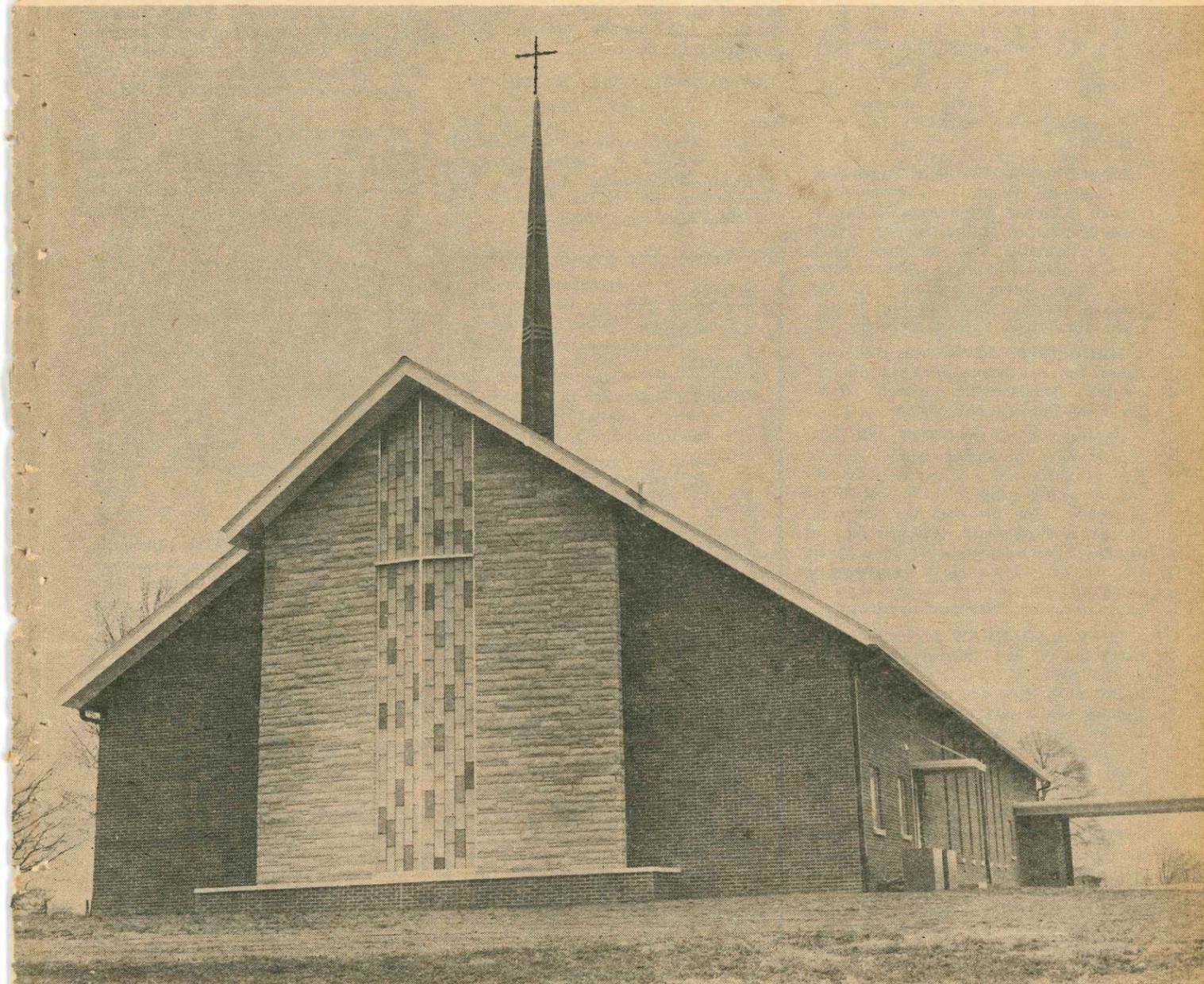




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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenville, will dedicate this building Easter Sunday. See story on page 8.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

AFTER TEN YEARS of sales, the *Baptist Hymnal* passed the four million mark. A breakdown in the sales report indicates 632,723 copies were sold in special bindings; 48,147 in loose-leaf edition; 10,607 in pulpit edition and 5,300 in loose-leaf sheets. The miniature edition has sold 3,900 and the balance was in the standard edition.

THORNHILL BAPTIST Church, Frankfort, reports 28 additions in a revival just concluded. T. L. McSwain, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, was the evangelist. Ira C. Prosser, assistant to the pastor of Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, led the singing. Roy Lyons is pastor at Thornhill.

ROBERT L. BOWERS of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, attended a church business administrators' workshop March 2-4 at the Sunday School Board, Nashville. The workshop, which drew 27 church business administrators from nine states, sponsored by the Board's church administration department, Howard B. Foshee, secretary.

JOHN SCOTT TRENT was the evangelist for a revival at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, March 20-27. Harold J. Purdy is the pastor.

ERNEST L. HOLLOWAY, JR., recently joined the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department staff as editor of young people's Life and Work materials. For the past ten years he served as missionary associate in the Sunday School department of the Japan Baptist Convention. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

LUCIEN COLEMAN, projects coordinator for the Brotherhood Commission of the SBC, will receive an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. Coleman, who received the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita, was Brotherhood secretary for Kentucky Baptists before joining the Brotherhood Commission staff in 1958.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, has named Elwin L. Skiles, pastor of First Baptist Church, Abilene, as the Baptist school's new president. Skiles resigned March 13 as pastor of the 4,500-member church to assume the presidency, effective April 3.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, Louisville, set the cornerstone for the new education building March 27. Signatures of those present in Sunday School that morning were placed in the stone. Ercil Barker is pastor of the church.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, Muhlenberg Association, has called Carl Pendley as interim pastor following the resignation of Melvin Johnson. Pendley has been supplying the pulpit for Johnson during his disability.

AN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE that may alter the course of Baptist work in Panama reaped 926 professions of faith, including 394 decisions for baptism. The crusade, led by 37 Baptist preachers from outside Panama, was the first simultaneous revival in Panama and the Canal Zone since 1962.

PASTOR J. C. OFFUTT will be the evangelist for a revival in the Springdale Baptist Church, Lexington, April 4-10. Eddie Hanks will lead the music.

GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA, soloist for Evangelist Billy Graham and a top religious recording artist, has received the Grammy Award for 1965. The honor—given for the best gospel or religious recording of the year, was presented March 15 in Chicago by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Kate Smith, Ernie Ford and the Blackwood Brothers Quartet were other stars competing for the award.

DAVID CRICK has been called as pastor of the Paradise Baptist Church following the resignation of Sylvester Vaught, Jr. Crick began his work at the Muhlenberg Association church on February 27.

JOHN CLAYPOOL, pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, was re-elected chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the SBC at its recent meeting. In other action, the Commission voted to expand its program, agreed to revamp and update its production of literature, and adopted a proposed \$120,000 budget for 1967. A proposal to send a summer guest observer and interpreter of international affairs to the UN in New York was also approved.

THE TEXAS BAPTIST Executive Board voted to jointly sponsor an evangelistic crusade in the Dayton, Ohio, area in the late spring and early summer of 1967. The Home Mission Board of the SBC will join them in the project. It will be directed by the Texas Convention's evangelism division, using 50 pastors, 50 musicians and 200 laymen, all from Texas Baptist churches.

