any other medium.

But too often the proposal for such an enterprise is coupled with the suggestion that the new publication take the place of our state papers. At this point we humbly, fraternally but emphatically dissent.

If proposals for a Convention-wide paper mean elimination of state papers, we're opposed to them. If such a paper were to prove even crippling or limiting in its effect on our state papers, we would be among its foes.

Many years of interested participation in denominational affairs at all levels leads the writer to the conviction that state papers are among the most effective instruments operating among Southern Baptists. Seldom have the individual papers been given the credit that is their due, and never have the publications been properly appreciated in the aggregate.

We say this with knowledge of the various credits that have been given, and the assorted praise that has been voiced concerning the work of the papers. That devoted company of God's anointed, the editors, has been lauded, but withal, inadequately. We are not saying the state papers have not been given favorable evaluation by many. We are saying that the evaluation given has not been sufficiently high.

Impressive Credentials

We say this for several reasons. While inferior to the pulpit wherein God's ordained prophet stands, the state Baptist papers are second to no other agent or agency in instructing, informing, and inspiring our people. This has been our observation through many years. This impression grows with time.

For many Baptists, the paper is their only link with the progress and program of the denomination, save for the valuable dribbles which may be soaked up from the local church bulletin.

Purser Hewitt, JACKSON-CLARION LEDGER, Jackson, Mississippi, addressed the editors in the 1965 Editors' Conference. This article is from THE QUARTERLY REVIEW, copyright by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Reprinted by permission.

The advancing circulation of the papers; the increasing interest manifest by readers; indeed, the mounting criticism of the papers; all serve to indicate the expanding place in the denominational picture of the state editor. It is at this last point, criticism of the state Baptist press, that we want to dwell.

Censure si, Censor no!

The far-reaching adjustments now taking place in the living, working, studying, and worshiping patterns in our society have given rise to questions and quarrels with which the denominational papers have had to deal.

In the process they have drawn criticism and complaint. This is inevitable and we think it healthy. We favor the freedom of the readers to praise or to censure their papers, but they have no right to censor the denominational press. Censure si, censor no!

Responsibility

The only censorship permissible is that of responsibility, exercised by the editors in their individual judgments. The editor's judgment is reinforced by his dedication to the biblical revelation, his sense of divine calling, his respect for his denominational co-workers, and his desire to serve his constituency.

It is presumed that the editor has been chosen because he has revealed to the selection committee his well-rounded and deeply grounded sense of responsibility in the essential task to which he is being called.

The editor must be responsible in his writings and must keep this requirement ever before him. It must govern his course when the alternatives open to him as a writer seem likely to awaken protests and controversy. The editor must counsel with his courage and no less with his conscience.

This sense of responsibility, exercised at all times and on all topics, is what the editor owes his readers.

Freedom

The much-heralded freedom of the press is the freedom of the people to have access to information and informed opinion, responsibly expressed.

In turn, the readers and denominational leaders owe the editor freedom to write what he, as an individual, sees and interprets among the shifting scenes and events within the denomination and in the world itself.

The state papers are strong at the point of individualism. Their diversity springs generally from their varied environment and constituency as well as from the personality of their editors.

With their fields assigned by state boundaries, editors are sensitive and responsive to their own people.

In this area editors are given, and justly so, great latitude in the form and content of their papers. By experience and observation, they learn the techniques best suited to serve their home state people.

Mutual Core of Concerns

But in the consciousness of strength in diversity, there are certain patterns into which identical responsibility falls to all the state editors. They are responsible for improving the quality of journalism practiced in their papers and by their staffs.

Strange as it may seem, elevating quality often is controversial since change is always opposed by some. But better papers will mean better service to readers and more interest by readers.

Editors are responsible for opposing without compromise injurious attacks on basic Christian doctrines. There can be no doubting this assertion. And again, the editorial sword is unsheathed always when moral principles are at stake.

These are clear-cut cases. But editors of state Baptist papers have a responsibility when the issues are not so easily identifiable, when shades of opinion are involved.

Premium on Fairness

Not always will the role of the editor be that of the persuader. Often it must be a case of reasoned and reasonable explanation. State papers, as indicated previously, are the principal source of information for most of our people. This makes the responsibility of the editor pressing indeed where there are alternative courses of action available, and disagreement as to the wisdom of the separate paths which may be followed.

In such cases, the editor is not shut off from taking sides on the issues or programs involved. But he is enjoined by his sense of responsibility from presenting only one set of arguments.

Even a casual observer of the various state papers sees strengths and weaknesses in all of them. But it would be a man of great conceit who would imagine himself capable of making arbitrary or infallible decisions as to wherein strength and weakness lies in the several papers.

Human, Yes!

It is granted that some editors are not producing the best papers of which they are capable. But there is scarcely a man in the editor's chair of a state paper who is free from other responsibilities that limit his all-out performance as a seeker and recorder of the news and the interpreter and emphaticizer of that news.

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Growing Interest in the Special Convention

Interest is mounting in the special session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention scheduled this summer for the purpose of finding additional financial help for our Baptist schools. This special session must be held by the middle of July and apparently will be called for in June, and most likely in the last half of June.

So far there is no indication what will be recommended by the Executive Board to the Convention. The board will consider suggestions from its own Christian Education Committee on May 3 and subsequently will publicize widely its recommendations to be considered at the special convention.

A widespread interest in this convention is a good thing but it would be unfortunate if this interest degenerates into emotional frenzy such as was so evident at Elizabethtown in 1958 when far reaching educational proposals for Kentucky Baptists were recommended. Under such conditions we generally compound our problems instead of moving toward a solution.

Especially unfortunate would be any development that would give the appearance that in Kentucky we have some who are friends and others who are enemies of Christian education. To be sure there are some stronger than others for our schools but there are indeed few who are against our schools. The debate will be in the matters of how much we can do and how it ought to be done.

