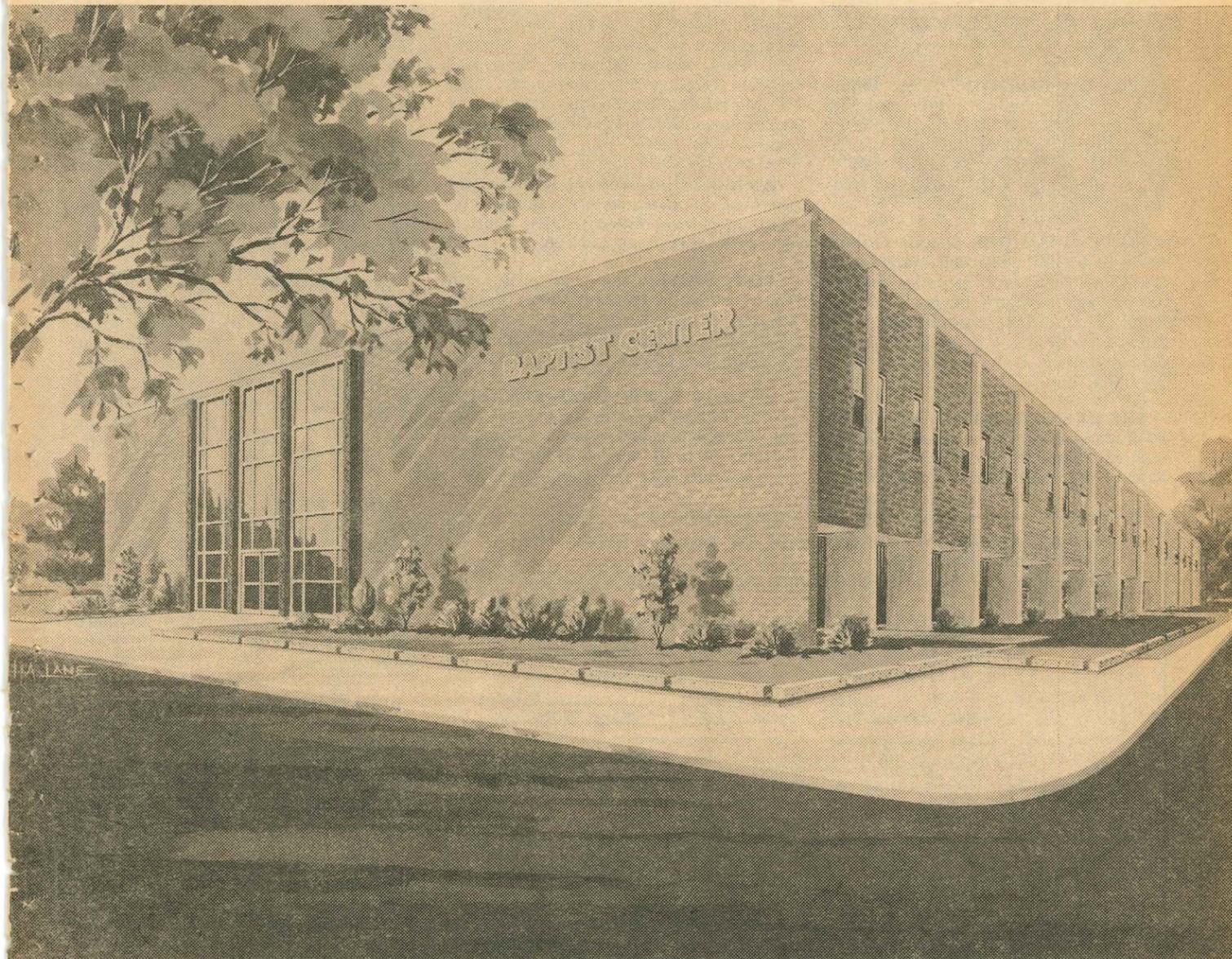




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THE LONG RUN Association Baptist Center was dedicated in June. A Sunday afternoon open house was held. Located at 400 East Chestnut, the new building is adjacent to the growing medical center in downtown Louisville. East Baptist Church will have services in the building. Associational offices are on the second floor. Student activities and a children's day-care program are part of the building's use.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

CARLOS GRUBER, music evangelist who lived in Louisville until about a year ago, reports a busy revival schedule. Recent cancellations have left him with July 3-24 as open dates. His address is 623 Sarah Ann, Nacogdoches, Texas.

PASTOR VANCE W. CLOUD reports that the Locust Grove Baptist Church is located at Disney, Kentucky instead of Cawood as reported in the June 16 issue of the *Western Recorder*.

MT. WASHINGTON First Baptist Church voted without a dissenting vote to enter a \$375,000 building program. A sanctuary with basement and the remodeling of present facilities will be financed through a \$350,000 bond issue. Wendell Romans is pastor.

BILLY GRAHAM'S London Crusade has exceeded the 600,000 mark in attendance. The June crusade has seen an average of 1,000 people a service come as inquirers. The crusade closed July 2 with "... a great Christian demonstration" at the 100,000 seat Wembley Stadium.

THE KENNETH HAYES, missionaries to Japan, may be addressed at 334 2-chome, Nishi-Okubo, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan. Kenneth will serve as interim

pastor of the English-language Chofu Baptist Church, Tokyo, this summer. Ken is a native of Louisville and June was born in Anderson County and reared in Louisville.

ALICE BURTON GRASS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burton, received a master's degree in elementary education from Austin-Peay State College, Clarksville, Tenn., with a scholastic standing of 3.65 on a 4.00 system. She has served as organist of the Sturgis, Ky. First Baptist Church. She was church secretary in former years. She is presently touring Europe and plans to teach music in Clarksville this September.

AN AD in the *Western Recorder* for the book *Baptists and Alien Baptism* by William Nevins, failed to give a price. The price of the book is \$2.00.

BILL MESSER was evangelist for a youth revival at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church at Providence. There were ten professions of faith and 18 additions to the church. Morris Braun is pastor.

HAMLET BAPTIST CHURCH, Benton, had a VBS enrollment of 160. Pastor Charles Simmons reports seven professions of faith, one re-dedication and two commitments for special service.

RALPH MAYS, formerly of Corbin, has been called as pastor of the Long Run Baptist Church, Vevay, Indiana. He is a graduate of Kentucky Southern College and is now a student at Southern Seminary.

W. A. CRISWELL, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, stated in a news story in the *Dallas Times Herald* "In the big cities the Catholics do far and away the most effective job of winning, enlisting and keeping people." The pastor's observations were made during a discussion of a visit he made to a Catholic church last winter in Los Angeles.

ROBERT A. DOWDY, director of the audio-visual education section of the Sunday School Board's Broadman Films department, was recently named an audio-visual sales consultant in that department.

MISS ERNESTINE GILLESPIE, Louisville, and Ernest A. Carpenter, Shelbyville, were united in marriage at the Springfield Baptist Church, June 10. Mrs. Carpenter is employed at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital and Carpenter is pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church Shelby Association. They are making their home at Briarbridge Manor, Apt. 20, 2919 Brinkey Way, Louisville.

THREE KENTUCKIANS are on the faculty for the Bible conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly, August 25-31. They are: Dale Moody, professor of Christian theology, Southern Seminary; Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament interpretation, Southern Seminary; and C. R. Daley, editor, *Western Recorder*.

BILL POOLE has been elected president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Administrators of Homes for the Aging at their conference in Winston Salem, N. C. Poole is the administrator of the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc.

C. EDWARD SHIPMAN, western marketing director for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, has been named director of promotion for the SBC agency. He succeeds Claude Hicks who has been named associate director of Hendrick's Children's Home in Abilene, Texas.

HISTORIC MEETING:

Special Convention Rejects Government Loans; Approves Allocation

Messengers to the first called convention in the 129 years of the Kentucky Baptist Convention voted nearly 2 to 1 against borrowing money from the federal government for the capital needs of its schools.

Meeting in the historic Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, messengers at the convention,

►voted 561 to 299 against permitting the colleges to borrow money from the federal government,

►approved a \$300,000 allocation in the 1966-67 budget for the repayment of any loans the schools might make for capital needs, and

►tabled a motion by Louisville Pastor John R. Claypool which called for a study of the relationship of the colleges to the convention and the feasibility of the Kentucky Baptist Convention becoming less involved in higher education.

CLAYPOOL'S motion did not specifically state that some of the four senior colleges owned by Kentucky Baptists should be released from convention control and be able to secure funds from any source but this was the intent of the motion and the messengers discussed it in this understanding.

