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New Building of Rock Haven Baptist Church, Salem Association (SEE DETAILS, PAGE 3).



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

WILLIAM E. BOYD, an editor in the family life department of the Sunday School Board, has resigned to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Eustis, Florida. Boyd served as news director at Southern Seminary, Louisville, while studying for the B.D. degree, which was granted in 1961.

THE NEW DIRECTOR of press relations at New Orleans Seminary is George M. Mims, Jr., recent graduate of the University of Florida school of journalism. A first year B.D. student, he also will serve as associate editor of the seminary's monthly publication.

W. HAROLD PHILLIPS and Mrs. Phillips, natives of Kentucky, are on furlough this year as missionaries to the Philippines. They may be addressed at 804 Elissa Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

WAYNE E. WARD, professor of theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, is the author of *The Drama of Redemption*, a book released by Broadman Press. The volume describes the principle events and teachings of the Bible on the subject of salvation and redemption.

THE FIRST PITTS PROFESSOR of religion at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, is Theron D. Price, who has served the school as chairman of the religion department. The Pitts Chair was established this year with endowment funds given by the late Reuben Pitts, a Furman alumnus and trustee of the school for 31 years.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Boones Creek Association, celebrated its 45th anniversary at annual homecoming services during August. The congregation was organized July 31, 1921.

WILFORD BROWN has resigned as pastor of North Side Mission, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Association, to become pastor of Red House Baptist Church in Tates Creek Association. He is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School.

JACK MOORE, a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, has accepted the pastorate of North Side Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association. He formerly served as pastor of Maretburg and Pine Hill Churches in the same association.

LONE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH, Paducah, dedicated its new church site during the summer. Paul S. Owen was ordained a deacon on the new site with pastor Isaac B. McDonald preaching the ordination sermon.

LYNN M. DAVIS, JR., editor of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger* since 1962, has resigned to become supervisor of the editorial section of the Sunday School Board's office of denominational relations. A B.D. graduate of New Orleans Seminary, he will serve as associate editor of the Board's monthly publication and supervise the production of all printed materials prepared in the office of denominational relations. The appointment is effective October 1.



Davis

EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM has been denied his request for a visa by the Polish government at the present time. He was to visit Poland to speak at Protestant ceremonies marking a thousand years of Christianity in that country. Polish officials said they felt this was not an appropriate time for his visit, but they encouraged him to apply for another visa at a later time.

DEAN GRAY celebrated his first anniversary as minister of music at Hartford, Kentucky, Baptist Church on Sunday, September 11.

THE CONGREGATION of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, recently moved into a new activities and education building. Ercil L. Barker is pastor.

IRA SINGLETON, pastor of the Ferguson Baptist Church, Ferguson, Kentucky, for the past four years, has resigned to become Superintendent of Missions for the Liberty Baptist Association. Mr. Singleton has already assumed his new duties and is living in the recently built missionary's home at 107 South Fork Road in Glasgow, Ky.

FRANK STRICKLAND has accepted the pastorate of Livingston Baptist Church in Rockcastle Association. The congregation has been without a pastor for about a year.

"POINTS FOR EMPHASIS," Sunday school pocket lesson commentary published by the Broadman Press, Nashville, will come out in its fiftieth anniversary copy with its 1967 edition. Dr. Clifton J. Allen has been its editor since 1953. Its editor was the late Dr. Hight C. Moore from its beginning in 1917 to 1952.

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Let's Talk About Pastor's Salary

by Bill Elvis Hinton

It can hurt if we do not talk about pastor's salary. It may be harmful to the church's pastoral ministry—both now and in the future—if we continue the silence on this subject. The matter of salary is a realism that a pastor and his family cannot escape. For many it remains a heavy burden that is never lifted (and some pastors, because of personal pride, keep it a secret from all in the membership). Many pastors have changed churches in an effort to solve the problem for their families. Others have become part-time pastors and still others have resigned to enter other professions. How many young men (would-be pastors) have taken a look at their own pastor's salary and said, "No"? We can't answer that, but we must confess that they made a financially sound decision.