There will be those champions of our schools who will want to go all out feeling the schools are not now receiving a fair share of our denominational income. Others feel we are now giving a fair share of our budget to Christian education but that the six-way split leaves rather thin slices for each school. They think it is a little unfair to compare what Kentucky Baptists are doing for each of their four senior colleges with what comparable size or larger Baptist states like Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Virginia, Florida and South Carolina are doing for their one senior college. It is understandable how one senior college in a state could expect more than each of four senior colleges in one state could expect.

Considerable concern is being expressed over the idea heard last November that \$6 million be borrowed by the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the schools. This would be repaid by the Convention and would require about a half million dollars a year for twenty

years. Unless this one-half million would be given over and above the present income, the rest of the work of the convention would be frozen for the foreseeable future.

There is no doubt something needs to be done and must be done for our schools. The spirit of last year's convention which set the special session would seem to say there is a mind to do something. While it is hoped we will do something worthy, there is little reason to believe that we will do too much. At least, Kentucky Baptists have never done too much financially for their schools.

There's also reason to believe foresight and wisdom will prevail in the final decision and that what is done for our schools will be done in light of everything else to which we are committed as Kentucky Baptists. There is greater assurance of this because the recommendations of a wise executive board will be further examined, discussed and finally decided on by the convention.

Conviction In Action

The greatest need of our day in Christianity is to put into practice what we say we believe. It is to let our claimed convictions be seen in all of our life's activities. In short, it is to be Christian as well as to participate in religious activities.

It is not enough to be a church member. It is not enough to be regular in worship and active in church life. It is not even enough to tithe and to come to Training Union and prayer meeting. All of this is inside the church which is important, but the real test of one's religion is what he does outside the church. Almost everyone has some special ability or capacity with which he can serve the Lord in the world. Not many have the opportunity to do something spectacular enough to gain public attention, but even a cup of cold water in the name of the Lord gets His attention.

An excellent example of how one puts his faith into action is the plan of Dr. Donald Chatham of Shelbyville who will be leaving in a few days to spend a month ministering in the Baptist Medical Center at Nalerigu, Ghana. Dr. Chatham will not only be giving up a month's income, which in the case of a doctor is considerable, but will pay his own expenses to Ghana.

How this doctor came to respond to the invitation to give a month to medical missionary services is interesting and rewarding. He relates that he heard Dr. Bryant Hicks, a former missionary now teaching

at Southern Seminary, speak in the Shelbyville Church on "personal involvement" in missions and was so impressed that when the invitation to go to Ghana came, he could think of no reason for refusing to go.

Going because of no reason not to go is a little switch from the more prevalent idea of going because of feeling a special call. An existing need and no

strong reason not to respond may be a special call and at least ought to be call enough for any of us.

Not all of us are doctors and can go to Ghana. Nor is this necessary. The job where we work is a mission field, so is the school we attend, the civic club we belong to and anywhere else we find ourselves. We can "brighten the corner where we are" and this is our task as disciples.

BAPTIST FORUM



More on McCall Article

Dear Editor:

In an article published in the *Western Recorder* of January 27, Dr. Duke McCall claims that both sides of the "religion-in-school" controversy have overstated their cases. However, in presenting his views he perhaps is far more prone to overstatement than those whom he accuses.

Perhaps he has missed the meaning of the word "voluntary." Although New York schools are not officially allowed to "voluntarily" set aside time for the observance of school-prescribed religious practices, they certainly are not enjoined to prohibit the students from "voluntarily" bowing their heads and saying grace over their food. The schools certainly are not enjoined to prohibit a youngster from "voluntarily" reading his Bible (provided he is breaking no study rules, etc.); nor are they enjoined to prohibit the "voluntary" discussion of religious subjects in private conversations, among either faculty or study groups.

Dr. McCall further states that the Supreme Court has left open the possibility that school curricula can include "teaching about religion as one of the phenomena of life." By this statement he seems to mean that in curriculum areas such as history, sociology, literature, etc., religious influence can and should be pointed out where it bears on the study, just as should be any other influence. Surely no serious student would argue with this premise. And, at least to an extent, this has been done.

However, if he is inferring that in public schools there should be in depth studies of religion, which studies would have to include studies of denominations as well as religions other than Christianity, he is treading on dangerous ground. There are at least four reasons why this is so: (1) The students are far too immature to tackle a completely objective study of religion. Convictions which have been carefully nurtured by parents for years could be destroyed or

seriously warped overnight by unsympathetic teachers or fellow classmates, particularly if the youngster involved is in a distinct minority as far as his convictions are concerned.

(2) It would be virtually impossible to procure teachers adequately trained for such study. Indeed few teachers are, or can be, equipped to even define the true impact of religion on a given situation or set of facts, whether in history, science, or any other area. This partly introduces the next reason: (3) Personal bias or prejudice would almost certainly overshadow the teacher's presentation of material and direction of discussion pertaining to it. In fact, if the teacher should be an atheist, he could well have as a major goal the complete discounting of any element of truth or importance in the matter of religion.

(4) Such a situation would place the state in the role of religious instructor when this responsibility belongs to home and church only. Dr. McCall is right in asserting that religious influences should be noted as a teacher handles his subject; but, the religious aspect should be presented in only the most general way. The very nature of religion makes it too personal a matter to be handled objectively in a public school.

If a sell-out to the "God is dead" philosophy ever occurs, as Dr. McCall seems to fear, it will not occur as a result of the influences of the public school. Rather, it will be due to the weakness of church and home, the institutions which God holds directly responsible for the propagation of the faith. In these God-ordained institutions the child must be taught the lessons which will cause him to be what he should be in the eyes of God.

Letters of 250 words or less on issues of concern to Baptists are solicited. Letters should deal with issues and not personalities and must be signed though writers' names may be withheld from publication upon request. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters.

The deeper the wedge is driven between church and state, the greater is the possibility that each will survive and be healthy. Let the state fulfill its obligation in the matter of teaching the youngster . . . and let the parent do the same.

Ashland, Ky. James L. Clark

Editorial Is Shocking

Dear Editor:

Your editorial in this week's *Western Recorder* is shocking! It seems to have been written with malice and the intent to belittle Dr. Duke McCall's position on certain Supreme Court decisions.