The special convention came as the result of action in the 1965 convention in Lexington. The president of the convention was instructed to set a date with the advice and consent of the Executive Board for a special convention to discuss the capital needs of the four colleges, Oneida Institute, Clear Creek Baptist School and the B.S.U. centers. A limit of eight months from the date of the 1965 convention was imposed.

The Christian Education Committee of the Executive Board was to study the feasibility of a large loan by the convention to be used by the schools for capital needs. In the CEC's report to the Executive Board on May 2, the recommendation was made that \$3½ million be borrowed by the convention for the schools. The rate would be six per cent interest and the loan would be for twenty years.

A substitute motion was made by Dr. Franklin Owen, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington and a former Kentucky Convention president, which would have let the colleges negotiate their own loans from any source "they wish." Though government loans were not mentioned, the wording and intent of the motion included the possibility of government loans.

This motion became the Executive Board's recommendation to the special convention.

The convention opened on Monday afternoon with a devotional period and then a presentation of the background and work of the various committees. The motion was made by Don Randolph, pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville, to accept the recommendation from the Board. Immediately after it was seconded and discussion began, the question was divided into two sections: (1) The allocation of \$300,000 in the annual convention budget for repayment of loans for capital needs of the schools; (2) the source of the loans.

Debate following brought substitute motions and substitute motions for the substitutes.

By **R. G. PUCKETT**
Associate Editor

Considerable time was spent in the afternoon session on parliamentary procedure and just before adjournment for the evening meal, a motion was made to table all motions, reconsider the division and give ample time to discuss the original motion.

Messengers returned at 7:00 p.m. and after a brief devotional period of song, scripture and prayer, debate began again.

An amendment to the recommendation was offered by Wendell Rone, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro.

His amendment was: "... Each school or institute be instructed to borrow from private sources only; ..."

This amendment would replace the previous wording which was: "... each school or institute be permitted to borrow money as it wishes; ..."

In offering his amendment, Rone offered three reasons for his opposition to government loans:

- government loans for Christian causes are not Biblical
- it is not the Baptist way to support the schools
- it is a divisive matter for the convention.

Responding to these ideas, Frank Owen said, "I do not think this is a Biblical question. I do not believe it is a religious question. It is a political and practical matter, not a question of sin and righteousness.

"The government is going to have control whether it lends money or not, especially in the areas of integration and accreditation."

After considerable debate, vote was taken on the amendment. Standing vote

was first taken and President David Nelson asked for a secret ballot.

While the ballots were being counted by the tellers, Dr. Claypool moved that his motion be taken from the table and discussion followed until the previously agreed adjournment time of 10:00 p.m.

At 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, the debate on the Claypool motion continued and eventually was tabled again.

The original motion as amended by the Rone amendment was discussed and subsequently approved as follows:

RECOMMENDATION I: Approving Loan Repayment (by colleges, schools, Student Centers from private sources only.)

"We recommend that the Kentucky Baptist Convention allocate \$300,000 per year for capital needs to our schools and educational institutions and student centers remaining in the Kentucky Baptist Convention fold on the basis of the revised CEA percentages and that each school or institute be instructed to borrow from private sources only; and that the Kentucky Baptist Convention borrow for the B.S.U. Department."

Ira J. Porter moved "That it is the intention of this Convention to allocate to these schools, educational institutions and student centers \$300,000 each year for the next twenty (20) years." Motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION II: Schools and Student Centers Reserve" Set up

The Administrative Committee on April 1, in order to undergird the total Cooperative Program increased by adding \$300,000 to retire the proposed loans, set up a continuing reserve fund to assist the first year or two. Into it will go (1) the net cash residue from the liquidation of Bethel College; (2) the last quarterly receipts (June-August) of CEA undesignated funds (except the camps 3.92%); (3) 50% of any capital funds available in this year's budget; and (4) any other sources found. This should encourage all churches to increase Cooperative Program gifts; and assure all that the total mission program will be carried out.

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Issue Omitted

In keeping with the policy and practice of many years, there will be an issue of the *Western Recorder* omitted next week. The next issue will be July 21 and will contain the Sunday School lesson for July 31.

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A Convention With Undertones

The long and anxiously awaited special Kentucky Baptist Convention is now history and for years to come interpretation will be given to what really happened. The actions officially taken were surely significant but the undertones and the intimations of the discussions were even more significant. Those with ears to hear heard things that hint strongly of things to come.

One thing is sure. The discussion was full and free. No one should have felt muzzled. Freedom of discussion was permitted sometimes to the point of indulgence.

Another thing is as certain. Kentucky Baptists are hampered to the point of frustration with parliamentary procedure. Some of the muddles we get into are ridiculously paralyzing and hard to understand by laymen whose businesses are unhampered by such. The Kentucky Baptist Convention needs an able parliamentarian as a regular officer.

The special convention spoke surprisingly loudly on the use of public funds by Baptist colleges. In test votes on this matter in the past the convention has been almost evenly divided and some felt support for government loans, at least, was gaining ground. This time a resounding no was said. As one messenger put it, we wanted to "bury this skunk so deep we would never smell him again."

But here's a prediction. This is easier said than done. This "skunk" will prove to be a cat of more than nine lives. Now that tax dollars are available for church related colleges, those who turn to these public funds will survive and even flourish. Those who reject tax funds to try to live on the educational share of the tithe now returned to the Lord by Baptists will perish or have to retrench radically. For many of our Baptist schools it will be public funds or death. That's when our institutional pride and sentimentality will strain our church-state separation conviction to the breaking point.

Considering my own convictions concerning the use of public funds by church and church related institutions, it was heartening to hear this strong testimony. It was unfortunate, however, that it was done the way it was. It was nothing short of exercising control of our schools from the convention floor. If this is the way we propose to proceed, our schools are in for a rough time.

The trustee system has been chosen by Baptists for administering their institutions because it is recog-

nized to be fairer and more efficient than trying to run an institution from a convention floor. But the truth is we don't trust our trustees.

Now Kentucky Baptists certainly have the right to control their institutions but should honor the method by which they have chosen to do it. The trustees should always hear gladly the sentiments of the convention but should be left to make decisions based on full information available only to those closely related to the institution. The Southern Baptist Convention has honored this principle and preserved this procedure in Southern Baptist Convention institutions.

Convention discussion revealed a widespread feeling that we are overcommitted as Kentucky Baptists in higher education. No one doubts what we could do if we would, but the undeniable fact is Kentucky Baptists have not and are not supporting our present colleges adequately.

Besides this there is reason to believe there is no great universal sentiment for Baptist colleges in Kentucky. The alumni and some others closely related and intensely interested in our colleges will go all the way. The majority of the 650,000 Baptists in Kentucky could hardly care less and have yet to be persuaded our schools are worth their cost. In light of this it is amazing we are doing what we are for our schools.

The free discussion at the convention also disclosed a growing sentiment for concentrating on one strong distinctive Baptist college. A motion for a study opening the way for such an eventuality received solid backing as well as determined opposition before it was tabled. For a while it appeared the \$300,000 capital funds recommendation might not be accepted. Laymen of strong conviction and commitment were very influential in the final decision to do this much for our schools.

Though there was some satisfaction that this could be done, the feeling was universal that this is but a temporary relief and that the financial crisis of our schools is still with us. Another nickel has been put into a parking meter which will soon be red again.

Samford University President Leslie Wright closed the special convention with a truly outstanding address on Christian education. His report that Alabama Baptists, with one major school, have put \$7 million into capital funds for their school since 1961 only served to remind us how late and with what little we have begun.

As one observer I might be reading more in the atmosphere of the convention than was there. But along with the warm feeling for our schools and a

desire to do what could reasonably be done in the way of present financial help, there seemed to be a spirit of deep dissatisfaction bordering on anger saying the absence of a long range plan for all Kentucky Baptists higher education and the unrestrained individual expansions creating greater and greater financial crises must come to an end. The Christian Education Committee and the schools' administration and trustees should take notice or be prepared for radical treatment at the hands of the messengers in the years ahead.

The editor fully realizes this evaluation of the special convention will not be shared by some. As always the Baptist Forum will be open for other viewpoints.

Kentucky's Gift to Maryland

It was inevitable that a door of greater opportunity would open for Gene Puckett. His abilities, training, experience and performance have destined him for truly responsible editorship of a state Baptist paper. This is why the Baptists of Maryland have turned to him and why a sense of commitment to the Lord's will leads him away from his native state.