THE VIRGINIA GRESHAM Chapel of the Maryland Baptist Building was dedicated in Lutherville, Md., with the unveiling of a portrait of the late Mrs. Gresham and the placement of a plaque on the door of the chapel. Mrs. Gresham, wife of the executive secretary-treasurer of the Maryland Baptist State Mission Board, died February 28, 1964, following a long illness. The ceremonies took place at the close of the meeting of the State Mission Board.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION:

'70 Onward Committee Publishes First Report

The Southern Baptist Convention's '70 Onward Committee, studying a program for the churches beginning in 1970, has released its first "Message to the Churches and to the Denomination."

The message represents the thinking of 680 people in 41 study groups throughout the convention. D. M. Nelson of Birmingham is committee chairman.

The committee first reaffirmed "the historic purpose of the Southern Baptist Convention as an agency to 'elicit, combine and direct' the dedicated energies of its constituency and to assist the churches in their task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ." Below are the committee's messages to the churches and denomination:

Our Message To The Denomination:

1. We are gratified that the denomination is involved in a continuous restudy of the philosophy undergirding our Sunday School program.

We suggest particular reference be given to such items as opening assemblies and the building space required, curriculum for teacher training, resource materials and the prevailing philosophy of smaller units as over against larger units with better teachers.

2. We strongly urge all agencies of the convention to give attention to a correlation of materials, programs and emphases.

It is our feeling that the agencies and commissions should correlate their work to avoid duplication or overlapping even though such correlation may require the consolidation and elimination of agencies and commissions or the reassignment of staff responsibilities.

3. **STUDY SHOULD BE GIVEN** to provide necessary help in bringing churches together with prospective pastors. In addition, the denomination is encouraged to develop among the churches attitudes conducive to longer pastorates and tenures for other staff members.

4. We ask that aids be prepared for the churches to use in meeting our ethical and social obligations in the community and world about us.

5. We encourage the proper agencies to provide increasingly better materials for new member orientation. Such materials are to be sufficiently flexible that they may be utilized by more than one organization in the church.

6. We ask the executive committee to continue to explore the possibilities of a change in the name of our convention until a suitable name is found.

7. We suggest that the several agencies of the convention concerned work toward a co-ordination in the materials presented for Bible study that would present alternate plans suitable for families of varying ages. The unity of family study would be most desirable.

8. **WE ASK THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD** to continue to study the philosophy of grading as presently construed.

9. We suggest that the several agencies consider the unification of the most important news from the said agencies to be released to the general constituency through the state Baptist papers.

10. We suggest that the proper agencies give attention to the development of emphasis in the churches that will result in the churches knowing a personal involvement in the mission program of the convention.

Further, it is asked that attention be given to helping the local church adopt a concept of involvement in the total mission program of the denomination.

11. We ask the denomination to restudy and re-evaluate

relationships between church and state in view of changing times and altered questions, especially as related to health and education.

12. We strongly urge the convention agencies to provide help and instruction for our youth that will properly equip them for their confrontation with current moral and intellectual issues in the world.

13. We call upon the denominational leadership to study the possibility of encouraging and promoting a spirit of brotherhood and Christian love toward those of other denominations, giving to the churches encouragement and guidance in areas of inter-faith involvement when it does not compromise our convictions and witness.

We would suggest the possibility that such an emphasis by the denomination be considered to be projected for one year.

14. One of our greatest needs is for the proper agencies of our convention to give sustained attention to the ministries and relationships of the Christian home.

The home bears a basic responsibility of spiritual nurture and instruction and we need to provide comprehensive home materials for the parents to guide them in such a program.

15. We request that a program of rehabilitation be formulated and developed that will inspire and guide local churches in a compassionate and intelligent program of ministries to persons having special needs; i.e., alcoholics, juvenile delinquents, those released from hospitals and prisons, and divorced persons.

See page 3 of last week's *Western Recorder* for the Committee's statement to the churches. The message to the denomination concludes the report.

Rooms Still Available In Detroit

There are still plenty of rooms available in downtown hotels and motels in Detroit for Baptists who plan to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, May 24-27. As of mid-March, a total of 2,690 rooms had been reserved out of 4,330 rooms being held for Southern Baptists' use, said Robert Wilson of Detroit, chairman of the SBC housing committee.

The Detroit Convention Bureau lists more than 50 hotels within relatively easy access to Cobo Hall, where sessions of the SBC will be held.

Parents with small children planning to attend the Convention can count on nursery facilities to care for children while the sessions are going on. Plans include facilities for infants. The nursery will be near the main entrance of Cobo Hall. Cost is 75¢ per hour.



Legislature's Disappointing Performance

Criticism of public officials is a distinctive American privilege and the price officeholders pay for occupying the office. In this column an effort has always been made to take a positive attitude toward government and to give public officials benefit of any doubt. There comes a time, however, when criticism needs to be voiced.

Such a time is now in light of the overall outcome of the 1966 Kentucky legislature. Now it is always easier to run things from an armchair or a courthouse square bench where one is not bothered with the facts or the problems. But after allowing for all of this, the 1966 Kentucky General Assembly record still leaves much to be desired and not a little with which to be disappointed.

This is not to say there were no commendable actions by the legislature. The civil rights bill is to be praised as is the raise in public school teachers pay. The method, however, which was resorted to by the teachers in order to get their just pay raises was shameful.

Raises in salaries seem to have been the order of this legislature. Voting a raise for themselves and for many elected officials while supposedly helping the governor keep his promise of not raising taxes seems a little wacky to an amateur observer.

Most disappointing of all was the failure of the legislature and the governor in making better or even maintaining the present moral climate in Kentucky. Other than the civil rights bill, the legislature utterly failed at this point. The anti-gambling bill was watered down until it apparently will mean little. Highway safety does not stand to be helped much with the auto inspection law which passed. The \$2.50 charge to the driver stands to benefit the inspecting service stations and garages more than anyone else.

The repeal of the production tax on liquor will live in infamy. It just doesn't figure. With property taxes raised in a special session last year, pay raises for teachers, legislators and other officials, an auto inspection fee imposed on every driver and at the same time the nefarious liquor business gets an eight million dollar tax relief.

The governor will have to accept the responsibility here in spite of an earlier expression of opposition to the production tax repeal apart from other revenue to replace it. To let the bill become law without his signature didn't add to his stature. It was obvious he had almost complete control of both houses of the

lawmakers and only with his approval could this have been accomplished by friends of the liquor industry. Apparently the governor couldn't stand the pressure.

Admittedly it's hard for any legislator or other public official to hold rigidly to the highest Christian ideals in the rough and tumble world of politics. Sometimes relative values must be accepted when the ideal is unobtainable. But some of the results of this legislature ought to lead those in responsible places to ask themselves sincerely, "Who is my Lord?"

Convention Presidential Possibilities

The record shows a long line of outstanding men serving as Southern Baptist Convention presidents. This year will see another man added to the list of presidents and there is always widespread concern that the right choice be made.

The outgoing president, Dr. Wayne Dehoney, has been one of the best. He has been discreet in public utterances, untiring in his travels and efforts and was faultless in his presiding over the 1965 convention sessions. If he does as well in presiding this year, he will be long remembered with admiration.

To whom shall we now turn for leadership? This is of great concern because if ever we needed one whom Southern Baptists could respect and follow and who could also be respected and admired by other Christians, it is now. A loud, self-centered and strutting kind of man would be out of place. So would a weak, vacillating, namby-pamby kind of person who is afraid to speak his convictions for fear of losing some admirer.

Who are some of the names that might be placed in nomination in Detroit in May? It would not be quite proper for an editor to use his channel of communication to promote the candidacy of one person. At the same time it might be a responsible service to mention some of the names most prominently heard as possibilities for convention president this year. Here are three or four names heard here and there.

