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## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**BOBBY TURNER**, student at Clear Creek Baptist School has been called missions pastor by the First Baptist Church of Jenkins. He and his wife will be working at Potter's Fork and at Haimand Chapel, Cromona, Kentucky. Mrs. Turner is also a Clear Creek student and works in the school library.

**NICHOLASVILLE** has voted to relocate and construct a complete new building that will accommodate 600-650 people at an estimated cost of \$400,000-\$450,000. A church building committee will be appointed to propose plans to the church for the building and a Building Finance Committee will endeavor to raise \$50,000 of the cost. Earl Hohman is pastor.

**DR. AND MRS. HOBSON L. SINCLAIR**, missionaries to Hong Kong, are scheduled to arrive in the States in mid-July for furlough. Mrs. Sinclair is the former June Garrott of Bowling Green where Hobson was reared. He was in dental practice there at the time of his appointment.

**MEMBERS** of the Men's Bible Class at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, have expressed appreciation for Harry J. Graham, 94, whom they describe as one of the most faithful members of the class. Mr. Graham was born at Allendale, Green County and moved to Louisville in 1900. He is a graduate of the School of Law of the University of Louisville. For several years he taught school, serving at one time on the faculty of East Lynn College at Buffalo, Ky. The class regards him as a great inspiration.

**J. K. POWELL**, executive vice-president of Campbellsville College, will receive the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Oakland City College in Indiana. Commencement exercises will be May 27. The faculty of the college voted to request the college trustees to honor Mr. Powell for his significant work in higher education.

**JAMES E. MADDUX, II**, has resigned as pastor of Bullitt Lick Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, to become pastor of the Maceo Baptist Church. The Bullitt Lick Church has expressed public appreciation for the \$2,327.29 left to the church in the will of Mrs. Abigail Miller.

**CORA NEY HARDY**, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, is now in the States on furlough. She may be addressed at Shepherdsville, Ky. Native of Bullitt County, she taught school in the Bullitt County and Shepherdsville systems prior to missionary appointment in 1947.

**THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST** Foreign Mission Board in its May meeting appropriated \$16,000 from its relief fund for reconstruction of Baptist property damaged by earthquakes in Chile. Chilean Baptists were still rebuilding from a quake of last year when another struck on April 12.

**LONG RUN BAPTIST** Association will dedicate their new building at 400 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, on June 5 at 2:30 p.m. The multipurpose building houses three separate phases of work.

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East Baptist Church meets there. The associational offices are there and the Baptist Center maintains a day-care program for children birth through five years of age. The building is also used for a ministry to the student and medical personnel because of its nearness to the growing medical center in downtown Louisville.

**THE PULASKI COUNTY** Baptist Crusade will begin June 12 in a tent pitched on the County High School grounds.

**DUKE MEMORIAL** Baptist Church, Somerset, ordained Cecil Haynes, Edgar Black and Earl Hardwick as deacons on May 15. Eleven churches assisted in the ordination. E. R. Prather is the pastor.

**IMMANUEL BAPTIST**, Paducah, has placed the cornerstone for their new sanctuary. The church expects to have full use of the new facility by September 13, 1966.

**JAMES W. McCLENDON**, a professor at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in Mill Valley, California, will spend the fall semester at the University of San Francisco and the spring semester at Stanford University. He is one of the first Protestant theologians to be given faculty status at a Catholic university, according to Albert J. Zabala, chairman of the theology department at USF.

**THE LATE** Robert H. Harmon has been honored by a resolution of appreciation by the First Baptist Church, Lebanon. He was a deacon and active in the work of the church and community.

**FLORENCE BAPTIST** Church laid the cornerstone for their new church building on May 22. Jack Sanford is the pastor.

**JOHN W. RALEY**, president emeritus of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee has suffered a second heart attack in the past 18 months. Physicians say he is responding to treatment but his condition requires "complete rest and no visitors."

**THE ELIZA JOLLY W.M.U.** of Mentor Baptist Church has passed a resolution of appreciation for the late Mary Read Brown. She was described in the resolution as a loyal, conscientious, faithful and devoted worker in the church and all of its ministry.

## ANNUAL CONVENTION SERMON

# The Unpaid Debt Of Southern Baptists

by Ray E. Roberts

### Introduction

When financial income is at an all time high, it may seem out of place to call attention of Southern Baptists to unpaid debts. In speaking to a group of students on one occasion, a college president is reported to have given a warning on unwise budget planning and the accumulation of personal debts. He said, "If your out go exceeds your income then your over head will be your down fall." Although there is much wisdom in this brief statement, the text found in Romans I indicates the debt referred to in this message is of a far different nature.

### I. The Nature of the Debt

When the apostle Paul said "I am debtor both to the Greeks and the barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise," he might have been giving one of the most concise and accurate definitions of stewardship anywhere to be found. He was expressing a sacred and inescapable obligation which had been thrust upon him due to an experience which had occurred on the road to Damascus. He had an encounter with Jesus Christ which had completely revolutionized his life. This experience had caused him to know firsthand that the gospel was "the power of God unto salvation." It had worked for him and for everyone else who had given Christ a chance in their lives. He knew it would work—he was not ashamed of it—it had never failed—he had never had to be embarrassed to recommend it to lost sinners. Without hesitation he could say in answer to the query of the Philippian jailer "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Paul didn't need to worry about God's being dead because he was spiritually alive himself and was in constant touch with the power of God as it transformed the lives of sinners.

As born again children of God who are fortunate enough to be members of Southern Baptist churches, we are not just stewards of material possessions or time or talent. We are stewards of a wonderful, glorious experience that

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came to us through a personal encounter with Jesus Christ who saved us and transformed our lives. We have an obligation to share this experience with a lost world.

Statements of our Lord such as "ye are to be witnesses unto me," "go ye" and "as the father hath sent me even so send I you" serve to remind us that this debt is of a "divinely spiritual" nature and that "every man must render an account of his life unto God," in the light of how seriously we acknowledge this debt. When Lyman Beecher was on his deathbed someone asked, "Dr. Beecher, will you please tell us the greatest work that man can do in this world?" "The greatest work," replied the dying theologian, "is not to rule a kingdom. It is not political or ecclesiastical power; neither is it scientific, philosophical, nor even theological knowledge. The greatest work that a person can do in this world is to lead a soul to Jesus Christ."

### II. The Scope of the Debt

"Both to the Greek and the barbarian, to the wise and the unwise." It is said that a Greek philosopher who served as tutor for Alexander the Great when he was a young boy said to him one day, "There are only two kinds of people in the world, Greeks and barbarians." "If that be the case," he responded, "I will capture the world and make Greeks out of everyone." How near he came to succeeding is a matter of history and is reflected in Paul's statement here. "Greeks and barbarians, wise and unwise" points out to us that the debt is universal in its scope. This scope is magnified in the marching orders which Christ gave to the church in Matthew 28, "all nations." In Acts 1:8 "in Jerusalem, in all Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth." John 3:16 points up the scope in "God so loved the world" and "whosoever believeth in Him."