Kentucky Baptists of this generation have produced no young man in whom they have more justifiable pride. As a journalist, Gene Puckett is a craftsman of ability. As a personality, he has that dimension which makes a difference between good and outstanding and, as a preacher, he has few equals for his age.

Gene has been far more than an associate editor. He has been a strong influence for the *Western Recorder* wherever he has been. He speaks of the ministry of the state paper in a convincing manner and has enhanced the paper with his hearers.

He has been the other mind of the editor. In the editor's absence the decisions entrusted to him have been as wisely or more wisely made than if the editor had made them.

Above all other admirable characteristics, Gene Puckett is a man of unquestionable loyalty and integrity. One of lesser character could have yielded to many opportunities to encourage critics of his colleague. This kind of commitment cannot be priced nor bought; it is the gift of an unpurchasable man to his friend.

No son could offer more loyalty and devotion to a father than has Gene Puckett to this editor nor could blood brothers have closer ties than have he and I. His going necessarily leaves a great emptiness personally as well as professionally.

From a human standpoint Gene has all in Kentucky that a man could expect. He has the admiration and respect of all his colleagues and high esteem of Baptists in his home state. As such things go for the ministry, he has a comfortable living. His lovely wife, Robbie, and their two charming daughters, are close enough to their parents and grandparents to all enjoy each other. In short, as the world reckons values, he has it made.

But the world does not call the signals of God's true men. This is why Gene Puckett is leaving Kentucky and why we can but commend him and his family to Maryland Baptists with deepest admiration and sincerest prayers for a ministry like that which will bless Kentucky Baptists for a long time.



Proud To Be Different

Dear Editor:

The article by Dr. Robert Witty, "Are Southern Baptists Different" in the April 26th issue is indeed something to make all true Baptist Christians happy. This article also is a warning that we should not be too satisfied about our beloved Southern Baptist Convention, and get busy with our Lord to spread His truth all over the world, starting with our close neighbors who never go to church.

Some Baptists may not like the word "Fundamentalist" applied to them, but we should understand what that word really means and be happy to be called a Fundamentalist. It pertains to a foundation or basis and is essential to our Christian faith. This foundation is our

Holy Bible the true Word of God. This is quite opposite to Liberalism which is rampant in some denominations, another name for indifference to the truth.

Dr. Daley's editorial, "Are We A People of the Book?" should be read and studied after reading the above article by Dr. Witty. Too often we ignore the Bible when issues come up in our churches. How often do deacons and other members take the Bible to their meetings, open it up and find out what the Word of God says about these issues for their guidance. The Bible should always be used and can be used to settle

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

any argument that comes up. We should listen to what Jesus says because He is our Lord and Master.

I suggest the new name of the Southern Baptist Convention: Baptist Churches of God, or Baptist Churches of Christ which is the same meaning. Louisville, Ky. Lloyd H. Staples

EXPERIENCE IN DETROIT

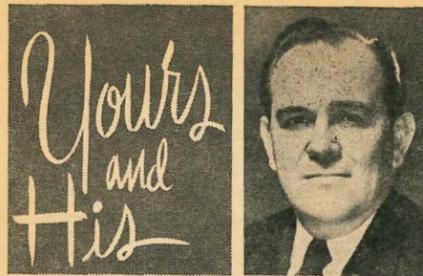
Dear Editor:

I had an appointment to eat dinner with Evangelist Harold Warner on Tuesday evening in Detroit while attending the Southern Baptist Convention. Brother Warner and I failed to make connection. Thus, by phone about midnight Tuesday night we agreed to meet Wednesday at noon for lunch.

This time our plans worked. We met outside Cobo Hall, proceeded downtown, entered a restaurant, stood in line for our food and finally found our way to the basement dining room.

During our walk downtown and while standing in line for our food we talked about our revival effort for the fall of 1966. We mentioned the need for a revival and our desire to see lost people saved.

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I am going to 34 of the 83—and in the 5 summers I will have visited almost everyone of the Associations. (Ladies, remember I like deviled eggs).

So, mark your calendar, see the boss about "time off" and come!

Harold G. Sanders

Deacons-Pastor Retreat

What deacon has not yearned to be with his pastor for closer fellowship, prayer, and study of the Word about the great things of the church? And what pastor has not so hoped? Well, that opportunity is now provided—two (2) two-night retreats in one week, July 18-23 at Boone Lodge, Cedarmore, by the State Brotherhood and Training Union Departments!

First Retreat starts Monday, supper, July 18, and ends Wednesday noon, 20th.

Second Retreat starts Thursday, supper, July 21, and ends Saturday noon, 23rd. Rates at Boone Lodge for board and room less than just room at best motels. Outstanding program is planned for both. Make reservations for either one today—Cedarmore, Rt. 1, Bagdad, Ky., phone 502-747-8911. Team up, Pastor and Deacons!

Annual Associations To Start

In two weeks, July 20-21, Russell County Association holds its Annual Meeting at Liberty and Mt. Calvary Churches—the first of 83 Associations which will meet—the last is Long Run Association, October 20-21, at Chapel Park Church in Louisville! Three full months of Baptist meetings—reviewing the work of the churches, the denomination; having fellowship with each other, with God with denominational leaders who are excited with the prospect of seeing the churches at work, of sharing the work of the various departments and agencies, and of **THOSE FAMOUS DINNERS-ON-THE-GROUND!**

Attend Your Association

Take time off from your work to go! One, two or three days spent with your fellow Baptists will be time well spent. Some associations meet at night so that missing work (except the night shifters) is not necessary.

"Youth Nights" are now arranged by many associations, and like the Annual Kentucky Baptist Conventions' Youth Night, this meeting attracts the greatest numbers—including youth choirs, youth leaders!

I'm Coming, Too

We have offered a "Team of Three" speakers to all Associations to cover all phases of the work. Each Association decides whether to have these, and, of course, others on the program. This year

Wayne Ward Baptist Hour Speaker

Dr. Wayne E. Ward, professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will be THE BAPTIST HOUR preacher during July and August.

Dr. Ward will be supplying during these two months for Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, permanent BAPTIST HOUR preacher.

Dr. Ward's topics for July include Meeting God at the Altar, Saved by Grace, The Marks of a Christian, The Church Jesus Built and Right or Wrong?

During August Dr. Ward's topics will be Jesus is Coming, When You Die, The Life to Come, and The Power of the Gospel.

THE BAPTIST HOUR is produced and distributed by the Radio-Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Ward has toured the Holy Land, has taught in the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland, and he attended the Baptist World Alliance in 1960.

His book THE DRAMA OF REDEMPTION will be released in the fall.



Dr. Wayne E. Ward

Nursing Homes Need Better Religious Care

A religious survey made of nursing homes and boarding homes being serviced by Western State Hospital, Hopkinsville, reveals the need for more adequate religious services for the patients.

The survey was made by Chaplain Loren Richter, senior chaplain, Community Placement Service, Western State Hospital. The survey was made possible by a grant and was under the auspices of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The survey revealed that most nursing homes have some type of religious coverage but that this is not meeting the needs of the homes. The services are usually limited to the visit of a minister who leads in a formal or semi-formal worship service.

The survey questions the concept that older people simply like to sing songs and listen to a sermon and recommends less emphasis to be put on preaching and more stress on the laity becoming involved in personal and individual care for the patients.

Chaplain Richter feels that the lack of depth in religious services now offered in these homes is due to the lack of cooperation among the churches and the lack of lay people being involved in the church's ministry to the aged. He suggests that there should be city wide and county wide cooperation of all denominations in the task of ministering to these homes and that youth groups and women's groups in the church should have the major responsibility for the homes with the minister serving as an advisor.

Kentuckians At Glorieta

GLORIETA—Five Kentucky Baptists are serving on the summer staff of Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly.

Kentucky staffers are Lou Wilson, Mayfield; Joe Earl Lambert, Mt. Vernon; Charles Warren Harrison, Louisville; Roy Brent, Campbellsburg; and Beth Hammond, Murray.

An assembly staff of 433 adults, high school and college students from 25 states provide office personnel, dormitory maintenance and operational services for Glorieta.

Southern Baptists throughout the United States will attend the seventeen church leadership training conferences conducted June 9 through September 5. A guest registration of 23,000 has been set for the assembly during its three-month operation.