Before we come up with any cold cash, let us try for some hot facts:

I. Salary is pay for services rendered

This is simple business between employer and employee—church and pastor. "Salary" is a good word. It does not mean "gift." The salary is not what the church gives the pastor; it is what the pastor is paid periodically for his regular work.

II. Salary should be a justifiable amount

The "amount" often produces more emotional resistance than financial substance. But since we are talking without any emotions, how about a simple approach? How can a church with its budget committee decide on a just amount to pay their pastor? The following outline seems reasonable:

A. Consider the pastor:

1. His particular abilities (preacher, teacher, musician, administrator, artist, etc.).
2. His educational preparation. It is common in our state for a pastor to have a degree from a four-year college and a degree after three years at a seminary. This seven years of training is more than the average lawyer receives and less than the average physi-

cian. It is comparable to a college professor's education. The formal training that pastors have obtained varies widely; there are many who have earned the degree of doctor in theology or other related fields and there are many who have received no formal preparation.

3. His experience. How long has he been employed by churches and in what capacities? What has been the nature of his work?

B. Consider what the church wants the pastor to do.

1. Be on call twenty-four hours for seven days a week.
2. Preach on Sundays.
3. Teach study courses, training classes, etc.

The Writer

BILL ELVIS HINTON, a native of Webster County, Kentucky, is pastor of Wallers Baptist Church, Partlow, Virginia. This article originally appeared in the Religious Herald, Virginia Baptist state newspaper.

4. Visit the hospitalized, the elderly, all the homes in the church's community and the home of most non-resident members.

5. Administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

6. Counsel individuals and families with their many and varied problems.

7. Preside at church business meetings.

8. Conduct funerals.

9. Officiate at weddings

10. Perform a prayer ministry.

11. Study—it is essential for preparation and to keep up to date on social, political, theological changes.

12. Administer the varied programs of the church.

13. Perform tasks that are peculiar to a given community or church.

14. This list could become very long, however, it is realistic.

C. Consider the pay received by men in other occupations, especially those occupations that compare with your pastor's training, working hours, task to perform, etc.

It is no easy task for a church to decide on a justifiable salary. When the comparing method is used, it assumes that the pay is justifiable in other occupations. Should the budget committee want to compare, here are some beginnings (the committee will want to compile their own list):

The U. S. News and World Report

(July 4, 1966—p. 72) had the following statement:

This year's graduates of Lehigh University's college of arts and sciences average \$590 a month in starting salaries, 12.3 per cent more than 1965 graduates. Those graduating from the college of engineering average more, \$665 a month... Graduates of the college of business administration averaged \$600 a month. . . .

In the same news magazine (April 25, 1966—p. 95) an article appeared with the heading, "\$7.22 an Hour for Bricklayers?" The report was that bricklayers earning \$5.34 per hour were demanding through unions a \$1.88 per hour increase. In the same article, laborers, who were earning \$4.05, were asking for an increase of \$1.03 to make it \$5.08. For obvious reasons, this listing should be made yearly and attention should be given to changes by inflation, standards of living, additional training and experience attained by the pastor and other factors affecting pay scales.

III. Salary is a matter of church ethics

A church has about three choices in regard to the pastor's salary: First—There is honesty in paying a man for his work. Second—There is generosity done in appreciation and love. When a church does this, a part of the salary is perhaps a gift. Third—There is injustice by underpayment.

Since Baptists have found many advantages in practicing the teachings of the New Testament, it may be well for us to consider the teachings in I Thessalonians 5:12-13. The following from Phillips translation of I Timothy 5:17-18 is very interesting: "Elders with a gift of leadership should be considered worthy of respect, and of adequate salary, particularly if they work hard at their preaching and teaching. Remember the scriptural principle: . . . The laborer is worthy his hire."

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A Tax, Yes; A License, No

The current discussions between the Baptist ministers of the Louisville area and Jefferson County officials over payment by ministers of an occupational tax are important in the light of Baptist principles and Baptist history. The basic issue is whether or not the tax is to be considered a license by the county required of ministers to perform the functions of the ministry. (See article on page 12.)

An earlier occupational tax imposed by the City of Louisville and by Jefferson County was objected to by some ministers, and its payment was made optional for ordained clergymen. A later tax measure passed in February, 1966, however, has been interpreted by the officials as binding upon ministers.