Many wonder if Dr. Carl Bates of Charlotte, North Carolina would consider serving if elected. He had the presidency in his pocket three years ago and, for reasons never quite understood, he withdrew at the last minute. Are the reasons for his decision to withdraw then still with him? Having disappointed many of his admirers then, his position now would have to be made clear by someone before many would support him. Doubtlessly he is among our ablest men and could do a good job as convention president.

Another very popular pastor among Southern Baptists is Dr. Franklin Paschall of Nashville's First Baptist Church. He is widely known for appearances in state evangelistic conferences. He preached the convention sermon in recent years and is known as a scholarly, sound, conservative and powerful preacher. He would have a lot of support if nominated.

A man in our own state has been mentioned by influential Baptists in other states as good convention presidential timber. This is Dr. Frank Owen, pastor of Lexington's Calvary Baptist. Frank is greatly admired and highly respected by all who know him but he has not made the convention speaking circuits and thus is not as widely known as a man generally has to be to be elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Those who know him are strongly impressed by his transparent honesty and sincerity, his amazing ability and his keen analytical mind that lets him see the heart of most any matter instantly. He surely would make an able president some time in the future, if not this year.

Many think it is time to turn to a layman to be our convention president. The idea of a layman always appeals to me and especially this year since the last layman to serve was Brooks Hays back in 1958-59.

There are many able laymen among Southern Baptists who could serve us well as convention president. One outstanding man that comes to mind is Mr. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Mississippi. Here is a man of sterling qualities. While becoming a very successful business man, he has remained humble and generous. He not only gives generously of his wealth to the Lord but also gives himself. Besides his church and denominational service in Mississippi and the

Southern Baptist Executive Committee, he has led laymen crusades in many pioneer Baptist areas and personally financed much new work. He has risen above the moral and cultural levels of his generation having done much to improve the race relations climate in Mississippi. Altogether he is a man of unusual dimensions and Southern Baptists could be duly proud of him as a convention president.

Admittedly these are largely human considerations and must always be subordinated to divine will. But in Baptist democracy the two seem to work together by the grace of God. Let us pray that this will be the case in Detroit this year for the glory of God.

Please Help Us!

We need help. About 1200 *Western Recorder* readers chosen at random have received a questionnaire with a request to fill it out and return it postage free and unsigned. The questionnaire is very important to us because it is designed to help us know what is liked and what is not liked, what is helpful and what is not helpful in the *Western Recorder*. By learning this we can determine how to improve the *Western Recorder* for the sake of the readers.

We have two urgent requests. First, fill out the questionnaire and send it in. The professional group making the survey for us says only about one out of five sent out has been returned so far. Second, be as frank and honest as possible. Don't answer the questions the way you think we might want them answered. The more frank the answers are, the more helpful for us.

Please help us!



Challenges Article

Dear Editor:

Perhaps the printing of the article styled "The Integrity of Church Membership" in the February 24 issue was not intended as an endorsement of its contents, but for fear that some will assume it to have expressed a Baptist policy, I, as an active layman of 45 years membership, hasten to express disapproval of it as the action of a Baptist church.

Admittedly each Baptist Church is autonomous and, at this point, I could never be happier, for this is the action of **only one** church.

"Seven hundred Baptist excommunicated for failure to comply with the terms of the interdict" more fully expresses the way I read the report of

pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Norfolk, Virginia.

The next logical steps in this program, in order to guarantee its effectiveness, is for that church (1) to define: "Attend the worship service . . . to the best of my ability;" to define "To serve . . . in some area of responsibility . . . to the best of my ability;" to define "My daily relationships" to define: "Faithful and consistent financial support according to my ability."

Thereafter a committee should be established to review the compliance or non-compliance of each member with the pledge as redefined, and then "The Inquisition" really begins.

Never again can that church permit an evangelist to say from its pulpit: "It's so easy to become a Christian! It's

so easy to become a member of the church! All you have to do is to believe that Christ died for your sins. Repent of your sins—just say "Christ Jesus, Save Me! Trust Him in child-like faith. Walk down this aisle and confess Him before men. Offer yourself as a candidate for baptism and into full membership in **this** church."

For now he must add to any invitation: "But only if you are willing to sign a pledge of undefined terms and conditions, which may in the future become subject to pharisaical interpretations, and proscriptions."

If the pledge, as quoted, as a proper requirement for continued membership in that church, did it not stop off too quickly? Why did it not go further and say:

"I will not voluntarily commit a sin and I will comply with all of the expressed negatives and the implied positives of the Ten Commandments and live daily by one 'greatest Commandment' as announced by Christ?"

Just how close is the loyalist group to out and out phariseeism?

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FMB Allocates \$15,000 For Argentina Relief

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting at its Richmond, Va., headquarters on March 10 in regular monthly session, appointed 22 missionaries, appropriated \$15,000 for relief of flood victims in Argentina, and heard reports from two of its area secretaries who have just returned from overseas. The Board's president, Dr. J. Chester Badgett, of Campbellsville, Ky., presided.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported that the Board had received (as of March 4) \$9,429,158.70 from the 1965 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This is over \$1,000,000 more than had been received at this time last year. Books on the Offering remain open until May 1.

Seven million dollars of the 1965 Lottie Moon Offering was included in the Board's operating budget to support missionaries and such ministries as evangelism and church development, Christian education, and medical and publication work. The remainder will be used for buildings and equipment.

Dr. Cauthen reviewed the support which comes from the Board's other chief source of income: in 1964 it received 52.27 percent of Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program funds, in 1965, 49.28 percent, and in 1966 "may receive" 48.68 percent.

"The Foreign Mission Board's operating budget must be increased a minimum of \$2,000,000 annually in order to sustain the advance now being made," Dr. Cauthen said.

"We rejoice in the indications of sustained advance in missionary personnel," said Dr. Cauthen. "The outlook for 1966 indicates that we may be able to appoint approximately 225 missionaries, including a group of missionary journeymen." (Journeymen are young people with talents and training needed for specific jobs in the Board's work overseas. They are employed for two years of service.)

Flood Victims To Be Helped

The relief appropriation will be used to alleviate suffering caused by floods that have persisted in northeastern Argentina for more than a month. Rain-swollen rivers have driven thousands of people from their homes, and yellow fever is now becoming a danger.

The Argentine Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries), requesting the \$15,000 appropriation, said that many Baptist families in the stricken area have lost all their possessions. The Mission plans to use the money to feed, clothe, and shelter flood victims. It will be administered through the Argentine Baptist Convention, which is

receiving relief offerings from Argentine churches.

Everett L. Deane, treasurer, reported that during the first two months of 1966 the Board received slightly more than \$7,000 in designated gifts for relief. In January the Board set aside \$100,000 of Cooperative Program money for relief. After the appropriation for Argentina, approximately \$33,000 remains in the Board's relief fund.

Mission Outlook In Iran Surveyed

Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, reported on prospects for opening mission work in Iran. He and Dr. Cauthen visited that country last fall, and he returned in February for further survey. The Foreign Mission Board's application to send missionaries to Iran is now being considered by the Iranian foreign ministry.

"Iran is a developing country," he said. "Old ways and beliefs, including Islam, are being left behind. Most educated people are not religious. The number of Muslim converts to Christianity in Iran is small, but there are more than in all the rest of the Middle East."

He said that Presbyterian missionaries in Iran went "all-out" to make him feel welcome and to help him learn about the country and Christian work there. Presbyterians have sponsored work in Iran since the 1830's, he said, and they now have a missionary staff of about 85 in the country.

Dr. Hughey presented two situations favorable to the establishment of Baptist work. A student center might be opened at the new and growing National University of Tehran, where, he said, no effort is now being made to reach students with the gospel. Or, work might be initiated in the fertile, heavily populated region around the Caspian Sea, perhaps with a Baptist community center in a town there.