The fact that Mr. Barry Garrett's office overlooks the Supreme Court Building and that he is a staff member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs hardly qualifies him as an authority on Supreme Court decisions. You must be aware that throughout this great land of ours there are many learned men in the field of law who question the legality of many decisions handed down by our politically appointed Supreme Court justices.

In your editorial you state "There is a great need to encourage respect for the Supreme Court and government in general rather than promote disrespect and distrust." It is my opinion that the men and women who occupy the high offices of our Government should "earn" our respect. Many in Government do not deserve our respect. Decisions made by the Supreme Court in favor of those who embrace a materialistic philosophy cause me to encourage disrespect . . . yes, even distrust.

Prayerfully I would suggest that you become aware of the goals of the Communist party here in the United States. Study their methods of reaching those goals.

Let us pray that we may continue to be permitted to "openly" confess our Lord in this beloved country of ours. Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Roba Yarbro

A More Basic Objection

Dear Editor:

I have enjoyed the debate about Federal Aid as it has been related in the *Western Recorder* by such scholars as Dr. Wayne E. Ward and Brother John E. Huss.

But it appears to me that one of the (Continued on Page 12)

Practice on Race Behind Statements: Scudder

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptists have made great progress in pronouncements regarding a Christian view of race relations, but the denomination's practice is entirely too far behind its pronouncements, a Baptist seminary professor said here.

C. W. Scudder, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, made the statement in a paper presented to the Advisory Council of Southern Baptists for Work with Negroes during a recent meeting here.

"Our pronouncements usually make the headlines, but our people seem to be satisfied just to sit and listen and do nothing about what they hear," said Scudder.

"Southern Baptists have been called activists, . . . but in dealing with the race problem, we continue to be reactionists," he stated.

The seminary professor added, however, that the denomination is changing from a sectional to a national denomination, and that many Southern Baptist churches have Negro members as well as those of other races.

"We are no longer a completely white denomination, if we ever were, and many of our people won the victory long ago over their racial prejudice," he said.

Scudder said he did not believe people would ever be ready to welcome Negroes into their church as members until they are ready to welcome them into the neighborhood as neighbors.

"Until we are ready to accept Negroes as friends and neighbors, I doubt that any sincere Negro wants to be in a church with us," he said.

The ethics professor said he believed that the next generation of Christians will solve the segregation problem in some church, and that much hope for solving the problem lies with the young people of our day.

"They believe that the church should be a living, dynamic demonstration of what it really means to be a Christian. I do not believe that they are going to settle for a lesser kind of Christianity even if they have to go outside the church to find it," he said. "It is my hope that they will not have to leave our churches to find consistency in their lives."

Scudder said that young people today are attending college with Negroes and count them as friends. "They are really wondering about churches that will not permit them to worship with their friends of other races."

The seminarian said he believes the time is past for Southern Baptists to

project a paternalistic-type ministry with Negroes. Such programs, he said, might further isolate the younger generation of Negroes as well as the younger generation of Southern Baptists.

In another address to the council, Professor G. Willis Bennett at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., said that many Baptist churches try to run away from the problem of integration by moving the church to another location.

"Southern Baptist churches in racially changing neighborhoods may move out for numerous reasons," he said, "but the number one reason usually evident is that the church wants to go 'where our kind of people live'."

Bennett, also an ethics professor, said that it is not enough for a church to write off its responsibility for ministering to Negro people by saying, "Let the Negro churches reach them."

Bennett, who made a recent study on churches/ministries in racially changing neighborhoods, said that Baptists cannot remain uninvolved but must recog-



W. HOWARD BRAMLETTE (seated), who will be visiting director of training for the 1966 missionary journeymen of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, looks at pictures of current journeymen with Louis R. Cobbs, coordinator of the program. Bramlette is a consultant in the student department of the Sunday School Board; Cobbs is an associate secretary in the FMB's department of missionary personnel. Journeymen are single college graduates, under the age of 27, employed to do specific jobs overseas for two years.

nize their responsibility to reach the Negro with the gospel message.

The two-day meeting of the advisory council, composed of representatives from various Southern Baptist Convention agencies which have done some kind of ministry to Negroes, was held at the Southern Baptist Convention Building here.

Pastors' Conference Program Set

NASHVILLE (BP)—The program for the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference meeting in Detroit, Mich., May 23-24 will feature messages by fourteen Baptist ministers, two seminary professors, and a radio news commentator.

The program outline was released here by the president of the Pastor's Conference, James E. Coggin, pastor of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

More than 10,000 Baptists are expected to attend the annual preaching-emphasis meeting held just before the Southern Baptist Convention, May 24-27.

News Commentator Paul Harvey of the American Broadcasting Co., will deliver a major address during the Monday night session, May 23, when the biggest crowds are expected.

Other speakers for the only evening session of the two-day Pastors' Conference are Carl Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and Roy O. McClain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta.

Closing message for the meeting will be delivered by R. G. Lee, 80-year-old retired pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., who speaks almost every year at the Pastors' Conference.

The pastor of the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Criswell of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, will deliver a major address entitled "Preaching the Gospel Behind the Iron Curtain" at the close of the Tuesday morning session, May 24.

Four former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention will address the pastors.

In addition to Lee, they are: Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City; Ramsey Polard, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis; and J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans.

The two seminary professors slated to bring messages are Clark Pinnock, professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans; and Roy Fish, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

The immediate past president of the Pastors' Conference, Jess Moody of

West Palm Beach, Fla., will speak during the closing session preceding Fish and Lee. Moody is pastor of the First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach.

The Pastors' Conference will open Monday morning, May 23 with messages by C. A. Roberts, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

Federal Aid Proposed For Foster Children

WASHINGTON (BP)—Federal financial assistance for children in foster homes and child care institutions would be provided under several pieces of legislation introduced in the United States Senate.

Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D., N. J.), introduced a bill which would provide a grant program to states for furnishing aid and services for children under foster care. Many persons in Baptist children's homes would be eligible for such aid.