None of God's people in any age have ever had such an opportunity to face up to the scope of this debt as Southern Baptists have today. With all of the resources available to us, we're responsible to God for doing everything we can in every way we can to preach the gospel to everybody we can as rapidly and as effectively as we can. There is no danger of oversimplification of our task. We must preach the gospel as it is to lost people where they are.

When Jesus commanded us to "preach the gospel to every nation," He was not assigning to us an impossible task. No generation that ever lived has had such opportunity as we to carry out His orders. Facilities of transportation, com-

## The Cover

Southern Baptists in Michigan are in their fifteenth year and have 141 churches and 26,555 members. Pastor Willard Martin (left) talks with a Baptist family in suburban Livonia. The 121-year-old Southern Baptist Convention held its 109th annual session in Detroit for the first time, May 24-27.

munication and resources make it, not only possible, but probable. The allies of Satan himself are getting their messages into the last home, in the furthest corner of the world. They "hawk" their wares by telestar around the world and deliver their products by jet so it will arrive fresh and at its best. The Jews are buying bonds at 3% interest to re-build an Israel that excludes Christ and Southern Baptists are still having to charge their own people 6% interest for money to build a church house in which to preach His glorious gospel.

### III. Status of the Account

Conditions such as those just mentioned cause us to realize that "payment on our debt" is long overdue. We add up all the contributions to our Foreign Mission effort last year and are tempted to boast about twenty-five million dollars, when actually a little more than two dollars each for over ten million Southern Baptists was all that kept us from being a bunch of "non-missionary" hard shells."

If Christ is worth listening to at all, He is worth taking seriously and surely, in prosperous America, we could not claim to be taking Him seriously with that sort of financial support for our mission programs. For about one hundred years, our convention was satisfied to concentrate its efforts in the South and West as far as America is concerned. During the same time, a great spiritual vacuum existed in the Northeastern part of our land where three fourths of the population of our country lived. In this area, the ratio of unchurched people over those in churches is two to one, just the opposite of the ratio in the old traditional Southern Baptist territory.

We could go less than two hundred miles from this hall tonight in order to take in Chicago, make a two hundred mile trip to Cincinnati, on the Ohio, then draw a line northeast to Baltimore and not only encircle about two-thirds of the population of America but also include seven of the nine largest cities of our nation. This area controls every national election, houses the centers of national and world government, mass media, education, finance, commerce and industry. Southern Baptists still have less than fifteen hundred churches in

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Early Report From Detroit

Detroit, Mich., May 25.—The press deadline for this issue of the *Western Recorder* finds the 1966 S.B.C. only in the second of its four days duration. Our main coverage will necessarily appear in next week's issue but here are a few early developments and impressions from Detroit.

This city has the most adequate, colorful and comfortable meeting place in Cobo Hall which Southern Baptists have found in many years. Southern Baptists in Detroit, though relatively few in number, have overexerted themselves in a warm reception. Not much else good, however, can be said for Detroit as a meeting place.

The hotel accommodations and eating facilities are the poorest most of us have ever remembered at a convention. The headquarters hotel miserably failed to live up even to minimum expectations. Reservations confirmed months ago were not honored and hundreds found themselves without a place to stay Monday night. Many crossed into Canada to sleep and some are still waiting after two days for reservations to be honored.

Most messengers are still looking for a place to eat at a reasonable price. The going rate for a square meal is about \$5.00 which suits a wealthy businessman more than it does a Southern Baptist with limited expense money. It's almost certain the convention will not return to Detroit in this generation and it might be hard to get it ever again north of the Mason-Dixon line.

For the first time in several years the opening session of the convention on Tuesday night was not a capacity crowd. By that time 9,590 had registered as messengers but a good number of these was at Briggs Stadium where a double header between the Tigers and the Cleveland Indians began at 6:00 p.m.

The convention sermon (see page three) from Ohio Baptist Executive Secretary Ray E. Roberts was enthusiastically received. He pled for the winning of America to Christ now and made many Kentuckians proud who remember him as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Danville. President Wayne Dehoney in his presidential address affirmed his conviction that God is at work around the world and chided Southern Baptists for doing so little with so much while Baptists in many parts of the world are doing so much with so little.

The plea of a recent editorial on this page was voiced by a messenger from Virginia during the first miscellaneous business period. He asked the Execu-

tive Committee to consider recommending the last of June instead of the last of May for the annual meetings of the convention. The applause given his motion indicated widespread sentiment for such a change.

A meaningful moment for Kentuckians in the Detroit convention was the appearance of Mrs. W. R. Pettigrew to receive an award on behalf of her late beloved husband from the Radio and Television Commission for his outstanding contributions to the radio ministry of Southern Baptists.

Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, was elected president of the Convention in a run-off ballot from a field of 11 nominations. The Kentucky born pastor served at Hazel Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Bowling Green before going to the Nashville Church in 1956.

What About Government Loans?

The special session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention on June 27th will consider a proposal which would permit our Kentucky Baptist colleges to seek loans if they chose to do so. The decision on this proposal should be made on the basis of facts and not emotions.

The following discussions of government loans to colleges is the clearest and fairest this editor has seen. It is the work of a research specialist, Dr. Walford H. Peterson, staff member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C. Every Kentucky Baptist planning to participate in the discussion and decision on June 27, should study it carefully.

"For some years many people have thought that the level of interest rates on federal loans to colleges has been crucial in debates on church-state relations.

"Whether they are right or wrong in this judgment, changes in two laws affecting federal loan rates have reopened the discussion. Recent state conventions have struggled with the matter.

"When the 1950 College Housing Loan Program was implemented, private colleges could obtain loans for dormitory and related construction from the federal government.

"Since the 1963 Higher Education Facilities Act was recently implemented, there has been some money for loans for construction of certain types of academic facilities.

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

one per cent charge for administrative expense.

"The former element has ranged over the 15 years of the dormitory program from 2½ per cent to 3½ percent. Since 1955 the trend has been upward. As a result of this increase, 1965 loans under the two programs have required a 3¾ per cent and 3⅞ per cent rate respectively.

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

"Up to this time, church-related colleges took the federal loans, believing that they were not receiving a subsidy from taxes. There was some argument about whether the cost of bonds to the federal government should include only long-term bonds or all bonds.

"Treasury officials argued that even at the lower figure achieved by averaging the rates of interest on all federal loans, the college dormitory program was paying its way.

"For the College Housing Loan Program this view appears correct, for recent figures indicate that the account shows an overall surplus of around \$6,000,000. The newer program of academic facilities construction is too recent to indicate a meaningful balance.

"What will be the situation now that the rate of interest is cut to a flat three per cent? The off-hand assessment is that now there will be a partial subsidy.