Dr. Hughey was told that names and addresses of Christians living in the Caspian Sea area, as well as of persons interested in Christianity, would be available to missionaries. At present there is only one woman missionary in that area.

While overseas, Dr. Hughey also visited the Netherlands, France, Germany, Austria, and Turkey. "I was much impressed on this journey with the extensiveness and the intensity of work of interdenominational missionaries," he said. "And, in at least two cities, Naples, Italy, and Paris, France, the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society has new concentrations of missionaries."

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, had just returned from al-

most a month overseas, stopping in Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Thailand, and Pakistan. His report dealt exclusively with the Board's work in Vietnam, where more missionaries are badly needed to help maintain current work amid the hindrances of war and to assist in the opening of work in additional towns and cities.

"There is real hazard in Vietnam," he said. "Not so great as most Americans may think, but nevertheless real and serious. However, the missionaries accept hazard as part of their calling. And they are inspired by the remarkable opportunities and responsiveness of the field."

Scholarship For Negroes At Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH (BP)—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will award three \$500 scholarships this year to graduates of Bishop College, thanks to a Dallas couple who felt that some of the profits from their construction firm should benefit the Negro race.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Martin of Dallas left \$25,000 specifically to provide seminary training for Negro ministerial students, with preference to Bishop graduates.

Before his death, Martin told J. Howard Williams, who later became president of Southwestern Seminary, that his construction firm had used Negro laborers and that it was his and Mrs. Martin's desire that some of their accumulations from the firm should benefit members of that race.

"It was through the education of their ministers that Mr. and Mrs. Martin felt that the most assistance could be given these people for whose service to their business they desired to show gratitude," explained Wayne Evans, seminary business manager.

The three scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis and will provide \$500 annually to be applied directly to seminary expenses of the recipients.

Selection will be made by a seminary committee on scholarship in consultation with Bishop College professors of religion. Factors to be considered include Christian commitment, academic achievement, church-related work experience and practical aptitude.

Students in theology, religious education or church music are eligible. Applicants must be in their senior year at Bishop College or must be graduates. Bishop College is located in Dallas.

Applications will be taken by the Scholarship Committee, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Box 22000, Fort Worth, Texas, 76122.

Midwestern Seminary Adds Theology Degree

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—The master's degree in theology will be offered for the first time by Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall term of 1966 in what the school described as the first step toward a full graduate program in theology.

Requirements for admission will include a B.A. or equivalent degree from an accredited college or university; a B.D. or equivalent degree from an accredited college or university; a B.D. or equivalent degree from an accredited theological school with a grade point average of 1.5 and a satisfactory score on the Miller Analogy examination.

A candidate may choose from three main fields of study: biblical, historical-theological, and practical.

President Signs New GI Bill For Education

WASHINGTON (BP)—A new "Cold War GI Bill" which will provide assistance for education was signed into law by the President of the United States. Nothing in the bill prohibits ministerial students from participating in the program.

The law provides a permanent program of educational and other benefits to all veterans who have served more than six months active duty since 1955. The measure went through Congress with no negative votes. It becomes effective June 1 of this year.

According to information from Religious News Service, the new law will assist some 30,000 servicemen already entitled to its benefits to become ministers, priests and rabbis. Many of these could enroll in Baptist theological seminaries.

It is reported that 36,000 men received ministerial training under the World War II GI Bill, and that 25,000 registered at seminaries under the Korean Bill.

The new program provides education benefits for those who wish to attend high school as well as college. It sets up benefits from \$100 to \$150 per month, depending on the number of dependents. One month of education payment for each month of service up to three years is provided.

The allowance is for living or educational expenses. Additional money will not be provided for tuition, books and fees.

The measure permits persons still on active duty who have served more than two years to attend classes while still in service. A program of tuition grants is provided for these persons.

Other benefits of the new law include

vocational rehabilitation, home loan guarantees, job counseling and preference in federal employment.

A program of education is considered any which is generally accepted as necessary to meet a predetermined educational, professional or vocational objective.

Heart Disease Cause Of Most Baptist Worker Deaths

DALLAS (BP)—Two of every three deaths of Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees in 1965 were caused by some kind of heart disease.

According to statistics released by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, heart trouble claimed 67 per cent of the 122 lives of persons who were enrolled in the board's protection program.

This percentage is less than the 70 per cent high recorded in 1964.

There was a 15 per cent variation in deaths by heart trouble between retired and active ministers. Records show heart trouble claimed 70 per cent of the retired ministers and 58 per cent of the non-retired group. Heart disease was also the primary cause of disability.

Cancer continued in second place causing 14 per cent of the deaths, followed by pneumonia, 8; diabetes, 5; auto accidents, 3; pancreatitis, parkinson's disease, and cholecystitis, one per cent each.

Baptist Schools Get College Housing Loans

WASHINGTON (BP)—Two Baptist colleges are among five church-related schools approved for college housing loans, according to announcement from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

William Carey College, a Baptist school in Hattiesburg, Miss., has a \$700,000 loan reserved, pending review of its request for financial assistance.

According to the announcement, the "fund reservation" is established on the basis of preliminary application for assistance under the college housing loan program. It sets aside this amount for subsequent use by the college if the project is approved by the community facilities administration after review of the complete application.

The loan will be used for construction of a dormitory for men and to renovate three existing residence halls. William Carey College is an institution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. J. Ralph Noonkester is president.

The other Baptist school is Shaw University, a Negro institution at Raleigh, N. C. It was approved for a \$1,950,000 loan for construction of a Student Union building and dormitory. A Presbyterian school was approved for a \$800,000 loan, while reservation of \$1,282,000 in loans was announced for Methodist and Church of Christ schools.

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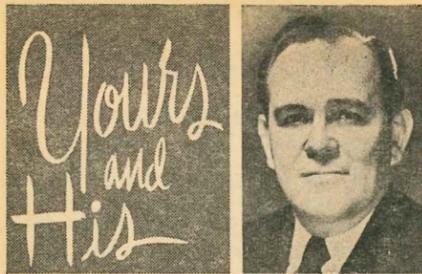


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Currently, our six schools receive \$655,000 this year to help in their total work, particularly operations—teachers' salaries, maintenance, etc.

Our Student Centers—on Baptist Campuses and on state and private campuses, seeking to serve more than 15,000 Baptist students, is paid by the Cooperative Program—the annual budget for this department is now \$112,149. Yet they need much more.

Major Item in Missions

Christian schools receive 32.39% of the Kentucky portion of the Cooperative Program, and more than 20% of every dollar in the CP budget—yet this is not half enough for operations alone. Then, the immediate need of buildings and equipment for them—music and fine arts, science, classroom buildings—needed on each campus. They cost millions. We are still engaged in the CEA campaign for \$9-million—and have received more than \$3-million in cash and pledges. We must have the other \$6-million for Georgetown, Cumberland, Campbellsville, Kentucky Southern colleges; Oneida Baptist Institute and Clear Creek Baptist School. We must have new Student Centers at Lexington, Morehead; and improvements at Richmond, Bowling Green, Murray, Berea. Then, there are the new schools, with needs to be met!

Can The CP Do It?

Can we increase our church's giving enough, quickly enough, and long enough to get these buildings and equipment SOON ENOUGH? Only you know that—for you are a member of a church. We believe you can do it, for you are God's and hold His tithes in your responsible hands.

Harold G. Sanders

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Second Baptist, Greenville, Occupies New Building

The Second Baptist Church, Greenville, entered their new sanctuary in March and will dedicate it Easter Sunday, April 10.

Ground was broken for the new building Easter Sunday, 1965. Located on a three-acre site, the new building stands across the street from the older building which has served the 18-year-old congregation for many years.