Earlier Sen. Joseph M. Montoya (D., N. M.), introduced legislation to provide per pupil aid to school districts which are educating children who are in child care institutions.

Montoya's proposal would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which now provides per pupil grants to local school districts for children from low-income families.

He would include financial assistance for the education of "orphans and other children lacking parental support" who are in public and private institutions or in foster homes.

The New Mexico senator cited the Portales Municipal School District which "is responsible for the education of some 150 youngsters living in two facilities for orphaned and dependent children there." These youngsters should be included in payments under the education act, he said.

The Baptist Children's Home of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico is located at Portales.

Sen. Williams said that failure to make some federal provision for foster care programs places the burden "on state and local governments and voluntary organizations supported by charitable contributions."

His bill would provide grants similar to the federal aid now given to dependent children. It would include children in foster family homes and in child care institutions.

The federal share for children in foster family homes would equal 50 per cent of the amount provided by the state. This would include expenditures for insurance premiums for or the cost of medical or other type of remedial care.

The federal share as aid to children

under foster care in child care institutions, public and nonprofit private, would equal 100 per cent of the total amount provided by the state.

In addition the bill would provide funds for services for the child's welfare and for the training of personnel for such services.

Baptist Woman's Meeting To Consider World Crisis

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention will feature five messages on the effect of world crises on Baptist missions efforts.

The annual Woman's Mission Union Convention will be held May 23-24 in Detroit, Mich., just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, May 24-27.

Five major speakers will discuss the effect on Baptist mission efforts of crises in America, Rhodesia, Viet Nam, Cuba and Panama, and Indonesia.

The speakers are:

—William H. Dyal, director of organization of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville, speaking on "World Crises: The Hour of Opportunity in America," Monday morning, May 23;

—Miss Mary Brooner, a native of Kansas and a Southern Baptist missionary to Gatooma, Rhodesia, speaking on "World Crises: The Hour of Opportunity in Rhodesia," Monday afternoon, May 23;

—Robert C. Davis of Athens, Tex., missionary to Viet Nam, speaking on "World Crises: The Hour of Opportunity in Viet Nam," Monday evening, May 23;

—Mrs. Douglas Pringle, Baptist Home Mission Board missionary to Panama, speaking on World Crises: The Hour of Opportunity in Cuba and Panama," Tuesday morning, May 24;

—Miss Catherine Walker of Bradenton, Fla., missionary to Indonesia, speaking on "World Crises: The Hour of Opportunity in Indonesia," Tuesday afternoon, May 24.

The two-day convention, expected to attract about 7,000 Baptist women to Detroit, will close Tuesday afternoon, May 24, with a message on "Who Is My Neighbor," by Kenneth L. Chafin, Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

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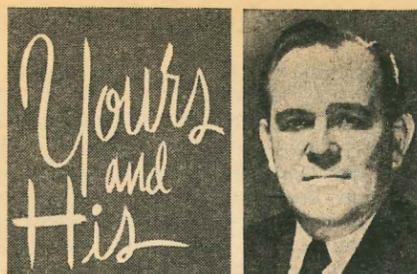
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He made us in His likeness;
"Co-laborers with Him",
We shall not fail.
Through Him who came to do
His Father's business
Shall ever flow the strength
That ever must prevail.

"I BELIEVE"

"I BELIEVE our denomination is bound together by a force strong enough to overcome our individual independence, our fears of a hierarchy, our determination not to become a part of an organization machine. . . . Our great need is to pull together as one great team for the Cooperative Program. As individuals and as churches we must utilize the methods and plans available. We must do it with faith and enthusiasm. We must do it with confidence in our leaders. We must do it in our generation for the next generation. We must do it to carry out the Great Commission as he has charged us to do. We must do it for Jesus' sake.

I BELIEVE in missions—some talking and some sending but all working together and agreeing: 'How shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach except they be sent?' (Romans 10:14-15) This is the moving spirit of our Denomination."

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, WMU, SBC

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY

Sunday, April 17, is the new Cooperative Program Day throughout the Convention. Make much of it. Plan for it. Save your fine materials for sharing in bulletin, assembly and sermon. Relate it to your church budget—to your testimony of Christian togetherness.

Harold G. Sanders

Corbin Central Baptist Calls Minister of Education

George Casey has been called by the Central Baptist Church, Corbin, as minister of education. He assumes his duties about the first of April.

A native of Texas, Casey spent much of his life in Indiana and graduated from a college there. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary with the master in religious education degree. He has been serving a church in California.

Mrs. Casey holds a master's degree in music. They have two children.

Raymond Lawrence is pastor at Central and Bill Johnson is minister of music.

Dr. Donald Chatham to Serve a Month In Ghana

Dr. Donald Chatham, a Baptist physician in Shelbyville, will spend the month of April in Ghana serving at the Baptist Medical Center in Nalerigu. The invitation to Ghana was extended to Dr. Chatham by Dr. George Faile of the Baptist Medical Center. Dr. Faile will spend the month in Nigeria.

Dr. Chatham has been active in many areas of Kentucky Baptist work as well as in the First Baptist Church of Shelbyville. His work in Baptist Brotherhood has been especially outstanding.



DR. DAVID A. NELSON, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Owensboro, and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, attended the banquet given for trustees of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Nelson is one of 25 trustees representing 21 states. He is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Southern.

His wife, Mrs. Betty Jean Chatham, participated in the New Life Campaign in Japan.

The month of service of Dr. Chatham in Ghana has the approval of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board but he will make the trip at his own expense. Of the project, Dr. Chatham says, "I know that in that short period of time I can't 'make a dent' in the medical needs but I can show George Faile that I'm interested and perhaps my relieving him will let him return refreshed and rested to continue his work."

Campbellsville Professor Visits Ohio State University

Paul G. Horner, professor of Bible at Campbellsville College, was the speaker at the annual Baptist Student Union banquet at Ohio State University, Columbus, during February.

Approximately 100 were present, including a number of pastors in the immediate area.