"This may well be true for the loans made under the 1963 act, but for loans made under the 1950 act the answer is ambiguous.

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

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

"Officials refuse to estimate how long this capacity of the old loans' profit to offset new loans' losses will last. The estimate would be very uncertain at best as it would have to assume the future rates of govern-

ment bonds and future use of the program by the colleges.

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

"The issue is different for loans for academic facilities under the 1963 act. Here no massive backlog of "profitable" loans and no surplus from administrative funds have been built up to absorb losses on new loans.

"Since the costs of borrowing by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare at present bond prices will not cover all expenses, the program will have to be supported by some tax money.

"This will be a 'subsidy' from general tax revenue, though administrative officials are loath to use the word.

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

"It is doubtful if the issue can be raised in a law suit on the basis of the First Amendment, because in the nature of the situation it would be exceedingly difficult for anyone to establish 'standing to sue.'

"Also, since the federal government already gives grants to church-related colleges, there would be little point in challenging this 'little subsidy' before the courts until the grant program was challenged.

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

Note

"In this discussion, the word 'subsidy' has been used to refer to a payment from general tax monies to support a financial transaction between government and a private agency that does not raise as much income as it expends.

"Some people argue that a 'subsidy' by government is created when a governmental program costs less than a comparable private program to the users, regardless of the cost of the program to the government. This use of 'subsidy' has not been adopted here."

BAPTIST FORUM



Let's Hold to the Historic Stand

Dear Editor:

Soon Kentucky Baptists meet to decide about using government funds for our

institutions. Baptists have long advocated the separation of church and state, a major principle in founding this nation. Our greatest leaders in each decade strongly defeated this stand. We often

criticized those opposing it, and saw the ruins and lack of progress of nations espousing it. If we were right then, how can we be anything except wrong if we reverse our position? How can we salve our consciences or are they already dying and stilled? Is not anything that was once sin always wicked, according to God's Word? Is not the present danger of our country due largely to the continuous discard of standards tried and proved? Who dares claim

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### Conventions Have Impact On World Missions

#### Believe In Youth

On Monday, June 27, Kentucky Baptists will say, in a very practical way, whether or not they believe in Baptist youth—trained in Baptist schools and guided in our BSU Centers—as they gather in Louisville's Walnut Street Church, in special Convention, to decide on whether they will allocate \$300,000 per year in making loans for our Baptist schools and student centers.

The Christian Education Committee, Harold Wainscott, chairman, recommended this and the Executive Board voted it as a recommendation to the Convention. However, the Board changed the method of making the loans only—the Committee said, "let the Convention make the loans"; the Board voted "let the schools make the loans"—both said, we must increase the Cooperative Program by \$300,000 annually for our Schools and Student Centers. This is a big step, but an attainable step for Kentucky Baptists. We are well able, but we must commit ourselves to it, and by that commitment, determine that each church will give MORE through the Cooperative Program each year thereafter. So, send your messengers and let them know that you believe in youth, our Baptist youth.

#### I Believe In Youth

An anonymous statement in the bulletin in First Baptist Church, Lakeland, Florida, reads:

"I believe in YOUTH because they make mistakes just like their fathers did.

I believe in YOUTH because they are our future. They start out clean, eagerly anticipating tomorrow. They want to win. They do not aim to lose.

I believe in YOUTH because they are growing. I notice they outgrow fads, childish ideas, habits, and childishness. They are dynamic.

I believe in YOUTH because they are the best investment of my life. I cannot give them much materially, but I can give them Love, Understanding, Concern, and Guidance.

YOUTH wake up when they meet my Christ. Up to that time, their life has been a protected, cloistered one in which the necessities of judgment and decision have been provided, through no effort of their own. Now as they come into the age of decision and mature mentally, horizons can be unlimited.

I believe in YOUTH as adults. Only as maturity, sound judgment, and spiritual power are expected of YOUTH will they meet the demand and provide insight, visitation and spiritual action for our world.

The more than 200 foreign missionaries got up from their seats, picked up large flags of their adopted countries, and marched across the stage, down the steps, and out the long aisles of the vast convention hall in Atlantic City.

An elderly missionary, no longer able to hold his flag upright, placed it against his shoulder and carried it like a cross.

Out in the auditorium—where a sea of faces was fixed on the marchers—a young minister watched and wept. He committed himself to take that man's place in the marching line of missionaries.

It was the evening of May 21, 1964, and the dramatic march concluded the Foreign Mission Board's report to the Southern Baptist Convention in its annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J. The minister was David E. Railey.

He and Mrs. Railey were among the 17 missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board on May 12. He is currently pastor of Long Point Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Another couple said the foreign mission program at Atlantic City was a major influence in their decision to go overseas. They are Pastor and Mrs. J. D. Harrod, of Edgewood Baptist Church, Walterboro, S. C.

Both said they were "very deeply touched" by the message of Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, who spoke before the march of the flags.

In his report to the Board in its May meeting, Dr. Cauthen asked Board members to pray for God's blessing upon the foreign mission program to be given when the Convention meets in Detroit. (The program will begin at 7:50 p.m., on Thursday, May 26.)

"In many respects this is one of the most crucial hours we face each year in the service of world missions," he said. "Many who attend the convention could respond to God's call and be on mission fields before the Convention reassembles in 1967."

Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel for the Foreign Mission Board, says a growing number of new missionaries refer to the foreign mission program in Atlantic City. "These testimonies indicate that the full impact of the long line of marching mission-

The ingredients of YOUTH, added to the dedication of these ingredients to Christ, plus the total submission of Will and Way to our Personal Saviour means POWER."

*Harold G. Sanders*

aries bearing the flags of the world is yet to be told," he prophesies. "Nothing quite like it has happened since the great 'prayer night' in Houston in 1958. The force of these two events is certainly a call to prayer that God might bless this year's convention with an even greater impact."

There will be a parade of the flags at Detroit, this time during the closing session of the meeting when the Southern Baptist Convention launches its participation in the vast hemispheric evangelistic campaign of 1969.

#### Mission Staff Upped to 2,161; Some Serve in Troubled Spots

Dr. Cauthen also called for prayer for missionaries at work in countries where tension, violence, and war prevail. "It is in such conditions that the light of Christian witness is most needed," he declared. "It is reassuring that in the troubled areas of Southeast Asia, mission work goes forward. Missionaries often show the greatest qualities of dedication, steadfastness, and determination when circumstances are difficult."

At the May meeting of the Board, Rev. and Mrs. James F. Humphries, of Fort Worth, Tex., were employed as missionary associates to work with an English-language church in Saigon, Vietnam. There they will be able to minister to U.S. soldiers going to and returning from combat, many of them Southern Baptists.