Constructed of brick and stone, the new building contains over 11,000 square feet of floor space. The sanctuary will seat 450 now and can be revised to seat 600. The present facility provides education space for 300. The old building will be used for fellowship meetings and some Sunday School departments.

The cost of this first of three buildings in a long-range building program was \$200,000, including furnishings.

Odell Leigh is pastor of this 500-member congregation that started from First Baptist Church, Greenville.



LEROY HIGHBAUGH, JR., breaks ground for the new Student Union Building on the campus of Kentucky Southern College. He and his father, the late Leroy Highbaugh, Sr., gave the 238-acre campus.

Kentucky Southern College Breaks Ground For Student Union Building

Monday, March 14 was groundbreaking day for Kentucky Southern College, Shelbyville Road, Louisville.

The new student union building will be just east of the present administration and classroom building. It will house a bookstore, recreation rooms, post office, student lounge and a campus grill on the first floor. Second floor will have offices for the director of the Union Building, director of student activities, student government and college publications. A cafeteria will also be on the second floor with a capacity of 750 (at one time) and the room can also be divided into smaller rooms. The cafeteria will have the capacity to care for 2,100 students.

The building will be encircled by an arcade and will have a large patio on one side.

Ground will be broken April 15 for a new physical education building. Cost of the two buildings will be included in the \$3.5 million campaign that has been launched by the college.

Several persons attended the groundbreaking services. Five people turned a spade of dirt, each representing some aspect of college life.

Sunday School Charity Fund Offering May 8, 1966

by Walter Jackson, III

The time is drawing near when our Kentucky Baptist churches will be receiving their Mother's Day offering for hospital charity. The offering will come this year on Sunday, May 8.

As plans are being made, a brief review of the accomplishments of the past year may be helpful. Exactly 100 persons recommended by local churches received charity care in our three hospitals last year. The total cost to the charity fund was \$43,410.66. The money was provided by the 557 Kentucky Baptist churches which participated in our 1964 hospital charity fund offering. The average gift last year was \$.04½ per Baptist.

In 1965, the approximate cost per day to care for a patient in our Kentucky Baptist Hospitals was \$39.00. A church wishing to provide one-day's care for a charity patient may use this as an average goal. The average cost for total care of the charity patient last year amounted to \$434.11. A church wishing

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to use the care of one charity patient as their goal could use this figure.

The three churches making the largest contributions in the areas of our Baptist Hospitals were as follows: Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of Muhlenberg Association, the Cynthiana Baptist Church of Union Association, and the Walnut Street Baptist Church of the Long Run Association.

It is the hope of our Hospital Commission that these churches will be joined by many others who will make a worthy gift on May 8 for our 1966 Sunday School Charity Fund offering.

Special Convention Suggested For June 27 In Louisville

Dr. David A. Nelson, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has announced that the date for the special session of the Convention is tentatively set for 1:00 p.m. E.S.T., June 27, 1966, at the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. Final approval of the date will come with the advice and consent of the Executive Board of the Convention which meets on May 2 and 3, and the use of the Walnut Street facilities awaits approval in the next meeting of the deacons of the church.

President Nelson has given assurance to all Kentucky Baptists that adequate time for discussion of the proposal for financial assistance to our colleges will be provided. The session will be concluded on June 27 unless full discussion requires a continuation of the meeting on June 28.

Indications are that the specific proposal to be presented to the Convention will be announced at an early date. The details of the proposal will be given full coverage in the *Western Recorder* and will otherwise be made familiar to all Kentucky Baptists.

Messengers to the special convention will be appointed by the churches in accordance with Article 3 of the constitution, "The membership of this body shall consist of no more than two messengers from each Baptist church having 100 members or less. One more messenger shall be allowed for each additional 200 members."

Laurel River Baptist Honors Senior Members

The Laurel River Missionary Baptist Church in Laurel River Association held a special service on February 27 in honor of several senior members and friends.

Pastor Kendall Hatton and the church

planned well in advance for the surprise affair. A large-print Bible was purchased for each member to be recognized. The name was engraved on the front and special words for each were written inside.

Ages of those honored ranged from 70 to 91. R. H. Evans, 91, was the oldest and the oldest member of the church in service. Others honored included Mrs. J. E. Evans, 89, second oldest; Mattie Jones; Virgie Beets; Lena Gilbert; Walter Gilbert; Felix Hendrix; Claude Kidd; and Ed Hurley. Others named but unable to be present included

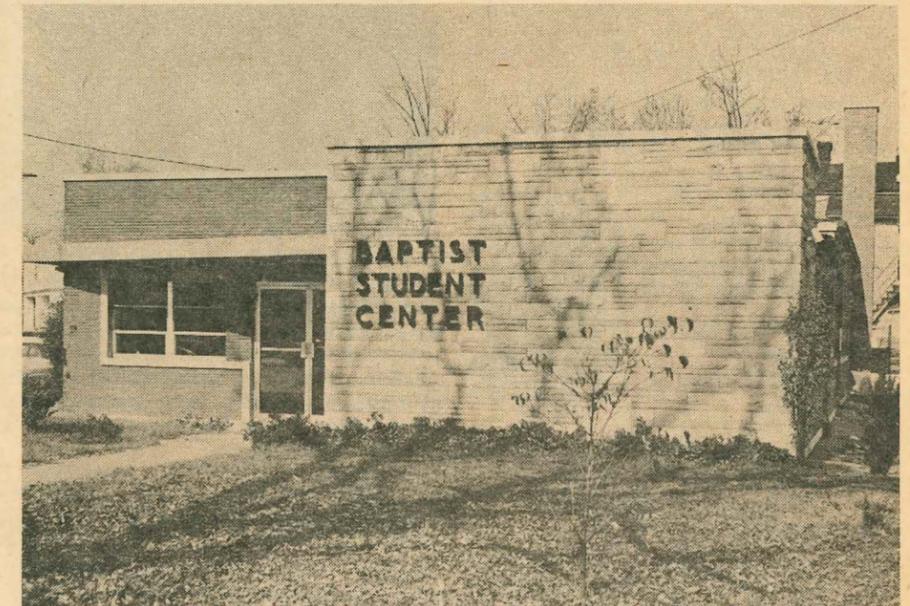
Mrs. Rilda Martin, Maggie Hundley, Nettie Walden and Robert Whitaker. They received Bibles also.

Nolan Jones received a Bible in recognition for more than 30 years of teaching Sunday School.

Mrs. Dora Hackett passed away the week before the service and the Bible intended for her was given to her daughter, Mrs. Edith Stevens.

The service included favorite hymns, a message by A. H. Keith, retired minister, and a sermon by R. S. Helton.

Reports indicate it was a very meaningful service for those present.



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OBSERVE Cooperative Program SUNDAY, April 17

Dale Moody, Sandy Ray in American Seminary Series

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Paul's doctrine of the Holy Spirit will be the subject of five lectures during the ninth annual Garnet-Nabrit Lectures at the American Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Dale Moody, professor of Christian Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will deliver the five lectures April 13-15.

Five sermons will be preached in the Seminary chapel by Sandy Ray, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. He is president of the Empire State (N. Y.) Baptist Convention, affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Banquet address will be given by William K. Richardson, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, Warren, Ohio.

The American Baptist Theological Seminary is sponsored jointly by the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and the Southern Baptist Convention. Charles E. Boddie is president.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention presented its second Distinguished Service Award to T. B. Maston (left), professor emeritus at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Making the presentation were Foy Valentine (center), executive secretary, and John Claypool (right), chairman of the Christian Life Commission. Claypool is pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville. Valentine said that Maston has done more than any other person in the Southern Baptist Convention to further the cause of Christian social ethics among Southern Baptists. (BP Photo)

"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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February SBC Giving Continues '66 Climb

NASHVILLE (BP)—Contributions to Southern Baptist Convention world missions causes during 1966 climbed to a record \$13.4 million for the first two months of the year.