Three members of the cast of the Mikado, musical comedy troupe from O.S.U. Chorus, gave a half-hour concert of secular and sacred numbers before Dr. Horner spoke.

Joe Pool, former Kentucky pastor is now BSU director. Charles Naylor, formerly of Campbellsville, is serving his second term as BSU president.

Pastor Marks First Year At Franklin

Randall Green, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Franklin, observed his first anniversary as pastor on March 6 by preaching a sermon on "The State of the Church." He evaluated the past year and analyzed the needs of the church at present.

The service was climaxed by a public dedication service in which many responded.

Pastor Green reports a good response to this type of service and many have indicated a desire for it each year.

During the past year, one of the missions of the church has been constituted into a church. There have been 72 baptisms and 51 additions by letter with a 15% increase in gifts.

Latonia Baptist Calls Russell Bennett

Dr. Frank Russell Bennett, Jr., has been called as pastor of the Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, and will begin his ministry on March 27. Bennett will succeed Thomas Hicks Shelton who is now serving as secretary of evangelism for Kentucky Baptist Convention.



Dr. Bennett

he has received the B.D., the Th.M. and the D.R.E. degrees.

The experience of Bennett includes serving as associate pastor of the Victory Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, Russellville; associate pastor of Bedford Baptist Church; pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Trimble County; and pastor of the Campbellsville Baptist Church since 1959. He also taught at Trimble County High School, where he directed the chorus and coached debate.

For his doctoral thesis Bennett made a theological study of Baptist associationalism. He has led conferences for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the Home Mission Board and has served as special lecturer at Southern, Southwestern and Midwestern Seminaries.

Mrs. Bennett is the former Mary Virginia Pierce of Louisville whom he met while serving at Victory Memorial

Baptist Church. The Bennetts have two daughters: Beth Layne, age 7, and Lori Ann, age 4.

Invitation To Be Missionary For a Month

An invitation has been extended by Orvil W. Reid, missionary in Mexico, to ". . . 30 consecrated Baptists from all over the United States to serve as 'foreign missionaries' for a month, July 21 to August 21, in Guadalajara, Mexico."

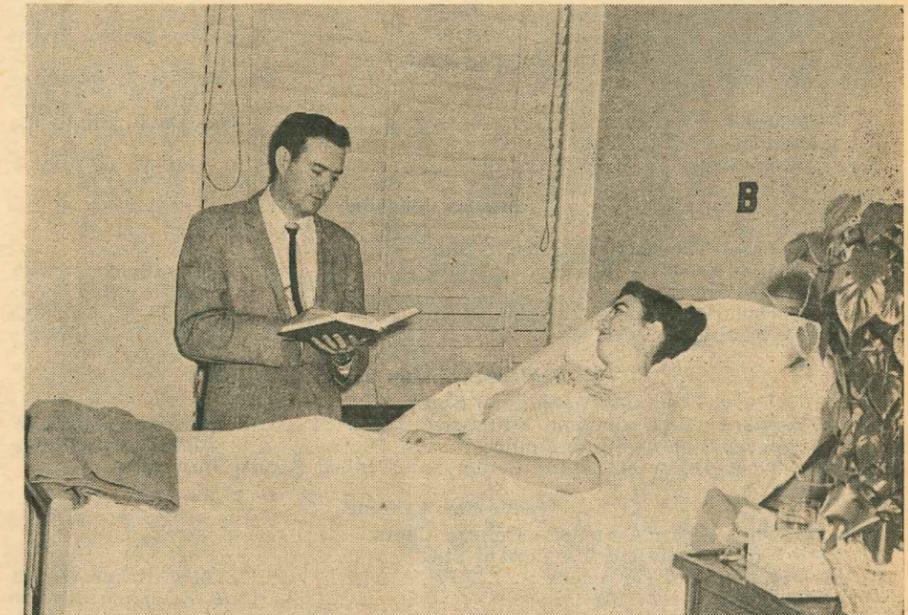
Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America for the Foreign Mission

Board of the SBC says, "We shall be watching and praying to see just how 'Operation Guadalajara' comes out."

Workers are needed, 16 years of age and older, who can read and speak enough Spanish so as to be useful in Vacation Bible Schools. Each individual will be expected to pay his own expenses.

Room and board in one of the Student Home Buildings will be \$50 per month.

If interested write: Orvil W. Reid, Apartado 1436, Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico. Telephone number is 5-8071.



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This year many Kentucky Baptist Churches will observe Cooperative Program Sunday on April 17. I hope that you will observe this day in your church and tell all your members about me. I not only provide hospitals—I reach into all the world. In a hundred ways I cause a tired world to look up into the face of God, and remember that life can be abundant. I am the Cooperative Program.

OBSERVE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY APRIL 17

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

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Theme: "Sing of Our Redeemer"

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7:15 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
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Welcome . . . Mr. William K. Simmons
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Response . . . Mrs. David Smith Jr.
Meet the Stulls of Peru
"Witnessing . . . NOW" . . . Mrs. R. L. Mathis

Wednesday Morning

- 9:15 Prelude
9:30 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"Proclaim Our Redeemer . . . NOW" . . . Miss Bertha Smith
Call to Prayer . . . Miss Anne Davis
"Be Thou My Vision" . . . Mrs. D. M. Aldridge
"Witnessing . . . NOW" . . . Mrs. R. L. Mathis

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"Kentucky Proclaims and Witnesses" . . . Staff, Kentucky WMU
"Proclamation in the Philippines" . . . Mrs. Howard Olive
Open House at Baptist Center and Central Baptist Hospital

Wednesday Evening

- 6:45 Worship with Georgetown College Choir
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"Proclaim Our Redeemer . . . NOW" . . . Miss Bertha Smith
"Proclamation in USA" . . . Dr. Armando Silverio

Thursday Morning

- 9:15 Organ Prelude
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"Proclaim Our Redeemer . . . NOW" . . . Miss Bertha Smith
"Proclamation in Peru" . . . Mrs. F. David Stull
Call to Prayer . . . Mrs. I. N. Patterson
"Proclamation in Nigeria" . . . Dr. I. N. Patterson
Business
"World Proclamation" . . . Dr. Eugene L. Hill
Benediction

NOTE: The song leader for the convention will be Mr. Ira C. Prosser. Special Music will be in charge of Mrs. Jack Fife. The organist will be Mrs. Eleanor Knox. There will be conferences for all organizations on Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 o'clock.