The new missionaries and associates, their native states, and mission countries are Curtis L. Dixon and Bettye McCown Dixon, both of Oklahoma, appointed for South Brazil; J. D. Harrod, of Kentucky, and Donice McCormick Harrod, of South Carolina, for Brazil; James F. Humphries, of Georgia, and Mary Lookingbill Humphries, of Arkansas, for Vietnam; T. Leighton Lewis, of Georgia, and Dorothy Cutrell Lewis, of North Carolina, for Equatorial Brazil; L. Darrel Mullins, of Virginia, and Juanita Parks Mullins, of Tennessee, for Indonesia.

Also, Ben R. Murray and Dean Carpenter Murray, both of Oklahoma, for Mexico; James C. Oliver, Jr., of Alabama, and Marilyn White Oliver, of Oklahoma, for Colombia; David E. Railey and Joy Kerch Railey, both of Arkansas, for Taiwan; Samuel M. Waldron and Mary Thomas Waldron, both of Georgia, for the Philippines; and Blake W. Western, of Oklahoma, for Japan.

Dr. Mullins is a surgeon; Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Oliver are registered nurses.

The new missionaries and associates bring the Southern Baptist overseas mission staff to 2,161 (including 155 on short-term assignment).

### Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah, Completes \$60,000 Renovation

A \$60,000 renovation and redecoration project for the Baptist Tabernacle in Paducah has been recently completed. Sunday, May 8, was named as "Homecoming and Open House Day."

Speaker for the special occasion was a former pastor, Dr. F. B. Schlafer, now serving as pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. Following a noon meal at the church members were on hand to welcome guests and conduct them on a tour of the renovated facilities.

Among the improvements were included the cleaning of the brick edifice, painting all exterior wood and copper and interior painting.

A fifty-car parking lot was paved and the grounds were completely landscaped. Two new restrooms were added and offices were modernized.

A modern kitchen was installed which is designed to serve up to 400. A chapel was designed for one section of the first floor and is adequate for gatherings up to 125. The chapel will be used for weddings and other small gatherings.

Charles H. Chandler is serving as pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle. Mr. Chandler formerly served as associate pastor of the Deer Park Baptist Church in Louisville.

### Arthur B. Rutledge, HMB Executive, Speaker for Clear Creek Graduation

"When a church truly understands its responsibility it will be concerned for all the people it can reach," said Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Rutledge was the speaker for the graduation exercises of the Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. The services were held in the First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, Thursday evening, May 19.

Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke to twenty-two graduating seniors and their wives who have completed their work at this Bible institute for adults.

Dr. Rutledge further challenged the graduates, "I challenge you also to lay upon the hearts of your people a burden for the spiritual welfare of the nation and the nations of the world. It is your high privilege as servants of Jesus Christ, so to live that your life and words are a witness to Christ, and so lead your people that they shall grasp the high privilege of having a part in the spread of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ around the world in this critical day."

Kentuckians graduating were The

James Chrismans of Stoney Fork, The Wayne Jumps of Corbin, The Curtis G. Mondays of Paducah, The Eugene O. Schmids of Hazard and Chester Wilson of Newport.

Clear Creek is one of the six educational institutions operated by Kentucky Baptists. Located at Pineville, its program is geared to the training of adults, most of which have decided to enter the ministry later in life than normal college and seminary age.

The curriculum is adapted to the needs of the individual student.

D. M. Aldridge is president of Clear Creek.

### FMB Appoints Kentuckian

J. D. Harrod, native of Versailles, and Mrs. Harrod were appointed missionaries to Brazil during the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Harrod has been pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church, Walterboro, S. C., since December, 1962. A graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, he had student pastorates at Camp Pleasant Baptist Church, near Frankfort, and Clear Creek Baptist Church, near Louisville. (Camp Pleasant Church was constituted from a mission under his leadership.)

At Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., for appointment and a week of orientation, Mr. Harrod related some of the decisive points in his Christian experience. "During a fall revival at South Elkhorn Baptist Church, near Lexington, when I was 16, God called me to give my life to him," he told the Board, "My first impression was missions."

"My pastor constantly encouraged me, occasionally arranged for me to preach, helped me get a job so I could go to college, and influenced the church to assist with my tuition. When he resigned, the church asked me to be interim pastor."

Over the years, various influences "pulled more and more in the direction of missions," Mr. Harrod continued. His interest in Brazil grew through contact with missionaries who worked there and with Brazilian Baptists.

Mrs. Harrod is the former Donice McCormick, of Rock Hill, S. C. They met at Southern Seminary, where she studied church music. They have a two-month-old daughter, Roberta Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrod are among 17 career missionaries appointed and two missionary associates employed by the Foreign Mission Board during its May meeting, bringing the Southern Baptist overseas mission staff to 2,161 (including 1955 persons in various short-term programs).



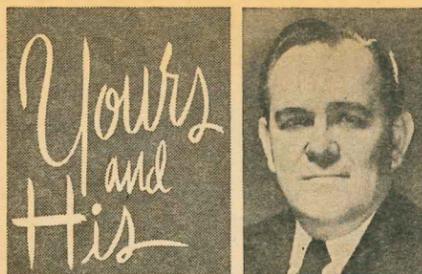
THE J. D. HARRODS, newly appointed Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, look at photographs of overseas mission work at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, at appointment time.

### Camp "Rabro" To Open June 13

Forrest R. Sawyer, Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department, announces that Camp RABRO will begin its 1966 camp schedule on June 13. RABRO is the State Baptist Camp for boys, ages 9-17. The name is taken from the first letter of the name of the boys' organization—Royal Ambassadors, usually referred to as RA's—and the first three letters of the name of the men's organization—Brotherhood.

Camp Chaplain this summer will be Dr. O. W. Yates, retired pastor of the Rosemont Church in Lexington. Dr. Yates will lead Bible study periods during each week and be available for general counseling.

Eleven weeks of camping will be held. This is one phase of the missionary education for boys as promoted by the Brotherhood. Every boy in every Baptist Church in the state is invited to attend one or more of these weeks of camp. Application forms for reservations have been mailed to leaders in every church. Additional applications can be obtained by writing the Brotherhood Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky. The camp is located on beautiful Dragon Lake on the grounds on the state assembly—Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky.



**SOUTHERNERS IN NORTH**

Funny that the Southern Baptist Convention was meeting in Detroit, Michigan this past week—in the SBC, as far as the USA is concerned, there "is no east nor west, in it no south or north" but one great fellowship in all the states.

We had more requests for Registration Cards from Kentuckians going to Detroit than for any other meeting except when it was held in Louisville. I am sure you are getting the details from the *Western Recorder* elsewhere, so I will not evaluate it (since I am writing this before I go!)

**WMU Adds New Week GA Camp**

Kentucky WMU at their April meeting approved Mrs. Ferguson's request for another week of missionary education at the GA Camp at Cedarmore—June 20-25, which is during the World Missions Conference for the rest of your family. Since this week was not listed in the original GA schedule, you will need to call this to the attention of your girls—their parents and leaders. It is open to all girls, age 5-15.