The \$13.4 million figure includes \$9.5 million in designated contributions, primarily to foreign missions, and \$3.9 million in gifts through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget plan.

Total designated and Cooperative Program gifts for January and February exceeded contributions for the same period in 1965 by \$1.2 million, an increase of 10.5 per cent.

The February financial statement issued by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here reported a 12.9 per cent increase in designated giving and a 5.1 per cent increase in Cooperative Program contributions, comparing the first two months of 1966 with the same period in 1965.

During the month of February, Southern Baptists gave \$1,792,277 through the Cooperative Program to support all SBC mission causes, and an additional \$5,790,170 to specific designated causes.

Compared to contributions for the same period in 1965, the two-month total of 1966 figures shows increases of \$190,417 in the Cooperative Program category and \$1,093,651 in designated gifts.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., has received a total of \$11.2 million during January and February, accounting for most of the \$13.4 million.

During February alone, the Foreign Mission Board received \$843,087 through the Cooperative Program and \$5,741,321 in designated contributions, most of it raised through the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings in Baptist churches.

The SBC Home Mission Board in Atlanta received \$321,176 through the Cooperative Program during February, bringing its total receipts from the churches for 1966 to \$790,300.

Twenty-one Southern Baptist Convention agencies receive funds through the Cooperative Program unified budget plan, through which Baptist churches throughout the nation channel financial support to the total denominational program.

SBC ROUNDUP:

Survey Reveals 70% of Churches Have Budgets

A survey of 1,000 representative churches in the Southern Baptist Convention has indicated that almost 70 per cent of the churches have planned, unified budgets, but only 14 per cent have long-range budget plans.

Conducted by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, the purpose of the survey was to obtain information "as to how churches of various sizes plan their expenditures, and how much is to be included for various items," and "to request information about . . . budgeting and spending practices."

►A bronze head of Johann Gerhard Oncken, pioneer Baptist leader on the continent of Europe, was unveiled in a special service at Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland recently.

The Oncken head is a gift to the Ruschlikon Seminary from the First Baptist Church of Hamburg, which was established by Oncken in 1834. He served as its first pastor, until retirement in 1881.

►The second "distinguished service award" for leadership in Christian social ethics was presented in Nashville to Dr. T. B. Maston of Fort Worth, Texas, by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Maston is professor emeritus at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where he taught for 41 years. He was chairman of the seminary's Christian ethics department from 1937 until retirement in 1963. An engraved plaque was presented to Maston by Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, and by John Claypool of Louisville, the Commission's chairman.

►The 6,400-member Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, the eighth largest in the SBC, has called Darold H. Morgan of Birmingham, Alabama, as pastor. Morgan, pastor of the Hunter Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, will succeed Wallace Bassett, the 81-year-old preacher who retired at Cliff Temple March 1 after serving as pastor there for 48 years.

►Invitations to attend the World Congress on Evangelism to be held in Berlin, Germany, this fall have been extended to delegates from 92 countries, according to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, chairman of the Congress.

Dr. Henry, whose magazine, *Christianity Today*, is sponsoring the Congress as a tenth anniversary event, was in Berlin for a meeting of the planning committee. He said he expects the number of countries represented at the Congress to top 100.

►Warren Littleford, pastor of the Southtown Baptist Church in Minneapolis for nine and one-half years, has been named superintendent of missions for Southern Baptists in the state of Minnesota. Littleford will direct the work of the Northland Baptist Association, newly-formed association of Southern Baptists in Minnesota.

►A Southern Baptist pastor from the "pioneer of the pioneer Baptist areas" briefed Texas Baptist educational directors on what to expect as they work in Wisconsin-Minnesota Baptist churches late this month. Kenneth King, pastor of the Highland Crest Baptist Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin, spoke in Dallas to the group of campaign directors from Texas for the "Lake Michigan Operation Penetration" phases of Sunday School adult outreach and witnessing, scheduled March 25-31.

►James H. Landes has resigned as president of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. After a two-hour, emotion-laden executive session of the Baptist school's trustees, board members accepted the resignation with regret, with the expressed hope that President Landes would reconsider.

Before accepting the presidency of Hardin Simmons, Landes has served for 17½ years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. In announcing his resignation to the Board, Landes said he had a personal conviction that "I should return to the primary mission to which I was called, many, many years ago."

►A killer tornado completely destroyed the building of the Woodville Heights Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, and the church parsonage also, but the congregation reported its largest attendance in history and two professions of faith the Sunday following the tragedy.

G. T. Byron, pastor of the church for less than a month, was away when the tornado came but Mrs. Byron and their two-year-old son, David were in the home. The house was lifted off the concrete slab but Mrs. Byron and the boy were not injured seriously.

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President Boswell Shares

Dr. James M. Boswell, President of Cumberland (Baptist) College, Williamsburg, shares with us three testimonies from present and former students relating what Cumberland means to their lives:

Harry Cordell, Sophomore

"While attending Cumberland College, I have had the privilege of working with a man who has displayed a deep sense of dedication to his church, family, and profession. He is director of our college choral groups, a voice teacher, father of a lovely daughter, and Minister of Music of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, Mr. Robert David Clayton.

His every thought and deed is done on behalf of Christ. He has a sincerity which is desired by many. I hold him in highest esteem because of the Christian influence his life has had upon mine. He has shown me true happiness in following God's will for my life. It is through his counseling that I have dedicated my life to Christ as a Minister of Music. My only desire is that I can use this calling of God as effectively as Mr. Clayton and that my life can influence as many people as his."

David D. Aker, Pastor

"I am a May, 1964 graduate of Cumberland College with a major in religion and a minor in sociology. I am married to the former Wanda Lee Estes. We are now living at Winston, Kentucky, in Estill County. . . I pastor the Provi-

dence Baptist Church which has a Sunday School enrolment of 114 . . . during the first year there were 51 public decisions. I teach the 5th grade (and) in addition, my duties include coaching the Ravenna little league basketball team.

I feel that Cumberland College was tremendous in training me for the tasks that God has set before me. I appreciate the fine work the College is doing."
Merita Lee, Knoxville

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the entire staff of Cumberland College for the assistance you gave me. . . I believe that Cumberland College is an answer and a hope for many of the young people of the mountain regions.

I feel that I acquired at Cumberland the foundation in principles, discipline, and knowledge on which I can build with confidence for the rest of my life, and whatever I build will be possible because Cumberland cared. I am humbly grateful."

Cumberland Host To 5th Annual Mountain Youth Conference

The 5th annual Mountain Youth Conference will be held at Cumberland College, April 14-16. The program is designed primarily for young people and older intermediates living in the mountain area. This not only gives a good opportunity for fellowship but helps those attending evaluate their lives and plan for the future.



Allison

Dr. Gray Allison, associate director in division of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, will be the Bible teacher and inspirational speaker.

He is a former professor of evangelism at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary and is well known as an evangelist, writer, and teacher. He is author of "Now Unto Him", messages from Jude.

A native of Louisiana, he earned his B.S. degree from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and B.D. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

During the period of 1960-64, he did general evangelism work with Baptist churches throughout the nation and world. He visited Baptist mission fields in the Orient, Latin America, Europe, and Africa.

Various other conferences will be led by: Glenn O'Bryan, Jerry Hayner, Dan-

ny Yeary, and Dr. Kearney Campbell.