The issue is rooted in Baptist history and is more important than it sounds at first. Baptists have always objected to any state control of religion and any requirement of official recognition before ministers could preach or exercise other ministerial functions. This goes back to days in England when only ministers of the established or official church were recognized as ministers and even to early days in colonial Virginia when ministers were required to have a license from the state to preach. Some early Virginia Baptists defied this law and actually went to jail for preaching without official sanction.

It could hardly be conceived that any intention to control or regulate the ministry was or is in the minds of Jefferson County officials. The occupational tax is merely a fund-raising measure resorted to in the face of severe need for additional tax income.

The problem, however, comes in the wording of the tax measure and the danger of a precedent being set which would require payment by a minister for the privilege of preaching.

In resolving this difficulty two things ought to be made very clear. The first of these is that a minister should take his full share of the tax load. Too long there has been a tendency to exempt ministers from some taxes others are expected to pay. This is a hark-back to the ancient practice of preferred treatment for ministers.

Few if any ministers want a preferred status, tax-wise or otherwise. They expect and enjoy the same benefits from national, state and local governments as other citizens. Their children benefit from public schools; they ride on the same highways and otherwise get their share of public benefits. They expect to pay their share of the tax load and many of them do it with joy.

The other thing to be clearly understood is that a minister is not to have to look to any government authority for the privilege of preaching nor is he to pay any tax or license fee in order to preach. The occupational tax in Jefferson County should be clarified. If it is but a tax on income, a minister should pay it without complaint and the wording of the tax measure should be changed to make this clear. If it is considered the payment of a license fee, a minister should not pay it and should fight it vigorously on constitutional grounds. It is up to the public officials involved to clarify the matter or face a court test.

Memphis and Birmingham Could Wed

A new approach used by some churches holds promise of producing better results in mission awareness and response among Baptists than we've ever had, especially among Baptist men. This is the joint sponsorship and participation of Baptist Brotherhood and the Woman's Missionary Union in special mission emphases.

Several times in the last two years the *Western Recorder* editor has been invited to join the men and women of a church in a special joint mission presentation. The most recent experience was at Calvary in Lexington where the Brotherhood and the Woman's Missionary Union joined together for a one-night emphasis of the annual study, prayer and offering for state missions. Pastor Frank Owen gave the mid-week services for this occasion and the result was the involvement of a good number of the church membership instead of the limited few ladies who have traditionally met, studied, prayed and taken an offering for state missions.

Such a one-night churchwide presentation sponsored by the men and women doesn't replace the five-day study and prayer plan used so effectively for many years by the ladies. It merely supplements what the ladies have been doing.

Come to think of it, what is more natural than for husbands and wives to join each other in missionary education in Baptist churches? A primary function of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Baptist Brotherhood is mission study. Could these two groups do better together than separate in mission study and endeavor? There are already too many organizations, both non-religious and church related, that separate husbands and wives. Maybe in the church they should be encouraged to be together when they study the Bible and engage in church training and mission study as well as when they worship.

I'm serious! Why not merge the Brotherhood and the Woman's Missionary Union into one organization? It could hardly hurt the men who have floundered and struggled in trying to have an organization for mission emphasis and other worthy causes. On the other hand it could stimulate the men to more concern and effort.

The ladies might object because of the danger of dulling the sharp edge of their thrust by trying to pull the men along with them. But with the determination they have always displayed, they would not likely lag and would succeed to some degree in helping the men and the cause.

At least let's have more joint efforts by the men and women in churchwide mission study, prayer and giving. Such a practice might eventually lead to a wedding between the W.M.U. of Birmingham and the Baptist Brotherhood of Memphis.

Doers As Well As Hearers

Seldom does a *Western Recorder* editorial deserve a sequel. The one in the September 8 issue calling for a Baptist Day of Atonement may be the exception.

The response to this call has been widespread. Preachers and laymen have said, Amen, and have wanted to be counted as another sinner standing in the need of repentance.

The trouble, however, is that we agree on such

matters but that's about as far as we go. We agree on the need to repent but we don't ever get around to repenting. We know we should join each other on our knees but we wait for someone else to kneel first.