**New Cabins, Wagons for RA**

Two new Cedarwall Cabins have just been completed in the new boys' camp (Camp Rabro) at Cedarmore. Also, four new Covered Wagons will be here in time for the first week of camp—June 13.

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Your church should put in its budget money to send your leaders in all departments, as well as the boys and girls!

**Missions Conference June 20-25**

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*Harold G. Sanders*

**Kentucky Baptists**

**John N. Meadows Moves To Bagdad Baptist**

The former minister of music and education at the Highland Park Baptist Church, Louisville, began his pastoral ministry at Bagdad Baptist Church, April 24.



**Meadows**

Danville and Immanuel Baptist, also of Danville.

Meadows and his wife, Nancy, are natives of Kentucky and have two sons: John Mark, 6, and Michael Ray, 5.

**Noted Baptist Professor Passes at Richmond**

Dr. Fred A. Engle, Sr., 73, a former professor at Eastern Kentucky State University, died suddenly at his home in Richmond.

A native of Knox County, he attended several schools but received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Kentucky. He taught in Kentucky schools for 49 years. He joined the Eastern faculty in 1928 and was professor of education there until his retirement in 1963.

He was a member of Richmond's First Baptist Church for more than 30 years. He served as deacon, Sunday school

teacher and was faculty advisor for the B.S.U. on Eastern's campus for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Kathryn Johnson Engle; a son, Dr. Fred A. Engle, Jr., a member of the board of trustees of Central Baptist Hospital, five brothers, three sisters and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were in First Baptist Church, Richmond with F. N. Perry, pastor, and former congressman Eugene Siler of Williamsburg, officiating.

**E. K. Judy Day Celebrated at Henderson**

May 6 was observed as E. Keevil Judy Day by the members of the First Baptist Church of Henderson and by the city of Henderson. Henderson Mayor Maurice G. Galloway, issued a proclamation designating the day as one on which the community would publicly and officially express gratitude for the good works and example of Dr. Judy.

The congregation honored Dr. Judy in a special service on the evening of May 6 in the form of a "This Is Your Life" program. Dr. Judy has completed forty years in the ministry and eleven of these years have been in the city of Henderson.

Persons representing all periods and all places of Dr. Judy's ministry appeared on the program. These included his mother, Mrs. J. H. Judy, Cynthiana, Kentucky, and two brothers, Lewis and Manville Judy also of Cynthiana. His one daughter, Mrs. Trevis Otey, Glasgow, was present along with her husband and their three children.

From Baptist life where Dr. Judy has served in many capacities came Dr. Rob-



**WILLOW BAPTIST CHURCH, Brooksville, broke ground for a new building on May 1 with Dr. Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary of the KBC, bringing the message. In the picture, left to right, are Mrs. James King, Mrs. Chester Cummins, Mrs. Florene Haley, Dr. Sanders, Johnnie Perkins, Pastor Kenneth Richey, Leland Bowles and Jack Brooks. Of modern design, the new building will have 6,400 square feet and be across the road from the site of the building erected in 1853.**

ert Mills, president of Georgetown College; Dr. Robert Humphries, retired pastor of the First Baptist Church, Owensboro; Ford Deusner, General Superintendent of the Board of Child Care of Kentucky; and Dr. Harold G. Sanders, Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Also present were members from most of the churches Dr. Judy has served during his forty years of ministry. The program was under the direction of Norman L. Gardner, assistant to Dr. Judy.

He is a native of Harrison County, a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He resigned as principal of a high school in 1939 to enroll in the seminary. He has had long service to the denomination on the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, has served as a trustee of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in California and also served as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

**Dr. Vollmer Stays Busy**

In recent weeks Dr. A. M. Vollmer, retired secretary of Kentucky Baptist Foundation, preached in three series of revival services as follows:

April 3-10—at Bardwell, Kentucky Baptist Church. Hervey Hudson is the pastor.

April 17-24—at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Smith Mills, Kentucky. Earl T. Wright is the pastor.

May 1-8—at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Indiana, where W. T. Badgett is pastor.

There were 25 additions to the churches, eighteen upon profession of faith

and candidates for baptism, seven by transfer of letter and many rededications.

**Richardson Named Director Of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys**

NASHVILLE—Darrell C. Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Auburn, Ky., since 1961, has been named director of Camp Ridgecrest (N. C.) for Boys, effective May 23.



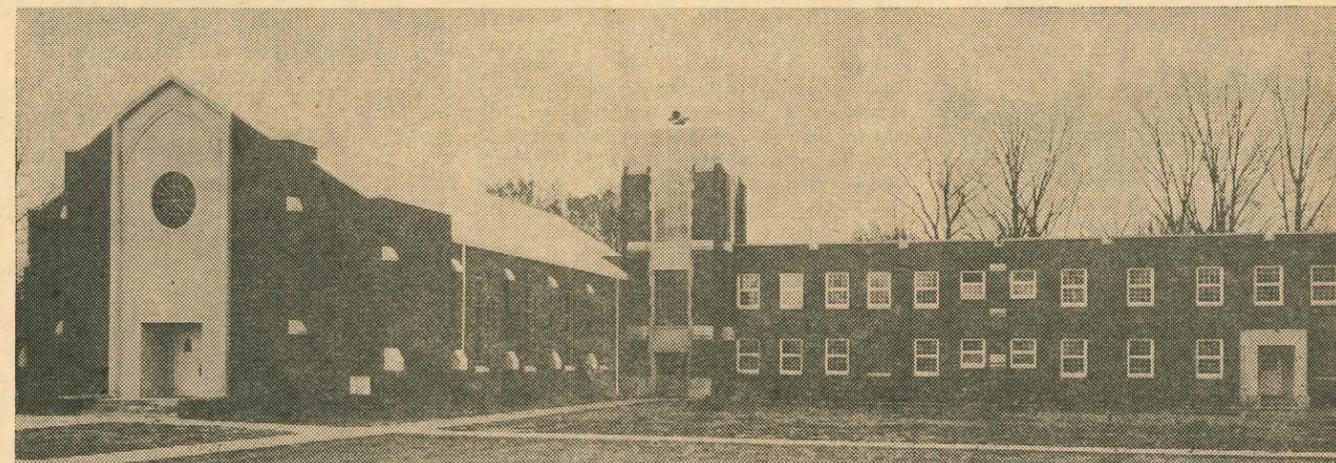
**Richardson**

He succeeds Ken Bryant, director for the past two years, who resigned May 1 to serve as an associate in The American Youth Foundation, St. Louis. Richardson is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green. He has also done graduate work at Yale University, Columbia University, University of Kentucky and University of Cincinnati.

During college days he participated in five varsity sports: football, basketball, track, swimming and tennis.

For seven summers during college and seminary days he served as aquatic director of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly and as director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys.

He has served as pastor at Ormsby Village, Anchorage, Ky., Fort Mitchell Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., and as associate pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.



**OKLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH, Paducah, will dedicate this new building in an all-day Homecoming 35th Anniversary June 12. The education section of the building was begun in 1958 and finished last year with the addition of central air-conditioning. Space for 500 is provided in the \$150,000**

**More Revival Reports**

The following reports of revivals have been taken from church bulletins and letters to the *Western Recorder*:

**Dr. Lewis W. Martin**, recently retired secretary of the department of missionary education of the Home Mission Board, was evangelist in a revival at Southern Baptist Chapel, Welch, W. Va. Pastor Eddie Henson reports nine baptisms, two additions by letter, seven rededications and one adult announcing his call to the ministry. The chapel is sponsored by the East Williamson Baptist Church, W. D. Sharp, pastor.

**Dr. John Carter**, president of Campbellsville College, was evangelist in a revival at Hartford Baptist Church. Wesley Hanson is the pastor.

**Auburn Baptist Church** held a revival April 24 through May 1 with T. Earl Ogg, pastor of College Place Baptist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, as evangelist. Darrell C. Richardson is the pastor.

**Dallas Vincent**, pastor of the Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, was evangelist at the Lake Dreamland Baptist Church in a spring revival. There were six professions of faith, four additions by letter, and twenty rededications. Paul C. Doss is pastor.

**Middlesboro First Baptist Church** had a revival with Bill Jagers, pastor in Prestonsburg, as evangelist. Truett Miller, the pastor at Middlesboro, served as song leader.

**Lloyd Johnson**, pastor of the Island Baptist Church, reports a significant revival in which 107 decisions were made. James O. Green, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Morgantown, was

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unit. The 550-seat sanctuary was completed early this year at a cost of \$100,000. Drives and parking area will be asphalted this summer. More than 200 persons have joined the church in the past two years and the budget has grown to \$50,000 with missions increased 6 per cent. R. E. Sasser is pastor.

# The Unpaid Debt Of Southern Baptists

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this entire area. We are late in coming, but thank God, even though the account is way past due, we are here and we are here to stay until Jesus comes.

## IV. Some Payments on Account

Volumes could be written on the blessings of God in this area. Every one of the hundreds of new churches since 1950 is a thrilling story all of its own. Each of these would list a dedicated preacher and family, most of whom paid a tremendous price to come and stay by the work until it was on its feet. None of them could have gotten started without dedicated laymen. God has raised up "a new breed" of laymen in this area, many who have borne the burden in the heat of the day to get a church started when there was no preacher, or prevented one from falling apart when a pastor left. The ratio of baptisms in this territory is better than one to ten and the opportunity for winning adults to Christ is unlimited.

One pastor came to a little church in

**T**he 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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IF ONE MAN can have faith to buy prime time and have an unadulterated evangelistic service on television on a nation-wide hookup, where without apology he takes his Bible, preaches the gospel and pleads with people to be saved, then eleven million Southern Baptists ought to be able to do it. We have scores of people in our state who were saved and hunted up our churches and were baptized into them because of Billy Graham's evangelistic telecast. God has given us wonderful leadership in our Radio and Television Commission but we are not facing our obligation to preach the gospel through the medium of television by telecasting religious soap opera that can be used on "free time." Let's put the means at their disposal whereby the gospel of Jesus Christ can be preached and His claim upon their lives can be presented.

We are going through a period in the life of our Convention when the subtle and indirect approach is being espoused by many. I believe in keeping up with the times and of experimenting with

every new and effective way of approaching people. It may not be the best to start down the street with a Bible under our arm, as big as a Detroit telephone directory, button holing people to ask if they know Christ, but I had rather do that than to be so sophisticated and suave that people don't know what my business is. If I should look out my window and see fire belching from the upstairs window of my neighbor's house, I wouldn't calmly pick up the phone and invite him over for coffee in order to give him a lecture on the principles of spontaneous combustion.

WE AS Southern Baptists are far in arrears in our obligation to preach the gospel to the lost multitudes. The world is in a desperate condition. We are not in position to deal in abstractions, indirect approaches and the low pressure sales method. It is time that we wake up to the perilous times in which we live and begin to act as though we mean business for God.

With the help of Texas Baptists and the Evangelism Division of our Home Mission Board, our churches in the Dayton area are launching an all out effort next year to confront every one of the one and one half millions who live there with the gospel. Leaders of these two groups have agreed to ask their committees to help provide the resources in finance and man power to plan with us in the greatest all-out evangelistic effort this territory has ever known.

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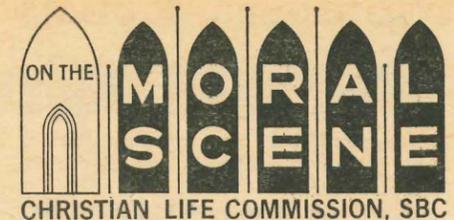
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WE PRAY that this will ignite a fire in the hearts of our people in this Northern territory that will spread over the nation. Our prayer is to see a similar effort in every metropolitan area in the North. Already requests are coming from other cities in Ohio to do the same in 1968. By the end of the Crusade of the Americas in 1969, we believe that Southern Baptists will have conducted such an all-out effort in every city in the North. We believe that states other than Texas will want to help with man power and resources, we believe that every commission, Board and agency will do their best to help us. This is an opportunity for Southern Baptists to prove that they mean business for God in facing up to our unpaid debt.

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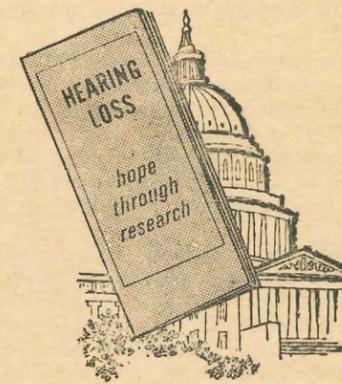
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... The 1966 edition of *Television for the Family* contains evaluations of most network program series televised weekly throughout the United States. Prepared by specialists, these evaluations are particularly useful for parents who seek help in deciding which programs are harmful for children. The handbook may be ordered for a cost of \$1.00 from the National Association for Better Radio and Television, 373 Northwestern Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90004.

... According to a statistical summary released by the Southern Education Reporting Service, the percentage of Negroes now attending schools with whites in southern and border states is as follows: Texas—17.2%; Oklahoma—38.3%; Missouri—75.1%; Kentucky—78.4%; West Virginia—79.9% Virginia—11.5%; Maryland—55.6%; Delaware—83.6%; D. C.—84.8%; Arkansas—4.38%; Louisiana—0.69%; Mississippi—0.59% Alabama—0.43%; Tennessee—16.3%; Georgia—2.66%; Florida—9.76%; South Carolina—1.46%; North Carolina—5.15%.

... According to *Time* (January 21, 1966 issue) metropolitan areas in the United States now contain 70% of the nation's people. These areas are expected to double in population in the next thirty-five years.