Glorieta is owned and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

Convention Rejects Government Loans

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RECOMMENDATION III: Revised Cooperative Program Goals

	1965-66 Present Budget (1)	1966-67 (Loan) Budget Recommended (2)	1967-68 Budget (Loan) Goal (3)
A. Cooperative Program Goal			
1. Distributable Operating Budget	\$3,150,000.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$3,750,000.00
2. Capital Funds Phase	100,000.00	over total	over total
B. Other Budget Income (Estimated)	252,761.00	324,596.00	200,000.00
Total Budget Goal	\$3,502,761.00	\$3,824,596.00	\$3,950,000.00
C. Kentucky Baptist Causes	2,022,300.00	2,362,500.00	2,587,500.00
Distribution of this item established by vote of Executive Board at its regular meeting for consideration of detail Budget (64.2%)		(67.5%)	(69%)
Other Budget Income (est.)	252,761.00	324,596.00	200,000.00
Total Kentucky Causes	\$2,275,061.00	\$2,687,096.00	\$2,787,500.00
D. Convention-Wide Causes	1,127,700.00	1,137,500.00	1,162,500.00
The distribution of this item as voted	(35.8%)	(32.5%)	(31%)
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RECOMMENDATION IV. Summary of Kentucky Baptist Causes

	1966-67
Executive Office	\$ 47,680.00
Promotion	34,440.00
Cooperative Program Promotion	10,000.00
Business Management	97,718.00
Central Services	24,310.00
Central Purchasing	8,340.00
Contingencies	6,300.00
	\$ 228,788.00

SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTS	
Annuity (One-half paid by Annuity Board)	19,041.00
Brotherhood	48,090.00
Church Music	29,793.00
Direct Missions	344,414.00
Evangelism	23,676.00
Foundation	25,463.00
Stewardship	34,418.00
Student Union	121,116.00
Sunday School	68,594.00
Training Union	67,029.00

Adjusted due to personnel changes \$ 781,634.00

SUMMARY OF ALLOCATIONS	
Annuity Plans	185,000.00
W.M.U. Operating Budget	72,822.00
W.M.U. Space Allocation	2,678.00
Western Recorder	26,920.00
Western Recorder Space Allocation	14,712.00
Hospital Commission	80,000.00

Building and Improvement Loans Repayment:	
BSU Centers	12,000.00
Kentucky Baptist Building	19,800.00
Cedarmore	49,238.00
Camps and Assemblies Services	83,016.00
Church Building Assistance	45,000.00
Schools and Colleges:	
(1) Operating Expense	655,023.00
(2) Capital Needs	28,065.00
Schools and Student Centers Loan Repayment	300,000.00
Board of Child Care	100,000.00
Pioneer Work in West Virginia	2,400.00
	\$1,605,574.00

\$2,685,746.00

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED INCOME

Cooperative Program	\$2,362,500.00
Estimated Other Income	
Annuity Board (one-half Annuity Board)	10,323.00
Home Mission Board	40,000.00
W.M.U. State Missions	80,700.00
Designations for State Missions	10,000.00
Interest on Trusts, etc.	19,000.00
Sunday School Board	49,500.00
Miscellaneous Sources and "Schools and Student Center Loan Reserve"	93,245.00
Special Missions	21,828.00
	\$ 324,596.00

RECOMMENDATION V. How to Repay the Loans for Schools and Student Centers

1. URGE CHURCHES TO INCREASE GIFTS THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Administrative Committee, in view of the possibility of loans being made by or for our Baptist Schools and

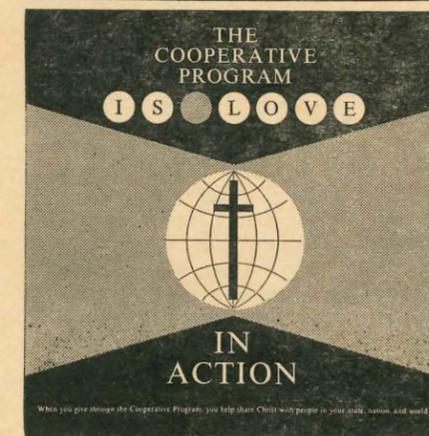
Student Centers, passed the following motion on April 1, 1966, as the primary means of increasing Cooperative Program gifts from the churches to repay such loan:

"Know that the primary sources of money for Baptist causes are the local churches through their budgets; and, since the capital needs of the Schools and Student Centers are now to be placed into the Cooperative Program budget each year, it is therefore respectfully suggested to the churches that:

"1. Each church immediately consider its part in raising the 1966-67 Cooperative Program of \$3,500,000 which would go into effect September 1. This will be an increase of \$250,000 over the current total Cooperative Program budget or 8% dollar increase; and \$350,000 over the operating budget or 13% dollar increase.

"2. For those churches whose new budget year starts later than September 1, 1966, it is hoped that ways might be found to increase their Cooperative Program gifts starting September 1; if that is not possible, to begin sending larger gifts with the beginning of their new annual budget.

"3. 2 PLUS to 5 PLUS of total budget increase encouraged. Many churches have been giving to world missions, through the Cooperative



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Program on the "2 Plus" plan, i.e., they give a percentage of their total budget each year, and each new year they increase that percentage by at least 2%. If they are giving 22% of the total income now, they go to 24% the next year. This is the finest and fairest way to share the income from God's people with the Cooperative Program. In view of the sharp increase for our Schools and Student Centers in the new state budget, we recommend that each pastor prayerfully discuss with his church the possibility of increasing 3% to 5% this coming year; then, each year thereafter, coming back to the 2% Plus Plan. This will raise the level of giving to incorporate the \$300,000 needed for our Schools and Student Center; then, working from that base, we can carry on this work through the years."

2. MODIFYING CURRENT CAPITAL FUNDS PHASE OF 1965-66 BUDGET:

The Administration Committee recommends that if the proposed \$300,000 per year allocation for Schools and BSU Centers for capital needs be approved, the Capital Funds Phase funds, if any, in the current budget now earmarked for Cedarmore be divided 50-50 between Cedarmore and the "Schools and Student Centers Loan Reserve" authorized April 1, 1966.

3. CAPITAL FUNDS URGED

That those churches not wishing to increase Cooperative Program percentages be encouraged to give \$1.00 per member per year for Capital Needs of our educational institutions.

Total registration for the special convention was 1,194, believed to be the largest number of messengers to register in the history of the Kentucky Convention.

President David Nelson guided the proceedings well, requesting each messenger to limit his speech to the approved time (six minutes and later two minutes) and that the previous question not be called for until a reasonable amount of time had been given for everyone who wished to speak on the issue to do so.

The large registration revealed the interest of Kentucky Baptists in the issue. Many laymen were present and several of them expressed their points of view.

The subject of federal grants was never discussed. It seemed that they were not in question since nearly all messengers were opposed to the grants but the matter of government loans divided the messengers but those opposed to the loans prevailed with an impressive margin.

Students at Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, met June 29, to discuss the implications of convention actions.



Baptists Believe

by Harold G. Sanders

Kentucky Baptists meeting in Special Convention June 27-28 in Louisville proved that they believe more in their Baptist schools, colleges and Student Centers than ever before—they strongly approved adding \$300,000 per year to the Cooperative Program budget starting September 1st and continuing for 20 years for "capital needs" of our schools and student centers. This is equivalent to a \$3.5 million dollar gift to be paid over 20 years. Our Baptist presidents are elated over this new strength provided by our churches—a new building on each campus.

Kentucky Baptists did not, however, follow the Executive Board recommendation as to the source of the loans: on the contrary, an amendment was made stating "that each school or institute be instructed to borrow from private sources only." They have the right to say how the money is spent. They also have the right to continue to study government loans in the future. Opinions are sharply divided on this issue. Many leaders feel that at some future time Baptists will avail themselves of low-interest-rate loans from the government, but not now!

Increased Giving Needed

The Special Convention voted a total \$3.5 million Cooperative Program annual budget beginning September 1st, 1966—which included the \$400,000 additional aid for our Schools and Student Centers. This is \$350,000 more than the current year's operating budget of \$3.15 million—or 13% dollar increase. We have also \$100,000 Capital Funds phase in the current budget—available only after the operating budget is reached—which will be divided 50-50 between the "Schools and Student Centers Loan Reserve" and Cedarmore Assembly.

So, each church is urged by the Convention to consider sharply increasing its giving to the Cooperative Program starting September 1st, or in its new budget. If the dollar increase of every church could be a minimum of 13%, or if each would increase by 5% of its total budget its giving to the Cooperative Program, we can reach the larger goal next year and aid our schools in this critical hour. **This we have committed ourselves to do.** This Kentucky Baptists, with God's help, will do.