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At Inter-Agency Emphasis of
Stewardship Foundation Conference
by James C. Austin

All those invited to attend the Inter-Agency Emphasis (Banquet) of the Stewardship-Foundation Conference at Cedarmore, March 29 will be richly rewarded by hearing three nationally prominent speakers. Their topics are relevant to the most outstanding issue in Kentucky Baptist life today—financing Christian education and other institutional ministries.



Edmunds

Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds, President of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida will speak on "How to Get the Most Out of Your Board Members."

In 1950 he gained national recognition for his writing and addresses setting forth the financial plight of small, private church-related colleges. Dr. Manning M. Pattillo, Director, Commission on Church Colleges



Pattillo



Henry

and Universities, the Danforth Foundation will speak on "How to Merit and Obtain Foundation and Corporation Support. Dr. Pattillo taught in the field of higher education at the University of Chicago, 1949-56. From 1956 to 1962 he served as Director for Education, Lilly Endowment, Inc., a philanthropic foundation interested especially in higher education.

Dr. Pattillo is the author of a comprehensive study of church higher education in this country.

Dr. Augie Henry, Executive Secre-

tary-Treasurer, The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, will speak on, "Our Brightest Hope for the Continuance of our Institutions."

He has served as: President of the Oklahoma Convention, on the Home Mission Board, and on the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University. Dr. Henry was President of Association of Baptist Foundation Executives, 1953-54.

Baptist Student Union

B.S.U. And The Community College

by Dan Yeary

Kentucky's far-sighted educators are keeping pace with the state's growing student populous through the establishment of branch systems known as "Community Colleges."

Kentucky's eight Community Colleges serve approximately 4,000 students of which over 1,500 are Baptists. With the potential establishment of four new Community Colleges by the Fall of 1966, the number of Baptist Community College students points to well over 2,000. This figure represents one of the largest Baptist student constituencies in the state of Kentucky.

During the Fall of 1965, Baptist Student Unions were organized at Community Colleges in Ashland, Elizabethtown, Hopkinsville, and Somerset. This Spring, a Baptist Student Union will be organized at Prestonsburg and a new organizational structure will be established at Cumberland. Henderson Community College has pioneered an outstanding Baptist student ministry since 1961.

Volunteer leadership has been the key to successful programing on these campuses. Financial resources are provided by the local associations. The total program is directed by the State Department of Student Work.

This growing area of Community College education is providing a unique avenue of Christian witnessing totally new to our Baptist way of life. An awareness of this field of evangelistic opportunity is an absolute necessity on the part of Kentucky Baptists. We have the opportunity to provide the first Christian witness on these campuses.

Stewardship of involvement and confrontation, plus financial support, must characterize our efforts to "gain a hearing for the gospel" on these campuses.

These aggressive, exciting, young BSU's may prove to be the "catalyst on campus" that may well mean salvation in the truth-seeking academic world. For the fifteen hundred Community College Baptist students, it has been the beginning of wisdom and the first opportunity to intelligently share their faith. We cannot afford to neglect this

vital, new aspect of the Baptist Student ministry.

Sunday School

Encouraging Report On V.B.S. Clinics

by Roy Boatwright

The two State Vacation Bible School Clinics, held February 22 and 24 were well attended with more than 900 Vacation Bible School workers representing sixty-nine associations. This is the largest number of associations ever to be represented at the state clinics.

Many associations are now planning their Associational V.B.S. Clinics. Approximately three hundred associational team leaders received information and inspiration during the state clinics. It is our hope that seventy-three of the eighty-three associations will conduct clinics this year.

For your information we are listing the changes in the Vacation Bible School Standard:

(1) The requirement for each Junior and Intermediate department now reads "one worker to every nine (or less) pupils."

(2) Classes in the study of *Better Vacation Bible Schools* may be counted for two of the general faculty meetings.

(3) Completion of the textbook study classes may be counted for the two department faculty meetings.

(4) Under the section on Reports, the number of reports required is four instead of eight.

We are happy to announce that the Joint Worship Service, Part I, Record book, and additional copies of the anthem can be secured separate from the Principal's Package this year. It cost twenty-five cents per copy. This is the first time Joint Worship, Part I has been offered separately. This may benefit churches conducting one or more Mission Vacation Bible Schools.

Stewardship

An Unusual Goal

by Michael L. Speer

The Forest Park Baptist Church of Bowling Green, under the leadership of pastor Wallace Morris, has set an unusual goal for themselves.



Speer

The church has been meeting their budget of \$43,000 with little effort so they are striving to double their budget for the coming year. If the church can pledge \$86,000 and meet the pledge for the next two years, they will pay off their building debt and at

the same time increase their Cooperative Program giving for world missions.

Brother Morris said recently, "Since we began this emphasis about four weeks ago, we have felt a new spirit of determination and dedication among our people. It is already proving to be a real spiritual blessing. March 20 is our pledge day. We are confident that God will lead our people to make a worthy pledge."

Now what about our own Kentucky Baptist Convention goal. God has given Kentucky Baptists the faith to adopt the largest goal in the history of the Convention. A total budget of \$3,250,000 has been set. This seems like a tremendous amount and yet it is only a fraction of what we could do. Cooperative Program Sunday, April 17, gives us an opportunity to inspire, inform and challenge Kentucky Baptists to give even more so that our witness may be greater . . . in all the world.

Special materials are being mailed to each church to assist in observing Cooperative Program Sunday. If additional materials are needed, they may be ordered from this department.