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Baptist Forum

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that forsaking these standards and ideals is not the direct cause of the moral collapse now prevalent? What is the difference between reversing our stand on this principle in order to compete with the crowd, and in telling a son since he cannot win in some exam or contest without cheating, just to go ahead and cheat?

If forced to reduce Kentucky Baptist colleges to only one, might God be seeking the chance to show what He can do? Perhaps through it he could produce another Paul who might alter the course of history. Is not obedience to God the paramount question in any issue?

Many are criticizing denominations that are compromising their beliefs of centuries. Shall we join the party and surrender our beliefs too, or shall we remain a peculiar people, set apart, unafraid to be different, trusting God to right all things in time rather than go with the crowd? Is not the major question to do right and leave the results to him? When things look the darkest, so often there is a blessing in disguise. Are we trying to have our cake and eat it too?

Mathias, W. Va. Mrs. Edgar R. May

Government Funds for Baptist Schools

Dear Editor:  
The love of Almighty God and of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of righteousness, justice and truth, the love of our country and mankind the world over, constrain me to object to borrowing money from the Federal Government for our schools for the following reasons, to-wit:

First, the Federal Government ought

to leave the question of education to the states.

Second, there is too much power being lodged in Washington over the individual lives of our people. There is grave danger, in my opinion, that if such tendency continues it will end in a dictatorship.

Third, the Supreme Court of the United States has, in my opinion, under the guise of interpretation entered into the legislative functions and far exceeded its authority under the Constitution. I do not believe that it was ever intended to grant such authority to the Court.

Fourth, the Federal Government ought to get out of the business of lending money, not only in education but in all other fields. We are bankrupt now but either too blind to face it or to realize the danger and fearful consequences resulting from our increasing indebtedness. Unless the Federal Government stops its wild orgy of spending, lending and giving away money, I greatly fear that in the not far distant future we may find ourselves not in a whirlwind but in a hurricane, tornado and cyclone of financial disaster.

Fifth, in my opinion this lending of money by the Federal Government in the pretense of helping education is a very subtle, clever and cunning beginning of supporting religious education by tax funds. It is a very dangerous step. It is a very cunning subterfuge to break down the separation of church and state.

Louisville, Ky. Robert Hubbard

"Southern" Hinders

Dear Editor:

I have read with interest in the *Western Recorder* and other papers the

discussion relative to the change of the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. I never thought so much about the need of it until I participated in a revival in Lake Michigan Association recently. I saw the need of it there. The word "Southern" hinders the spreading of the truth as real Baptists see it. I truly believe the name should be changed. I have a name to suggest. I sincerely believe the Holy Spirit led me to the suggestion. The suggested name: "The New Testament Baptist Convention"—NTBC. With that name we could have churches anywhere in the world and the name would not be inconsistent. We could have churches in Canada, Mexico, Africa or anywhere and all could belong to the same convention.

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Revival Reports

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the evangelist. There were 30 professions of faith, one addition by letter and three life-commitments for service. Among them was Harold Nall, 26, who surrendered to preach.

**Post Oak Baptist**, Russellville, reports 16 professions of faith and a total of 50 decisions in a revival in which Billy Devasher, pastor of the Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, was evangelist. As of June 1 Devasher has entered full-time evangelism. Joe Carrico is the pastor at Post Oak.

**Don Burnett**, new pastor at the Andrew Baptist Mission, Bowling Green, served as evangelist in a revival in the mission which resulted in eight additions by baptism.

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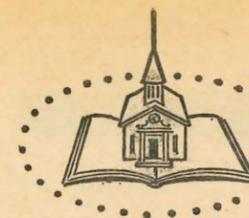
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



MANASSEH LEADS JUDAH INTO SIN

(This Lesson for Sunday, June 12, 1966)

Hezekiah became seriously ill and it seemed that death was inevitable and immediate. While visiting him during his illness, Isaiah remarked, "Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live." Hezekiah promptly "turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord." God graciously answered his prayer and prolonged his life fifteen years.

II Kings 21:1-4.

Three years after the critical illness of the king, Hezekiah, his son, Manasseh, was born. The boy was very fortunate in being the son of a godly father. As for his mother, we cannot say with certainty that she was a godly woman, although her name, Hepzibah, which means "God's delight," would indicate that she was. If she lived up to her name, Manasseh had the special favor of having parents to train him in the way in which he should go. When the lad was only twelve years of age he lost his father by death. He was deprived of the blessing of the guiding and restraining hand of his godly father just when he needed it most. And to make bad matters worse, he was left amid flatterers and idolaters.

Fancy being a king at the age of twelve! Even though he had presumably been trained in a good home, he was overcome with the wonder of being king. What a pity that Manasseh had to make the transition from childhood to manhood in an atmosphere which was so unfavorable to the formation of many sentiments and holy purposes!

It is strange how good and evil alternated in the kings of the Old Testament, even in the same family, as in the case of Hezekiah and Manasseh. Disregarding the example of his father, Manasseh resolved that he would please himself. Consequently, "he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord." He glorified in doing the very opposite of what his father had done. He tried his best to undo all that his pious father had endeavored to accomplish. Whereas Hezekiah had broken down the altars of Baal and destroyed the places where pagan worship prevailed and flourished, Manasseh "built again the high places which his father had destroyed." Manasseh wallowed in sin of various forms. Not only did he encourage and foster

the type of worship where lust was unrestrained, but Manasseh was so base that he even dedicated his poor, helpless children to the monstrous demon, Moloch, in order that they might become the sworn adversaries of God. It is strange that anybody would dedicate his or her children to Satan, but, alas, many have done so, and still others are doing so.

Manasseh was about as rebellious against God as one could have been. It was his duty to lead the people of his nation in the paths of righteousness, but he refused to do so. He deliberately turned from the path and the policies of his beloved father and followed a course which was the very opposite. He arrogantly and boldly practiced spiritualism and witchcraft, the very sins for which heathen nations had been destroyed. He not only brought in the abominations of the heathen, introduced various cults, and worshipped idols, but he also actually erected images in the sacred courts of the temple. So zealous was he for idolatry that he would not tolerate anybody who would not bow before his images. Perhaps his greatest sins were the abominations of idolatry, the desecration of the temple, the corruption of the nation, and defiance of God.

II Kings 21:9-15.

Manasseh sinned against great light, and persisted in his terrible sins in spite of numerous faithful warnings. Disgraceful sensuality was attendant upon the worship which he established. By example and edict he seduced multitudes within his kingdom. Then, as is often the case today, multitudes preferred to follow human leaders rather than God. Even though he and his people received frank and faithful warnings from God through His prophets, they refused to take heed. As tragic as it was for Manasseh to indulge in idolatry and debauchery, it was even worse for him to use his influence as king to lead others astray. So tremendous was the force of his influence that the people soon became as eager for idolatry

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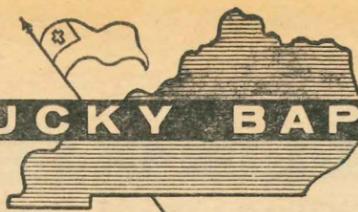
and debauchery as the king was. But, it must be remembered that nobody can ridicule God and get by with it.