Students Interested

Students at Kentucky Southern College met on the steps of the administra-

Kentucky Baptists

Hospitals Have Been Approved For Medicare

H. L. Dobbs, Executive Director, on June 29th reviewed with the Hospital Commission of Kentucky Baptists the various transactions of Medicare and the impact that this National Program will have on Kentucky and the three Baptist Hospitals under the Commission's direction. He pointed out the necessity of all hospitals throughout the country complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Hospital Commission has reaffirmed its continuing compliance with a resolution adopted by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in November 1960. This resolution asked that the Hospital Commission and the Boards of Directors of each Hospital make available on an integrated basis all facilities of the three hospitals for all people of all races, and that all qualified students applying for admission to the Hospital's School of Nursing be accepted on an integrated basis.

At the November 1961 meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention the Executive Director of the Hospital Commission reported that the Baptist Hospitals at Lexington, Louisville, and Paducah were accepting patients of all races and colors and likewise were accepting students in all Schools without regard to race or color.

The Hospital Commission has adopted the following as a reaffirmation of Christian motivation

A Baptist Hospital:

"EXISTS to bring men into a saving relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ by means of direct personal witness as occasion presents, and by a positive Christian interpretation of the experience of disease, disability, and death. . . FUNCTIONS as an instrument of God's grace in enriching and prolonging human life within the scope of Divine Providence. . .

tion building June 29th to show their interest in the critical needs of this Baptist college, and to protest the restriction on our colleges concerning government loans. It was a lively meeting at which President Burhans, students, faculty, C. R. Daley and Harold G. Sanders spoke—the last two extemporaneously. I told them what Kentucky Baptists are doing to show their faith in Baptist higher education—Co-operative Program, CEA, and the special \$300,000 per year voted June 28th. It is healthy to have healthy discussion—and to have your Baptist students involved.

ENLISTS AND TEACHES those called to the healing arts, encourages their maximum development in talent and skill, and provides the setting within which these may be performed as ministries of the highest order. . .

MAKES AVAILABLE the services of the hospital to all people, regardless, of race, creed, color, or national origin in such ways as to preserve human dignity and worth."

The Hospital Commission of Kentucky Baptists, the controlling authority of the three Baptist Hospitals, acknowledges Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and goes on record in upholding this law in its entirety in the operation of the three hospitals.

Specifically the Hospital Commission, in keeping with guidelines established for compliance of the Civil Rights Act, reaffirms the following admission policy:

1. All patients have been, are being and will continue to be assigned to the first available, most appropriate room, ward, floor or section of the hospitals without regard to race, color or national origin.
2. Patients are not asked if they are willing or desire to share a room with a person of another race.
3. Transfer of patients is not used as a device to evade compliance with the Act, but rather is based on Medical and Administrative reasons.

The Hospital Commission has reaffirmed its position in upholding the highest quality of medical care by receiving applications for medical staff privileges of all qualified physicians regardless of race, color or national origin.

Dobbs reported that the Social Security Administration and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare have announced that the three hospitals operated by Kentucky Baptists are in compliance and have been approved to participate in the Medicare program.

Medicare, the federal program of medical assistance to the aged went into effect July 1, 1966.

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RIDGECREST, N. C.—With 3,200 Southern Baptists standing to affirm their support, the Foreign Mission Board added 25 persons to its overseas staff on Thursday evening, June 23, when it met at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly to open the annual week-long Foreign Mission Conference.

The next day, as it closed its Ridgecrest meeting, the Board voted an optional furlough plan for its missionaries. Beginning January 1, 1967, missionaries may choose to take their furlough either on the present basis of a full term of service (which varies from three to four to five years, depending on the country) followed by one year of furlough, or on the basis of 32 months on the field followed by four months of furlough.

The new missionary personnel include 10 couples and three single women appointed for career mission service and a dentist and his wife employed for a three-year term as missionary associates. They bring the overseas staff to 2,179 (including 156 persons employed in various short-term programs.)

"You are men and women of maturity," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said in his charge at the close of the dedication service. "You are men and women of experienced Christian leadership.

"However, do not think that because you have planted your feet in the will of God there will be no problems out before you. You are in for big problems.

"Your best witness is not going to be by what you say or by your dental service or by your teaching or by your organizations or by other things that you will do. Your best witness for Christ will come when the way is difficult and the days are dark.

"You may get bad news from home. You may hear bad news on the radio. You may find the storm clouds round about you. You may find a thousand things to make you say with David, 'Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.'

"Just stand there in the quiet confidence that the Lord keeps his word. By the witness you bear in your standing, by the faith that is communicated from you on a nonverbal level, you will stand for Jesus Christ. And the Lord will make the light to dawn in some other hearts as well."

The Ridgecrest meeting was a special gathering of the full Foreign Mission Board, 65 men and women from throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. J. Chester Badgett, pastor of Campbellsville (Ky.)

Baptist Church and president of the Board, presided at the appointment service and at the Friday sessions devoted to reports from departmental heads, recommendations from area and functional committees, and miscellaneous business.

Personnel Selection Discussed

The dedication of the new missionaries was the conclusion of "a procedure of evaluation and counseling that is as creative, tricky, uncertain, and joyful as the birth process," Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel, said in his report to the Board. "The procedure has worked out in the crucible of years of experience, and it is constantly being reworked with a view to effectiveness in purpose and spirituality in essence."

Noting that through the years the Board has had very high standards for missionary appointment, he said: "These high standards can be maintained only by careful selection techniques which can determine the people who are uniquely gifted and qualified for a task that calls for cultural penetration, breaching of walls of language and race, and engaging in a missionary venture with rugged determination."

Two procedures are followed in the selection of personnel, Dr. Fletcher said. The procedure for career missionaries and missionary associates is based upon a highly personal approach. The procedure for missionary journeymen (single college graduates in their 20's who serve overseas two years) is based upon a specially designed group-oriented approach.

Dr. Fletcher enumerated several ways by which the Board constantly checks the performance of the selection procedure: by evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the missionaries, by survey trips to the various countries which enable personnel secretaries to

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update their understanding of needs and demands in particular areas (an associate secretary, Rev. William W. Marshall, is now on a two-and-a-half-month trip to the Orient, Middle East, and Europe), and by consideration and questioning of the loss ratio.

Last year only 2.5 percent of the total missionary personnel were lost for all causes (death, retirement, and resignation), Dr. Fletcher said.

"We have learned that as effective as the procedure has been, it is no more effective than the people who must administer it," he continued. "It is not at all infallible.

"We have been able to cut down the area of mistakes to two basic categories: We probably appoint some people we should not, and we do not appoint some people we probably should."

Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant, reported that, over the last four years, an annual average of only 1.38 percent of the total missionary staff returned to the States because of illness.

Richmond Layman Dies

Karl F. Schilling, businessman and for twenty years a deacon and treasurer of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Kentucky, died at his home in Richmond recently. Survivors include his wife, Ethel Glover Schilling, who for many years served as Baptist Student Union Secretary at Eastern Kentucky State College and was also regional vice-president of the South Central Region Woman's Missionary Union. The one surviving son, Karl F. Schilling, Jr., is serving with the American Embassy in Oslo, Norway.

Pastor E. N. Perry characterizes Mr. Schilling as a Christian gentleman of the highest type and faithful in every trust committed to him.

Concert To Be Presented At Broadway Baptist

Ronald A. Hough will be presented in recital at the Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Sunday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Hough is presently completing his doctoral studies at the University of Illinois where he is a student of Jerald Hamilton. He has a varied career as recitalist, college teacher and organist-choir director.

In September, Mr. Hough will begin his duties as assistant professor of organ at Mississippi State College for Women.

Hough will be assisted in the concert at Broadway Church by his wife, Patricia Edington Hough, who will sing a group of sacred songs.

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Miss Janet Davis, Southern Baptist missionary journeyman, directs the Niger Baptist College choir in a performance at the meeting of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. The use of drums as accompaniment was hailed as a helpful idea in the field of Nigerian church music. Miss Davis is a native of Owensboro.

Journeyman Uses Drums As Accompaniment

"I'm beginning to think of myself as a music missionary journeyman," says Miss Janet Davis, of Owensboro, Ky., who has been in Nigeria less than a year under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's short-term program of overseas service for single college graduates.

She was assigned to Niger Baptist College, Minna, in northern Nigeria, to teach principles of education. However, she spends as much or more time teaching and directing music. The all-male school has 300 students.

Her 40-voice college choir performed at the recent meeting of the Nigerian Baptist Convention in Kaduna, using African drums as accompaniment for several selections. "We hoped to show how drums can be used worshipfully and reverently," she says. Their success was indicated by a letter of appreciation stating that the idea of using indigenous instruments with a choir would be most helpful in the field of Nigerian church music in the days to come.