Direct Missions

Without A Doubt

by G. R. Pendergraph

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof." This is what an unbiased pastor had to say regarding the Church Potential Survey which was held in his church. "We recently experienced a revival in which witnessing and soul-winning was done by our youth and adults in such a manner that brought the richest blessing to our church membership it has enjoyed in many years. Many of our folks said the survey opened our eyes to our potential and exposed the many oppor-

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Will We?

by Harold G. Sanders

Orrin D. Morris was speaking at First Baptist Church Princeton, March 1st in connection with the Survey and prospects for Kentucky Baptists in the Western and Southwestern Regions. He mentioned the great possibilities presented by the mushrooming of higher education, the new four state Universities, and the growing number of Community Colleges.

A listener asked: "And what will the effect be on our Baptist colleges? Will they survive? Can they compete?"

Now Orrin D. Morris is a former pastor, missionary, and is now with the Department of Survey and Special Studies with the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. But his answer would parallel that of President Mills or Carter, Harold Wainscott or Ted C. Gilbert who are so vitally concerned with the future of our Baptist schools. Listen:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."
—Jesus quoting Isaiah (Luke 4:18-19)



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Show Me

Many Baptist leaders believe that Kentucky Baptists, informed of the need, will more adequately support their Baptist schools. Others frown and say "they never have done it enough." Others say, "We are not able. We ought to take government grants and be done with it." To others, however, the voice of the Lord seems to repeat the message given to an ancient leader in the Old Testament: "Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward."

Pastors, deacons, leaders in the churches, facing the needs of Christian Education today—1966—knowing that it is a good land, but infested with giants, should pray until they bring back a "Good Report" like Caleb and Joshua of old: "Let us go up at once and possess the land, for we are well able"! Can we? Show us!

We are well able to add to the \$3 million given or pledged, the \$6 million needed today—either by increased church budget items or individual gifts.

The Baptist Forum

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most basic objections that Southern Baptists should have against Federal Aid has not been mentioned or discussed.

As you well know, the Roman Catholics are the strongest advocates of this acceptance, and when they take my money for their institutions of learning to teach false doctrines and erroneous concepts as to the Biblical revelation, I object and am strongly opposed.

I would be more concerned about this aspect than I would about Government control of our Southern Baptist institutions if we did accept this aid.

Shively, Ky. William P. Mulkins

Ky. Baptists at Work

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tunities of witnessing. It was a joyful blessing to see parents dealing with their children personally with an effort to win them to Christ. Rededications were numerous. This display for real concern for the souls of people in public was manifested by many of our congregation. Much of this dedication is prevailing after several months following our Community Survey. It is our anticipation that much of this fervor

will not die. I feel that a Church Survey will give new life to any church if it is used in a follow-up effort to reach and enlist those possibilities that have revealed. This effort has stimulated our church life in every area. Our Sunday School has experienced new zeal and is better organized in the area of visitation and witnessing."

This is the testimony of Brother R. T. Daugherty, pastor of the Williamstown Baptist Church, Williamstown. Williamstown is in an area of our state that is increasing in population and will continue to increase. However, it matters not the size of the church or community numerically speaking the people of God need to be challenged and a community survey is one of the ways of doing this.

Crash Kills Kentuckian

Mrs. Roberta Huston, wife of the late Roy Huston, pastor in Kentucky before going to Georgia, was killed in an auto accident February 12, in Georgia.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, live in Lebanon. She is survived by five children and six grandchildren also.

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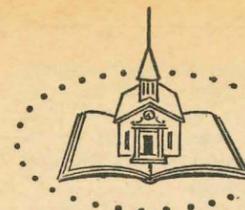
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

(This Lesson for Sunday, March 27, 1966)

(With this lesson we begin a series of three on "The Church and Its Mission.")

I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

Within the membership of the church at Corinth was a strong tendency to be attracted and influenced by the externally impressive gifts, such as clever oratory and flashes of brilliance, and to despise the genuinely spiritual gifts which were imparted by the Holy Spirit. This fact contributed greatly to the unfortunate divisions within the membership.

The Holy Spirit never bestows gifts upon Christians for the gratification and glory of the recipients, but always for the exaltation of Christ, the proclamation of the gospel, the salvation of the lost, the edification of the saved, the glory of God, and the extension of His kingdom.

In this lesson Paul uses the human body with its various members as an analogy of the church, and he deals with the relationship of each member to the other. In the human body each member has its own particular function and the proper functioning of each is necessary to the best interests of all the other members. This is true also of the members of a church. From Paul's comparison of the church with the human body we are to understand that it is a living organism. Therefore, each individual member as a living cell in the organism must be a healthy one so that there will not be any spiritual unsoundness in the entire body. If a church member would be a healthy cell in the body, he must give the Lord His rightful place in his life, be a diligent student of the Word of God, be faithful in his daily prayer life, worship the Lord regularly in His house, be faithful in the stewardship of his means, and witness personally to the unsaved with a view to influencing them to believe on Christ as their Saviour.

The various members of the human body are all fashioned by God in their present form and they are set in their places according to His perfect will. Even though the members of the human body are numerous, they compose and belong to but one body. Each member is in the very best position in which it

could be placed for the greatest service and usefulness to the whole. The various members perform their respective and different functions, for which they are naturally fitted, for the good of the entire body, and without any friction between them. If one member of the body suffers, other members suffer also. For example, a headache is seldom due to a direct injury of the head, but it is usually due to the malfunctioning of some other member of the body.

It is the divine intention for us to make the spiritual application of these facts which are self-evident in the physical realm. Since the different part of the human body cooperate beautifully, it is certainly unwise and sinful for a member of the church to yield to conceit, pride, jealousy, envy, or covetousness. Just as a body is healthy and efficient when each of its parts functions properly, so members of the church should respect, sympathize with, and work with one another.

Colossians 1:18-20

Paul's declaration as to the pre-eminence of Christ, as recorded in these verses, fills us with an overwhelming sense of the majesty and glory of our Saviour and Lord.

Christ was pre-eminent in creation. Out of nothing He created all that is. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Colossians 1:16).