II Chronicles 33:12-13.

One cannot do wrong and not suffer for it. Sooner or later every person has to face the consequence of his sinful deeds, including the wrongs that he has done to others. A day finally came when Manasseh had to pay dearly and bitterly for his folly. God had sent various godly men to warn him, but "neither he nor his people would hearken unto them." At long last, God used the drastic means of sending the Assyrian army and carried Manasseh away captive, bound in chains, to Babylon under the most humiliating circumstances. There, in solitary confinement in a heathen prison, he came to his senses. Like so many others, he made the terrible mistake of refusing to pay attention to God's message as delivered by His messengers until misfortune overtook him. Manasseh languished in a dungeon in Babylon for twelve years. There in the darkness and loneliness of the underground vault he had ample time and opportunity to think on his ways. While thinking about his relationship to God, he came to the realization of what a fool he had been in rebelling against God. In humility and penitence he confessed his sins and asked God for forgiveness. Aware that he had wrecked his life, he asked the Lord to forgive him. When he humbly asked God for mercy he received forgiveness for his terrible sins. God not only forgave him, but He also released him from prison and restored him to freedom and power. "Then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God."

After Manasseh's forgiveness and restoration, he tried to undo the evil of his former days. He renounced and destroyed his idols, surrendered to God, and pledged allegiance to Him. He courageously devoted the remainder of his life to reform, reparation, and righteous living, but he was never able to blot out all of the bad which he had done. To his sorrow he found that it was much easier to degrade people than it was to elevate them. Since it is so much easier to lead people astray than it is to bring them back, we must be very careful about the influence which we wield over the lives of others.

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## Stewardship

### Meet Bro. Stu

by Michael L. Speer

May I introduce to you Bro. Stu? Who is Bro. Stu? Why he is the Stewardship Chairman in Any Baptist Church, Any Town, Kentucky.

Bro. Stu is one of the youngest of all of our church officers, but his role is one of great importance. He is an annually-elected church officer, a member of the church council, and chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

Every pastor and church staff member in Kentucky has just been mailed a copy of the new Church Administration Department pamphlet *The Church Stewardship Committee*. This committee is designed to deepen spiritual maturity in stewardship, to develop Christian stewardship commitment and to extend the church's world-wide witness. To do this the committee should develop and recommend an overall stewardship program that will help the church throughout the year.

The plan is for every church to elect a Stewardship Committee (or at least a Stewardship Chairman) and send the name of the Chairman to this department. In this way we can give personal assistance to each church through their Stewardship Chairman—Bro. Stu. We will do our best to keep him informed concerning materials that are available for Stewardship promotion in your

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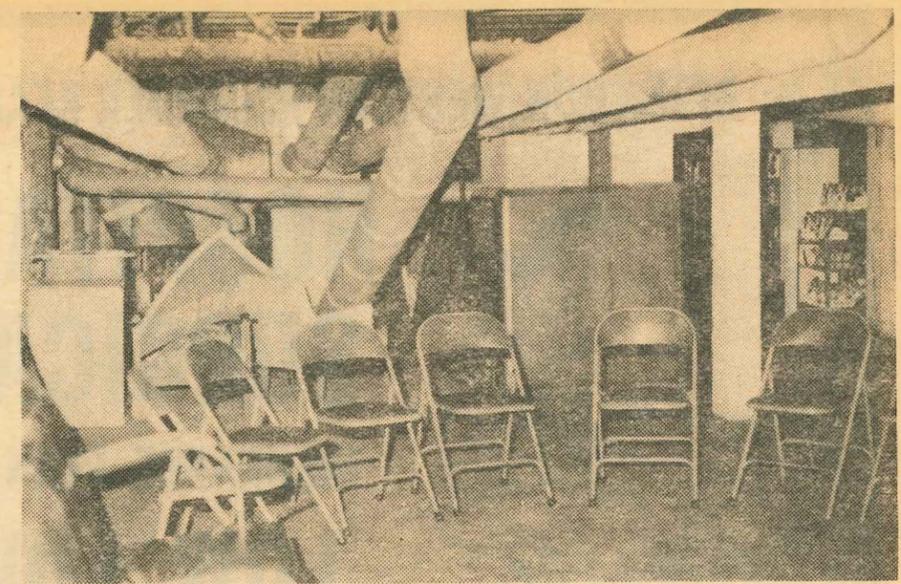
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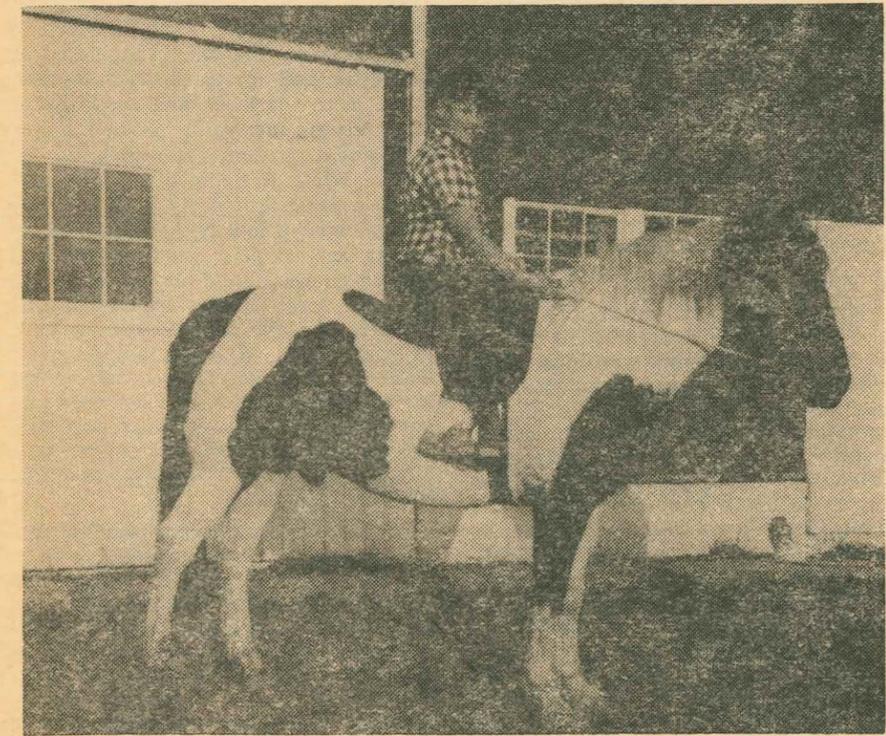
June 2, 1966



by J. Chester Durham

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