"I am grateful to God to be able to train young men to lead music activities in the churches when they leave the college," she adds. "Music and singing are such a vital part of the religious expression here in Nigeria."

The last of May, Miss Davis had a different musical experience. She performed in a piano recital at Newton Memorial School, Oshagbo, a boarding school for children of missionaries. "It was a real dress affair," she says.

In addition to college teaching and music activities, Miss Davis works in a Yoruba Baptist church nearby. Each week she teaches the teachers of children. Having been a director of children's work in the States (at Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.), she says she has had to make "a few" adaptations and adjustments.

One Sunday, by mistake, she was left with a group of 13 three-year-old children who understood no English. She describes the result: "Until an interpreter was found (can you imagine teaching three-year-olds through an interpreter?) I pointed to a picture of the baby Jesus

and said over and over in Yoruba, 'Baby Jesus; I love Jesus.' As the children sat quietly—no crying or moving about—I wondered what might have happened in such a situation at home."

Of her missionary journeyman experience in general, Miss Davis says: "Even with occasion 'bad days,' I am indeed grateful to be here. The fullness of my life here is far more abundant than I could have dared ask or imagine."

Japan Prime Minister Invites BWA to Tokyo

TOKYO (BP)—Japan's political elite rolled out the red carpet for Baptist leaders here and urged them to bring the Baptist World Alliance to Tokyo in 1970.

Prime Minister Eisaku Sato granted a 20-minute audience to H. Franklin Paschall, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Robert S. Denny, BWA associate secretary.

"We hope you will bring your Alliance meeting to Tokyo," Sato said. "We don't want to lose you to any other city."

Denny told the prime minister that the Alliance represented 27 million Baptists from more than 100 countries and expressed for the Baptists of Japan and their great contributions to the world Baptist movement.

Shuichi Matsumura, pastor of Tokyo's Tokiwadai Church and a BWA vice-president, told Sato, "The Baptists of Japan are extending every effort to try to bring the Alliance meeting to Tokyo in 1970."

Tokyo's metropolitan governor, Ryotaro Azuma, promised the group that "Tokyo will do her best to assist you in bringing your meeting here."

Both Prime Minister Sato and Governor Azuma promised invitations to the world Baptist group to hold their meeting in Tokyo in 1970. These will be carried to the BWA executive committee meeting in London by Matsumura in August.

Paschall told the governor that he had been deeply impressed with the work of the Baptists in Japan.

"They are doing a wonderful work in this land and have been most gracious to me and responsive to what I've tried to do," he said.

Paschall had just completed a three-day nationwide evangelistic conference at the Baptist camp ground at Amagi.

Mrs. Masa Nakayama, former Welfare Minister in the Ikeda Cabinet, urged the BWA to come to Tokyo and also to attend the world's fair in Osaka the same year.

Mrs. Nakayama, described by Baptist leaders as an outstanding Christian, made the arrangements for the audiences with the government leaders.

Baptist Editor Hits At Special Theology Fund

WASHINGTON (BP)—A Baptist editor here has strongly criticized the formation of a laymen's foundation for conservative theology and the designation of a Southern Baptist seminary to receive the foundation's scholarships.

James O. Duncan, editor of Capital Baptist, weekly paper of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, said in an editorial that the move raised serious questions about Southern Baptists and theological education.

The "Evangelical Christian Education Foundation" was established recently by a group of Texas and Gulf Coast area businessmen to support conservative theological education as opposed to "liberal theology now being taught in the United States."

The group set a goal of \$500,000 for scholarship funds for students who accept their definition of conservative theology. It placed the funds with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. H. Leo Eddleman is president of the seminary.

Duncan expressed appreciation for laymen taking an interest in theological education but questioned laymen "organizing into groups with the express purpose of promoting their own point of view."

Southern Baptists should know who these men are, "their real theological position—their political involvements," he said.

The Baptist editor struck out at branding one Southern Baptist seminary as a "conservative" seminary. Acceptance of the money by the New Orleans trustees on the basis that it seems to be offered "would be a slap at the rest of the seminaries," he charged.

Further, he questioned if the foundation could provide so much money "how long will it be before the administration of the seminary has to clear the faculty appointments with this group in order to get their money."

In his editorial, Duncan referred to a news release about the foundation which stated that "H. Leo Eddleman, president of the New Orleans Seminary, spoke at the group's meeting" in Houston. He questioned whether the funds were solicited by the seminary, and whether any commitments were made to get the group's financial support.

The editor also questioned "any student's sincere search for truth if before he studies his theology he accepts a 'conservative' theological position." Likewise, he questioned encouraging students to attend the seminary who have "pre-determined" their theological conclusions by accepting the point of view

of a group of laymen.

"Southern Baptist seminaries have all maintained a fairly good balance of theological points of view . . . now is not the time for theological distinctions to be forced on our seminaries," Duncan said.

Chinese Seminary Prof Opposes Red U.N. Seat

FORT WORTH (BP)—A professor at Taiwan Baptist Seminary in Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa) told students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here he strongly opposed admission of Red China to the United Nations.

Professor Leon Chow made the statement when he spoke at the seminary's chapel services and answered questions from interested students on the Republic of China and its place in the world today.

Chow argued that the principles of the United Nations itself would be violated if Communist China were to be admitted.

He explained that about five per cent of the 600 million people in Red China are Communists, and argued that about 95 per cent are therefore not represented by the present government.

Chow said the hope of the people in the Republic of China is to return to the mainland and once again unite the country of China.

Every Sunday, Chow preaches in the church where Republic of China President Chiang Kai-shek is a member.

"President Chiang Kai-shek is a deeply religious man," said Chow, adding that any minister would be happy to have such a man in his congregation.

According to Chow, President Chiang Kai-shek observes three devotional periods a day, and is a regular church member.

Chow was in Texas on a speaking tour traveling with a former Southern Baptist missionary to China, Charles Culpepper.

David McGowan Accepts Georgia Post

David McGowan has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fishersville to join the staff of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Atlanta. His resignation at Fishersville was effective June 19.

McGowan is a native of Rome, Georgia, a graduate of Shorter College and Southern Baptist Seminary. He has done one year of graduate work at the seminary in social studies.

While in the seminary McGowan served as pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Anderson County. He has been the pastor at Fishersville since 1962.



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST LEADER HONORED: Administrative leaders of a Negro Baptist Seminary in Mississippi confer an honorary doctor of humanities degree upon Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (in suit). Presenting the degree during commencement of the Mississippi Baptist seminary are: (left to right) T. B. Brown, academic dean; Wm. P. Davis, president; Quarles; and S. Leon Whitney, vice-president, all of Jackson. (BP PHOTO)

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Baptist Forum

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About the time I ate my last bite of food someone pulled on my coat sleeve. I turned to see who it was and a lady sitting across the aisle at the next table said, "Pardon me, but I have been listening to you all, that is why I followed you to this table. What do you mean when you say people need to be saved?"

I told her we believe that all people without Jesus Christ are lost and that Jesus died to save everyone who would believe in him. Then I went on to say that we are saved by grace through faith. Grace is God's unmerited favor and that faith is the channel through which we receive God's grace. Then she said, "I have faith to believe in God, therefore, you mean to say that I am saved? Does not something happen in your heart?"

By this time I realized this person (I did not know her name nor had she even asked who I was) was not seeking knowledge alone, but wanted to be saved. I said to her, may I introduce you

to my friend Brother Warner and may we join you at your table to talk to you about Christ? She said, "Oh, I don't want to take up your time. I know you all are busy attending your convention, but you looked so happy and talked with great assurance about being saved. I just had to ask you what you mean about being saved." I told her we are never too busy to talk to people about being saved. In fact our purpose in coming to the convention was to tell people about Christ.

I turned back to the table where my friends were seated. I told them this lady wanted to trust Christ as her Saviour. Brother Warner joined me at the table to continue the witness. The other men bowed their heads in silent prayer while 100 voices continued to chatter over the tables in that dining room.

Brother Warner took a New Testament and read Romans 3:23, 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9, and John 1:12. He also asked Mrs. _____ to read them too. Then he led in prayer. When he concluded his prayer he asked Mrs. _____ to pray asking God to save her. Through tears and in her own way she prayed

asking God to save her and to give her the longing of her heart. She assured us that she had accepted Christ and that he saved her. Then I led in prayer thanking God for what he had done.