Christ was pre-eminent in redemption: "In whom we have redemption through his blood" (Colossians 1:14). "Christ died for our sins." For Him there is no substitute, nor will He ever have a successor. He is the only hope so far as redemption is concerned.

Christ is pre-eminent in the church. "And he is the head of the body, the church." Because He is the mighty source of its life, the bond of its fellowship, and the One for Whom it bears witness, He must be given His rightful place in all its activities. If we keep in vital touch with our life-giving Lord,

He will enable us to live effectively and sacrificially.

Christ must be pre-eminent in the lives of Christians. Some give Christ place, others give Him prominence, and still others give Him the pre-eminence. Those who give Christ the pre-eminence yield all that they are and have to His control, submit everything to His direction, and seek to glorify Him in all that they do. Let us be sure that we give the peerless Christ His rightful place of pre-eminence in our lives. Let us see to it that He is above all in our living, our giving, our witnessing, and our hoping. Let us place Him above self, family, friends, business, pleasure, etc., as God wills that we should.

I Peter 2:4-10

Peter spoke of Christ as "a living stone." As such, He was rejected by men, but chosen of God. Note the exalted position to which God's children are lifted as he describes them as "lively stones," "an elect race," "a royal priesthood," "an holy nation," and "a people for God's own possession."

All the qualities that constitute preciousness are in Christ in a degree of excellence that even love cannot exaggerate. Christ is the revealer of God, the redeemer from sin, and the reconciler to God. He is incomparably, immeasurably, and inconceivably precious. However, Christ is precious to believers only. The better one gets to know Him the more precious He becomes.

To all of God's children Peter declared, "Ye are an holy priesthood," and "Ye are a royal priesthood." The title of "priest" is conferred upon every believer in Christ. Sonship and priesthood are inseparable. Every true Christian is a priest and can approach God through the mediation of Christ without the help of any man. It is our privilege and responsibility to adore, worship, and praise Him.

As priests, Christians are required to offer spiritual sacrifices, and they are given the assurance that they will be acceptable to God. Every child of God, who has the privilege and right to approach God directly and without any human intermediary, is commanded to pray, and he is rightfully expected to do so. He should pray for himself and for others. Intercession with God for others is one of the greatest privileges and responsibilities that a Christian has.

Maryland Baptist Church Accepts Negro As Member

TOWSON, Md. (BP)—A freshman student at Morgan State College in Baltimore, Miss Barbara Horton, has become the first Negro member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Towson, Md., by unanimous vote of the congregation.

The church's pastor, Leland Higginbotham, said he believed the church is the first white, Protestant congregation in the Towson area to receive a person of the Negro race into membership. She is not, however, the first Negro member of a Southern Baptist church.

Higginbotham said he has been most thankful for the way the church has expressed its Christian commitment.

He commended the members for "acknowledging that God's command to love knows no such artificial limitations as race, and they all are truly one in Christ," according to a report in the Maryland Baptist.

Solon Raises Questions About Housing For Aged

WASHINGTON (BP)—Churches may become "agents" of government if they become involved in the federal government's housing programs, according to a United States Congressman.

Rep. Richard L. Roudebush (R., Ind.), in remarks included in the Appendix of the Congressional Record, said that "few persons are fully aware of the extent

the federal government is involving the churches of America in its housing programs."

He charged that such involvement raises serious church-state questions and "may insert our churches in federal programs as agents of the government."

To support his argument the congressman included an article from the Indianapolis News, which he said explored the role of churches in such programs in "a detailed manner."

The article, written by Ross Hermann, states that complete separation of church and state is "giving way to public embrace in which government and churches cooperate on mutually approved social projects."

Hermann cited as an example a speech made by an official of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Administration at a conference on housing and urban development last fall.

The official was quoted as saying that a church group could form a nonprofit mortgagor corporation, go to a private lending institution for financing, have the loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration and then build the housing.

Poverty-level families would pay a maximum of 25 per cent of their income for rent in such housing, the article reported. "The difference between that payment and the regular rent would be made up to the church or other sponsoring organization by direct subsidies from the federal government."

An example of church-state housing was cited as the Martin Luther Tower in San Francisco. This is a 13-story

apartment built by St. Mark's Lutheran Church in San Francisco "with government backing." The article said that when complete the tower would be "a self-contained community shepherded by Lutheran churchmen."

Other churches, it said, "could charge that the government has, within the confines of the Martin Luther enclave, establish a religion." They could argue that the government "has given the favored churches in such programs a captive audience."

Senator Terms Religious Liberty "America's Greatest Contribution"

NASHVILLE, TENN. (POAU)—Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., (D., N. C.) in an address here credited America with introducing religious liberty to the world and said it was this country's most important contribution.

"America's greatest contribution to civilization is religious liberty," the Senator told more than 1,000 attending the session of the 18th National Conference on Church and State February 22 in the auditorium of the War Memorial Building. The two-day meeting was sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The Senator stated, "The most heart-rending story of history is that of man's struggle against civil and ecclesiastical tyranny for the simple right to bow his own knees before his own God in his own way." He added that it is just as much a violation of the Constitution of the United States to subsidize all religions as it would be to finance only one.

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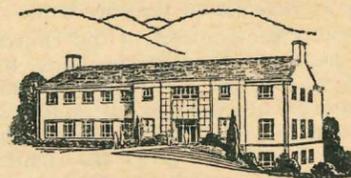
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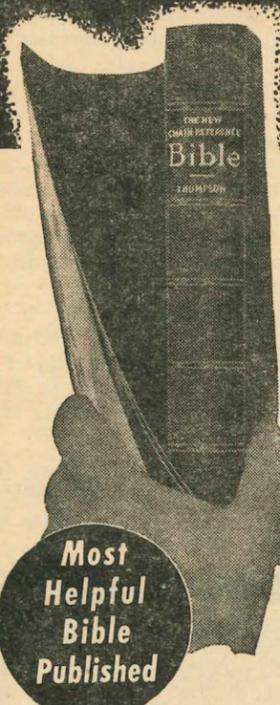
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