The only cost to the participants is a \$3 registration fee. Everyone must provide their own linens. The conference begins Friday evening and closes Saturday at noon. Reservations should be sent to: Dr. James Boswell, Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

Eldred Taylor Is On Air Force Mission Tour

Eldred Taylor, pastor, First Baptist Church, Somerset, is on a preaching mission to Air Force personnel in Newfoundland. He will be at Harmon Air Force Base March 26-31 and at Goose Bay Air Base April 2-7.

The invitation for the preaching mission came to Taylor from General Robert P. Taylor, chief of chaplains, U. S. Air Force. The preaching mission will consist of regular preaching services, special services and personal conferences.

Virginia Ave., Louisville, Calls Minister Of Music-Education

George Weber, a first-year M.R.E. student at Southern Seminary, has been called as minister of music and education at the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville.

A native of Louisville, Weber is a graduate of Kentucky Southern College and has served Buechel Park and Greenacres Baptist Churches in a similar capacity.

Baptist Forum

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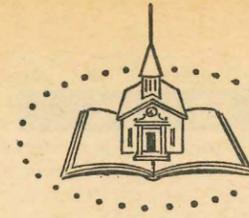
Has the admonition been repealed: to visit our brother found in a sin and thereafter, if unable to persuade him to withdraw from him?

Has the procedure in a Baptist church been abrogated of withdrawal from fellowship after charge and trial?

What happened to the seven hundred who failed to conform?

What will happen to that one who, at the moment when the restrictive covenants were thrust upon him, was "backslidden", or **indifferent** or **wondering** if the church was assuming its place in the world, or thinking on the neo anti-deity theory "that God is dead?" Suddenly he is excommunicated, forced outside the church. Who will reach him now?

I shudder at the closed door to restoration, reclamation, rehabilitation and conviction of a lackadaisical Christian to his opportunity to serve, to work, to give. For now the only answer is that of the Raven, "Nevermore."
James H. Warren
Fulton, Ky.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



THE VICTORY OF THE CHURCH

(This Lesson for Sunday, April 10, 1966)

The ultimate victory of the church is assured by the resurrection of Christ and by the glorious promises which God has made in His Word.

I Corinthians 15:20-26

First Corinthians 15 opens with a summary of the gospel, namely, the death of Christ for our sins according to the scriptures, the burial of His body in establishment of the fact that He had died, and the resurrection of Christ in fulfillment of the scriptures. Paul called attention to certain eyewitnesses of the risen Lord, many of whom were still alive when this letter was being written. He stated that Christ was seen after His resurrection by Cephas or Peter, and then by the apostles. Knowing that there were those who would not accept that as sufficient proof, he went on to mention the fact that more than five hundred brethren had seen Him at one time, and that the greater number of them were still alive. Such a large number could not be deceived, neither would they concoct a falsehood. Then the Lord was seen by James, His half-brother. He was seen also by all the apostles and finally by Paul himself. God saw to it that hundreds were able to testify that they had seen the Lord after His resurrection. He walked with them, talked with them, and ate with them. No other event in history is supported by such an unimpeachable body of testimony as the resurrection of Christ from the grave.

To emphasize the vital importance of the resurrection of Christ to Christians, Paul stated that, if Christ had not been raised from among the dead, Christians would be the most miserable of all people. If Christ had not arisen, which is the blackest assumption imaginable, then He would be dead now, all preaching would be useless, faith in Him would be worthless, the apostles would have been liars, living believers would be unsaved, the righteous dead would have perished, and the Christian life would be a misery.

In verse twenty we have the statement of the triumphant truth that Christ has arisen. This enables us to turn aside from the black path of incredible assumption and stand again in the light of the resurrection and rejoice in the words, "But now is Christ risen from the

dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." He is the first sheaf of the resurrection. Historic fact, spiritual experience, transformed lives, and unimpeachable testimony are against His being yet in death's dreary dominion or the tomb. Just as in Adam all die, even so all of the people of Christ shall be raised from among the dead and be made alive. These verses teach clearly that the resurrection of all the dead will not take place at the same time. Christ's resurrection has already taken place. At the return of Christ the resurrection of His own will take place. Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Christ's triumphant victory over death and the grave is the pledge and guarantee of the victory of His followers over the same. How grateful we should be for the assurance that that time is coming when death will be overcome completely and abolished entirely and forever!

Revelation 7:9-10, 16-20

These verses have to do with a specific time and a certain people in connection with an event yet to take place. This is a reference to a future ingathering of newly redeemed ones from every division of humanity then living on the earth.

Two significant things are here noted about this group, namely, their great number, and their coming from all nations and races in the world.

This innumerable multitude will be standing reverently, confidently and triumphantly before the throne and the Lamb. Their triumph will be the result of their salvation through the blood of Christ, and of their consequent faithfulness and obedience to the Lord. They will be standing in token of subjection and of a willingness and desire to serve Him Who sitteth upon the throne. These redeemed ones will have immediate access to God's throne, offering their praise direct. They will be arrayed in white robes, the emblem of righteousness and the only vestments that would enable them to feel quite at home there. These white robes will be the symbol of redemption by means of the blood of Christ, freedom from sin, purity, and preparedness to serve in the presence of God. Not a single spot inconsistent with that holy place will be seen on them. Washed in the blood of the

Lamb, they will be perfectly at home and at ease before the throne of God. The only thing that can give anybody any standing before God is to be washed in the blood of Christ.

In the hands of this great company will be palm branches, suggestive of previous conflicts and symbols of joyous victories. The people will be waving these palm branches in their hands as emblems of honor and of victory over sin and trouble in the world from which they will have come. The struggle will be over, the conflict will be ended, and the victory will be won. This is indeed a glorious picture of complete redemption. All who have been redeemed and who have emerged triumphant will sing joyfully, "Salvation to our God who sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb."

This throng of tribulation saints shall stand "before the throne of God;" shall "serve him day and night;" shall be satisfied for they shall "hunger no more, neither thirst any more;" shall be sheltered for "neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat;" shall be sustained, "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters;" and shall be solaced, for "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Everlasting consolation will be the portion of all God's people.

This great multitude of God's children will be serving Him continually. Moreover, they will greatly enjoy His abundant provision. Thus in the beauty of figurative speech we are assured that God's provision for His children will satisfy completely every need of theirs. They will have divine guidance and everlasting joy. There will not be anything to cause anyone to shed a single tear.

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Stewardship

Williams, Caudill To Assist In Church Organizational Planning Conferences

by Michael L. Speer

Mr. Fred Williams of the Stewardship Commission in Nashville, Tennessee, and Mr. Thomas Caudill, pastor of the Beaver Dam Baptist Church and stewardship chairman for Ohio County Association, will assist in Church Organizational



Caudill



Williams

tional Planning Conferences. Both men will be leading conferences during the week of April 11-15. Their conference will be especially for those in the church who are responsible for the financial program. The conference will be designed to help the church leadership in planning their work in the church.

Mr. Williams will lead conferences in the following areas:

April

- 11—Carrollton, First
- 12—Falmouth
- 14—23rd and Bdwy, Louisville
- 15—Shelbyville, First

Mr. Caudill will lead conferences in the following areas:

April

- 11—Immanuel, Henderson
- 12—Beaver Dam
- 14—Irvington, First
- 15—Bardstown

These conferences will be part of the 40 that will be held in areas of the state April 11-15 and 18-22. See the Church Music Department Calendar in this issue of the *Western Recorder* for a complete listing of dates and places.

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by Roy E. Boatwright

For the first time in their history, Southern Baptist churches will have the opportunity of choosing to use the uniform literature, or, new material entitled, *Life and Work Curriculum*.

The Life and Work Curriculum will contribute to the co-ordination of organization in fulfilling the purposes of church.