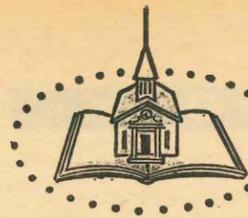
Then Mrs. _____ said, "You know, I have a son in Vietnam. Missionaries over there have been talking to him. The way he writes home, I guess he has accepted Christ."

At this point we introduced ourselves. We learned that Mrs. _____ lives outside of Detroit. She had come into Detroit for the day to get her daughter's glasses. We told her we would send her name to Brother Fred Hubbs, executive secretary, Baptist State Convention of Michigan. Then he could get in touch with one of our Southern Baptist churches in her community.

Then I suddenly realized, what if Brother Warner and I had had dinner last evening. We might not have met Mrs. _____ and had the privilege of telling her about Jesus.

Yes, God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform.

Irvine, Ky. J. W. Farmer



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD

(This Lesson for July 17, 1966)

Worship is inherent in man. He has a bent toward and a capacity for worship. All of us worship somebody or something. Whatever receives one's first allegiance is what he worships. When one worships anyone or anything other than God he is an idolator. Any one who does not worship God accepts a low rating for himself, dwarfs his own life, fails to attain life's greatest goal, and is a failure in life's most important business. The Bible has much to say about the true worship of God, as well as about false worship. There is every good reason why we should worship God.

Exodus 20:4-6

God, who spoke the Ten Commandments, requires the worship of all His people and refuses to tolerate the worship of any other. Why men made images and called them gods is still a mystery. The Second Commandment prohibits the use of idols or images in connection with the worship of God. All idolatrous representations of God are strictly forbidden. No image or likeness could ever reveal God, Who is Spirit. No physical conception of God is permissible. There is nothing on earth or in heaven to which He may be likened. To attempt to represent the living God by that which is without life and made by man is useless, sinful, and truly a debasement of deity, for which there cannot be any justification.

"God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). We must worship God according to His nature. Since he is Spirit, we must worship Him spirit-wise, and not image-wise. To worship an image is absurd. The workman is better than his work. "He who hath builded the house hath more honor than the house" (Hebrews 3:3). The reason why image-worship is expressly forbidden in the scriptures is that God is a jealous God; also, because the law of heredity forbids it. While God visits the penalty of bad fathers upon the children of the third and fourth generation of them that hate Him, He also visits the reward of good fathers upon their children.

John 4:7-10.

In the course of His journey through Samaria Christ came upon Jacob's well,

which was about a ten minute's walk from ancient Soghar and the present town of Nablus. It was about noon when He and His disciples arrived there. They were hot, tired, hungry, and thirsty. Weary from the journey, the Master sat down on the parapet of the well, while His disciples went into the village to buy food. By this famous well there took place one of the most beautiful, interesting, and memorable events recorded in the Bible.

Ere long the reverie of the Saviour was disturbed by the coming of a Samaritan woman to the well for the purpose of drawing water for her household needs. She came at that unusual hour because she did not want to come in contact with the other women who despised her on account of her sinful life. Weary and depressed, she advanced with a look of disillusionment and sadness on her face. Expectation had faded from her face and she was no longer hoping for better days. Embarrassed and disgusted that Christ was sitting there, with a bold and unsympathetic gaze she stared at Him.

In spite of her dense ignorance, racial prejudice, and terrible wickedness, the Saviour was exceedingly anxious to save this Samaritan woman. With remarkable wisdom and unusual tact, He asked her to help Him by giving Him a drink, which request awakened her surprise, broke down her prejudice, and appealed to her sympathy. It is noteworthy that Christ did not wait for the woman to speak to Him, but He began the conversation. When He condescended to ask her for a favor, and that in a most tactful fashion, He placed himself under an obligation.

In the course of the conversation which ensued, Christ told her that those who drank water from Jacob's well would thirst again, which fact she had learned already by experience, but that there was something far better than the water from the well beside which He sat. He told her that the water which He gave possessed the quality of satisfying completely all who drank it. His free offer revealed the possibility of her need being met. In fact, Christ never holds out before anyone the prospect of any good without the possibility of its realization. By suggesting that the thirst of

her soul might be satisfied thus, He aroused her desire for the living water about which He spoke.

John 4:19-24.

Aware that a knowledge of one's sinful condition must precede salvation, our Lord probed into her sinful life and taught her the necessity of repentance. When He began to talk to her about her sin, she tried to change the subject, but He refused to be side-tracked and drawn into a religious argument.

In their conversation the woman asked Christ for some instruction about worship. Evidently she was under the impression that God was restricted to one place and could be worshiped there only. Our Lord proceeded to make it clear to her that spiritual worship is not a question of bodily position or physical location, but rather of heart condition. God can be worshiped anywhere and at any time, but never with the use of images. Christ taught the woman that true worship is not confined to a particular place, but that it must be spiritual and must be done in an understanding manner. Only those who have been regenerated can truly worship God. No other worship than that which is offered in spirit and in truth can possibly be acceptable to Him.

We must ever bear in mind that worship is a proper recognition of the worth of God, an adoration of His person, and a veneration of His name. It means to honor Him with submission and love. It includes loving communion with God. It is essential to Christian growth. True worship of God is a very important factor in the spiritual development and fruitfulness of church members. It elevates character and improves conduct. The thing of paramount importance is not where we worship, but how we worship the true and living God.

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Sunday School

New Teacher Training Materials Ready

by Clarence Penn

Leadership Training Materials is the title of two new courses of study now available in one package at the Baptist Book Store for \$3.50, Code 435-949. The materials are punched to fit a 3-ring 8½ x 11 notebook. A church may profit best by offering these courses of study in the order recommended in the materials.

The first series of 26 lessons are entitled, "Training Potential Leaders." This is a unit of study designed to reach and give foundational training to church members who have potential for leadership but who, at the time the course is offered, are not serving in their churches. . . Every church needs additional trained leadership." The Training Union has the responsibility for providing this unit of study which should precede the second series of lessons.

The Sunday School has the responsibility for providing the second series of 26 lessons which are entitled, "Training Workers for the Sunday School (A Specialized Training Course)" This unit of study "is planned in such a way that it becomes basic to and points forward to additional specialized training in age-group and general officer leadership. This course is designed to major on Junior through Adult leadership concepts. An elementary workers' course is being made available (date not yet announced) for children's workers, Nursery through Primary, to run concurrently with this course."

Annuity Department

It's Never Too Soon!

by R. G. Puckett

Human nature tends to delay doing the things that do not seem a necessity at the moment. Even important things like preparing for tomorrow. But some things are never too soon!

A rather thorough search of the records indicates that I was the youngest participant at the time I joined the Southern Baptist Protection Plan. Not just the youngest in my native Kentucky, but the youngest in the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

Now that's something for a young man but it is even more for a man approaching retirement because this distinction

means I have the potential for the greatest SBPP annuity of any man in the convention.

Lest it sound like I'm tootin' my own horn in displaying great wisdom in joining the Southern Baptist Protection Plan at such an early age, let me quickly say the suggestion came from my little rural church that I served while in college.

The Lone Valley Baptist Church in Taylor County, Kentucky (now merged with the Pike's Ridge Baptist Church to form the Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Campbellsville) had only 93 members, 59 of which were resident, when I become their pastor in May, 1952 at the age of 19 years and 7 months.

Bradley Chaudoin, a member of the church who has since gone to be with the Lord, asked me one day, "Pastor, wouldn't you like to join the Relief and Annuity Program? I know its a long time before you will consider retirement and you aren't even married, but we have the plan in our budget and you should join."

So, Baynard Fox, annuity secretary for Kentucky Baptists at the time, signed me up, making my participation retroactive to my first month as pastor.

Now the moral of this story is simply this: It's never too soon for a young preacher to get in the Annuity Program and any church, regardless of size, can and should be in the plan.

Training Union

State Representative Young People's Speakers' Tournament

by Eldon Boone

Tim Hill from Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, will represent Kentucky Baptists at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, July 21-27. Tim was one of twelve young people representing the eight regions of our state who participated in the final events held during the Young People's Convention at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, April 22-23.



Tim Hill

Regional representatives in the final tournament in the 17-18 Non-College group were Bill Smith, Western Region;

Steve Thompson, Southwestern Region; Miss Karen Kimmel, North Central Region; Lonnie Turner, Southeastern Region; Miss Jeanette Winn, South Central Region; Wayne Graham, Southern Region; and Wayne Rogers, Central Region.

In the college and 19-24 year division the participants were Miss Rosemary Sasser, Southwestern Region; Tim Hill, North Central Region; Miss Sue Sanders, Southeastern Region; Miss Sandra Weaver, South Central Region; and Miss Nancy Jo Martin, Central Region.

State representative, Tim Hill, who spoke on "The Relevant Church", has just completed his freshman year at Georgetown College. Runner-up is Miss Karen Kimmel from Crestwood Church in Franklin Association. Her speech was entitled, "I Am My Brother's Keeper."

Church Music

Youth Music Assembly Features California Musicians

by Eugene Quinn

Leading faculty members for the Youth Music Assembly, July 25-29 at Cedarmore, include Pro. and Mrs. Carlyle Bennett. Both of them are members of the faculty of the Department of Church Music of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in San Francisco.



Prof. Bennett

Prof. Bennett will serve as choral director, preparing the large Assembly choir to present the cantata, *The Crucifixion*, by John Stainer, which will occur on Friday night, July 29 at 7:15 p.m. at Cedarmore.

Mrs. Bennett is a specialist in hymnology and keyboard theory. She will teach the course in hymnology at the Assembly.

Reservations should be made for the Assembly as early as possible for the desired facilities.



Mrs. Bennett

Brotherhood

Camp Rabro Underway

by Forrest Sawyer

On the 16th of May, Calvin D. Fields began his duties as the Associate Secretary of the Brotherhood Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Almost immediately, he began finalizing plans for Camp Rabro—Cedarmore.

This camp was established by the Convention for the boys, nine (9) through seventeen (17) years of age, who are members of, or associated by membership in some organization of the church.

Pastors, and laymen who have served as counselors since 1951, and boys who have come as campers all know, remember, love and respect this man who will be directing the program. His storytelling . . . LITTLE EFFIE, and his singing . . . Oh, MONA, have been "scarred" on many a heart.

As of this writing, camp will have started (on June 13) and there is still "room" during August. July is nearly full, but aside from cancellations, large groups should plan to request August space.

With Dr. O. W. Yates serving as Camp Chaplain, and leading the campers and staff in a study of the missionary message of the Bible, plus the "things" done in camp, it should be one of the most memorable experiences of a boy's life.

Any adult men—pastors or laymen—who can and will serve as counselors, will be welcome and their services utilized.

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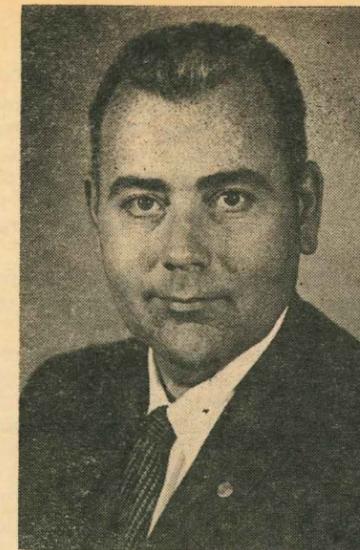
Stability of Foundation Accounts

by James Austin

It is the policy of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, according to the best of its ability, to conserve as well as augment the funds entrusted to it. For the first nine months of this fiscal year we have received new assets in the amount of \$305,212.94.

What ought to be the criterion of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation is not how much it has increased its corpus in recent months, but how well it has preserved the service record of its assets. Economic cycles inevitably occur, but in the face of the current fluctuations it has been enheartening to observe the stability of Foundation accounts. We commend the Directors of the Foundation and the Fiscal Agents of the Foundation for such stability.

As of June 15, 1966 the market value of the funds handled by the Foundation amounted to \$4,160,791.02. Considering the two estates now in probate and the Gift Annuities and Life Income Agreements written almost weekly, we should be pressing the 4½ million dollar mark



Calvin D. Fields

as we reach the end of this fiscal year on August 31.

Income distributed during the past nine months amounted to \$109,985.48. We anticipate that income for the year ending August 31 will total about \$150,000.00.

We have assisted in the preparation of 48 wills during these nine months. Numerous inquiries concerning the writing of wills were answered by mail, by telephone and personal consultation.

The Collective Investment Fund established with The Louisville Trust Company appears to be off to a fine beginning. This may well be one of the most important steps made in the life of the Foundation to advance and improve our operational procedures.

We are in the process of establishing a Gift Annuity Fund which will serve as a sort of revolving fund to handle Gift Annuities for all Kentucky Baptist Agencies and Institutions.

I am grateful to God for His blessing upon our work, for the service of our faithful Foundation Directors, and for the pastors and denominational leaders who continue to be helpful in so many ways.

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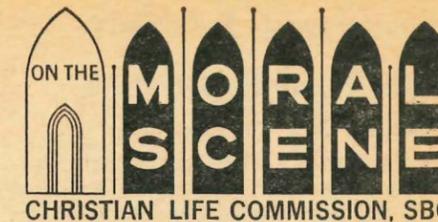
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. . . A one dollar contribution has been requested from every member of churches and synagogues in Milwaukee in a project designed to help wipe out the city's Negro ghetto and other manifestations of racial injustice. Sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Conference on Religion and Race, the program includes a ten-year plan that will enlist the help of real estate dealers, business men, educators, and social welfare agencies to help in dispersing Negro families throughout the city and its suburbs instead of concentrating them in a ghetto where the evils of prejudice and economic discrimination thrive.

. . . Increased interest in the civil rights struggle is being manifested on the part of US Latins, as evidenced by such protests as the grape-pickers' organization in Sacramento. Spanish-speaking Americans now number from 8 to 10 million, and conservative estimates project the number may reach 15 million within the next decade.

. . . A national drive against the illegal spread of "pep pills," "goof balls" and such drugs as LSD is being launched by the Food and Drug Administration. Alarm over the growing use of such drugs, particularly among youth, triggered the campaign. Field offices will be established in New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, and Los Angeles.

. . . "Hamburger" sold by meat processors to restaurants is often loaded with cereals, water, dried milk, or other ingredients. The Agriculture Department wants these labeled something like "imitation meat patties." Since the Department has no jurisdiction once the meat leaves the processor, however, restaurants will probably still call them hamburgers.

. . . According to the Bell Tel News, several new electronic devices and call-identification methods are giving telephone security people a method of tracking down the anonymous telephone caller. These new devices make it possible to pinpoint any telephone used to make obscene or abusive calls.

. . . London gambling casinos are making so much money that Americans are being flown to London with all expenses paid by gamblers who expect to make it all back in winnings. Britain's passion for gambling is causing great concern in both the government and the Church of England.

Southern Baptists

SBC Final Registration Count Set at 10,414

NASHVILLE (BP)—The final registration count of messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Detroit put the exact total of 10,414 it was reported here.

North Carolina topped the list in attendance, with 1,035 messengers registered.

The final registration count was recorded by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, which tabulated and microfilmed each of the registration cards.

The official count ranged the Detroit convention as the 13th largest convention in the denomination's history. The 1965 convention in Dallas was the larg-

est, with 16,053 messengers registered.

Second in registration to North Carolina was Texas, with 915 on the rolls. In total church membership, Texas is the largest of the 19 Baptist state conventions with 1.7 million members, and North Carolina is the second largest with 970,000.

Smallest representation came from Puerto Rico, with two, and Hawaii, with five.

Other states, with the number of registered messengers represented, included: South Carolina, 828; Tennessee, 812; Georgia, 729; Alabama, 698; Virginia, 623; Kentucky, 611; Mississippi, 515; Missouri, 503; Michigan, 465.

Florida, 365; Oklahoma, 324; Ohio, 319; Illinois, 307; Louisiana, 305; Maryland, 240; Arkansas, 218; Indiana, 159; California, 138; Colorado, 74; Kansas, 64; District of Columbia, 59; New Mexico, 39; Arizona, 34; Washington-Oregon, 16; Utah-Idaho, 11.

Church Secretaries Meet At Baptist Assemblies

NASHVILLE—Church secretaries will gather July 7-13 at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly to confer on "Human Relations," "Public Relations and Correspondence," "Office Techniques," and "Staff Administration." A similar conference will be held July 28-August 3 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Assembly.

At Glorieta, the conference will be di-

rected by Badgett Dillard, director of administration, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Program personalities there will be Miss Jean Aiken, office services supervisor, Southern Seminary, and Harold Wahking, assistant professor of psychology, Georgetown (Ky.) College.

At Ridgecrest, the secretaries' conference will be directed by Miss Harriett Buff, minister of education, Waldrop Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga.

Program personalities for this conference will be Wahking; Mrs. Nina Tompkins, educational secretary, Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa; and William E. Young, director, field services, Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The conferences at both places will be simultaneous with the first week of the Sunday School leadership conferences. Three morning conferences for church secretaries will be held.

For reservations write: E. A. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M. 87535; or Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

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