There will be a special meeting held at Cedarmore, April 28 at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of explaining the Life and Work Curriculum. Representatives from the Sunday School Board will be present.

Invitations have been sent to every association inviting the heads of the organizations, moderator and missionary to attend this meeting.

Travel expenses will be paid at the rate of one car from each association with one person—three cents per mile, two persons—five cents, three persons—seven cents and four to six people in one car—eight cents, plus one meal at Cedarmore.

It is our hope that the representatives from the associations will return to their respective associations and conduct a Life and Work Curriculum Clinic.

It is our opinion that this is one of the most important meetings that Kentucky Baptists will have the privilege of attending this year. Life and Work Curriculum will be available in October, 1966.

For further information, you may wish to write the Sunday School Department, Middletown, Kentucky.

Direct Missions

Stairways — But Not Golden

by G. R. Pendergraph

We are thrilled when we hear someone singing the old spirituals which describe the "golden stairway." We visualize the children of God climbing, climbing, climbing this stairway into His very presence. There is no limit as to the number of steps we can make in our imagination. The "stairway" can be so high that it disappears into the clouds. In the Spirit, we never tire. In reality, however, stairways are not as easily ascended—especially for our sen-

ior church members. We need to bear this in mind when we are planning a church building.

To conserve space (because present ground is limited in many instances) churches often put their educational space in the ground. This offers many disadvantages in addition to a lot of stairways. Often the auditorium is raised to a higher level to make it possible for the space in the basement to have some natural lighting and this necessitates many steps needed to get into the auditorium.

A basement, if dry, may be fine for some activities, heating unit, etc., but the educational space would be better if it is free of stairways. If you must have two stories, plan for the senior members to be on the first floor. When planning to build, consult the Sunday School Board Architectural Department or some architect who understands Baptist organization and work. Unless we do this, we find that we have to cut the church to fit the pattern rather than cutting the pattern to accommodate a well-rounded church. It may be necessary in some instances to move to a new location if grounds are limited at the present site. God is everywhere so He will be at the new location. If finances are limited and the church is located in a growing area, use the unit plan and build as the church grows. This can be done by following a master plan.

Student Work

University of Kentucky Baptist Students Receive Honors

by Calvin Zongker

Four members of the BSU Executive Council at the University of Kentucky were honored recently at a "Stars in the Night" ceremony, the annual recognition program sponsored by Associated Women Students on the Lexington campus. These four, along with several other Baptist girls, were among 180 recognized for their leadership, scholarship, and service.

Miss Johnnie Cross, Somerset, received the Kappa Delta Grace C. Pride award as the outstanding non-sorority junior woman for the 1965-66 school year. She also was one of 17 women tapped for Mortar Board, a national senior honorary for students chosen on the basis of superior scholarship, responsibility, and discriminating service. Miss Cross, Promotional Chairman for the BSU and Summer Mission appointee to Japan for 1966, also was elected as Vice President of the Associated Women Students.

Miss Laura Lee Muntz, Cynthiana, received the Alpha Gamma Delta Gwen

Church Music

Musicalendar For April For Kentucky Baptists

by Eugene Quinn

Date	Activity — Location	Time
APRIL		
1	Adult-Youth Music Festival—Georgetown College Chapel	7:00 P.M.
2	Junior-Beginner Music Festival—Georgetown College Chapel	10:00 A.M.
3	Fulton Music Festival—Liberty	2:00 P.M.
11-15	Music School—Hillview, Louisville	
11	Church Music Planning Conferences—Hazard, First; Campbellsville; Carrollton, First; Paducah, First; Henderson, Immanuel	7:00 P.M.
12	Church Music Planning Conferences—Prestonsburg, Irene Cole; Somerset, First; Falmouth; Eddyville, First; Beaver Dam	7:00 P.M.
14	Church Music Planning Conferences—Maysville, First; Williamsburg, First; Louisville, 23rd and Broadway; Marion; Irvington, First	7:00 P.M.
15	Church Music Planning Conferences—Lexington, Central; Berea; Shelbyville, First; Bowling Green First; Bardstown	7:00 P.M.
17	Hymn Sing in Sulphur Fork—Milton	2:30 P.M.
17	Music Festival in Nelson Association—Mt. Washington	
18	Church Music Planning Conferences—Monticello, First; Louisville, Beechwood; Owensboro, Third; Campton	7:00 P.M.
19	Church Music Planning Conferences—Pineville, First; Hopkinsville, Edgewood; Erlanger; Russellville, First; Pikeville, Grace	7:00 P.M.
21	Church Music Planning Conferences—Harlan; Madisonville, First; Danville, First; Glasgow; Ashland, Unity	7:00 P.M.
22	Church Music Planning Conferences—Manchester; Greenville, Second; Frankfort, First; Elizabethtown, Severns Valley; Owingsville	7:00 P.M.
23-24	Music School, Munfordville	
29	Adult-Youth Music Festival—Corbin, First (7:00 P.M.) and Danville, Lexington Avenue (7:30 P.M.)	
30	Junior-Beginner Music Festival—Corbin, First and Danville, Lexington Avenue	10:00 A.M.

If EVERY song leader, pianist, organist, choir director, and church choir member will attend one of the Church Music Planning Conference, just one night of the two weeks of forty conferences listed above, EVERY Baptist church in Kentucky can have a better music program that serves its community as well as its own membership.

Let us pray that God will bless the entire Kentucky Baptist music ministry in every church of every size through these forty conferences.

Attendance Exceeds 700 At First Regional Music Festival

The first of the eight regional music festivals for 1966, meeting at Bowling

Green on February 25-26 had a total attendance of 743. 564 of these persons participated in the 28 groups who performed in the festivals. Unique features of the festival included an instrumental ensemble, two hand-bell choirs, and youth choirs from two churches in Louisville.

The choirs of all ages who participated came from 11 churches in 5 associations. The 6 church choirs had 148 singers, 7 youth choirs had 169, 7 junior choirs had 141, 4 primary choirs had 75, and 1 beginner had 5 members present for a total of 25 choirs.

In the hymn playing event, 8 young people took part; and 4 song leaders took part in that event.

Can You Help Lone Oak Music Ministry

When the Lone Oak Baptist Church of Paducah was recently destroyed, minister of music Bill Fowler lost all of his personal music and books, and the church lost its music library. If you can lend or give him a quantity of music for use with his choirs and for restoration of his personal library, please contact him at 3101 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, Kentucky.

They were able to save the console of a Hammond C-1 organ which is worth about \$800.00 and is for sale to any interested party.

NEEDED:

Navy Seeks Baptist Ministers As Chaplains

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission has put out a call for Baptist ministers ready for immediate commission and active duty in the United States Navy.

The demand was brought on by a Navy adjustment of the number of Baptist chaplains and by the stepped-up manpower needs resulting from the war in Viet Nam.

This is the first time the Navy has been far enough behind in recruitment of chaplains to offer commission and

active duty within 60 to 90 days, according to George W. Cummins of Atlanta, director of division of chaplaincy for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Previously, chaplain volunteers have waited eight to 12 months for active duty assignment in the Navy.

The situation in the Army is not yet as acute, Cummins said, but there is need for Southern Baptist ministers in the Army Reserve Chaplaincy, with active duty available in eight to 12 months.

In the Air Force, quotas for both initial commissioning and active duty are filled.

Both Army and Navy requirements for chaplains include an age limit of 33. However, a minister with prior military service whether as an enlisted or commissioned officer, can be commissioned in the Navy up to the age of 36½ years.

All three services require 120 semester hours of college study or a degree, and 90 theological hours or a degree from a seminary. Two years full-time or four years part-time pastoral experience is required for active duty assignment.

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