An encouraging response to this editorial came from Dr. K. Owen White, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He tells of such a conviction that filled his heart one day during the last year of his Houston pastorate as he was returning by plane from a denominational engagement. He was moved to write a personal letter to his fellow pastors in Houston inviting them to join him on their knees in the basement of the First Baptist Church the next Wednesday at noon. At the appointed hour 150 preachers showed up to confess their sins, repent and call upon God for spiritual awakening.

Let anyone who feels such a need follow the example of Dr. White. One pastor could ask other pastors to join him. One layman in a church or even in an association could challenge other laymen to such an experience of repentance and renewal. A pastor could invite the deacons and other laymen to find spiritual revival in repentance.

Such spiritual awakenings always begin in individual hearts. They never come through denominational planning or by just preaching about the need. Someone has to be moved to take the initiative. This is a plea for such personal initiative.

BAPTIST FORUM



Reasons for Community-Wide Crusade

Since its beginning in 1868, our church had never participated in a "union revival meeting." But during the first two weeks of August, 1966, we not only participated but gave vigorous leadership to a community church-wide sponsored evangelistic crusade. Several factors precipitated this decision.

(1) The church has often been frustrated in its efforts to influence the community because of "cultural stigmas" that accumulated years have produced. There are segments of our religious society which have spiritual astigmatism that distorts their view of other Christian groups, thus causing isolationism. By crossing over denominational lines we discovered that these persons would not only enter into dialogue but would engage enthusiastically in a combined effort to influence the community for Christ.

(2) We discovered that our basis for cooperation was more powerful than the differences which bring about division. The common denominator was the de-

sire to bring persons to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Regardless of the denominational label, we found that most of the religious groups were concerned that individuals become children of God.

(3) There was a consensus of respect and thus acceptance of the evangelistic team which came to assist us. The excellent record, high quality of leadership and unquestioned integrity of the team dispelled any fears of the "Elmer Gantry" tradition of revivalism. The community accepted, from the initial phases of the planning, the team as being used of God to bring men to the "knowledge of His truth."

(4) A strong factor in our choice to participate was the genuine desire of the lay people in our community to act positively to counteract the negative images which seemed to surround our community reputation. Critical news stories and distorted human interest releases only gave one side of the picture. Traditionally, total inferiority has

been pictured as the norm of Appalachia in general and Harlan County in particular. Community leaders were most anxious to demonstrate the vitality and virility of the people. The people are spiritually sensitive and morally responsive and feel very deeply about their public image.

The results to date have not met all our expectations; but does any project? A new sense of fellowship exists. There is an appreciation for the distinctive contribution each church is making to the community. There has also been a sharpening of our focus on the great needs of the area. These are some of the immediate compensations for the united crusade.

Earl S. Bell, Pastor
Harlan Baptist Church Harlan, Ky.

Green Valley Association Meeting is Announced

The first session of the eighth annual meeting of Green Valley Baptist Association will be held Monday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m. (daylight saving time), at Corydon Missionary Baptist Church, with Hugh Allen Jones as moderator. Executive secretary Harold G. Sanders will speak.

The second session will be held Monday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Finley Baptist Mission.



Lancaster Calls Music Minister

The Lancaster, Kentucky, Baptist Church has called Sam Whitaker, Jr. as minister of music. He began his ministry September 4.

Whitaker has also accepted the position of instructor in agriculture at Eastern Kentucky University. He will work at the church on a part time basis.

Jones Begins Ministry At Audubon, Louisville

Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, has called James C. Jones, recent Th.D. graduate of Southern Seminary, as pastor.



Jones

Jones received the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary before entering graduate studies. He is also a graduate of Carson - Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

At Audubon he succeeds Alvis B. Carpenter, who resigned last year. Dr. W. Bryant Hicks, associate professor of missions at Southern Seminary, has served as interim pastor.

During his studies at Southern Seminary, Jones was a teaching fellow under Clyde T. Francisco, professor of Old Testament. He served also as an instructor in the Old Testament department.

Mrs. Jones is the former Janice Williams of West Virginia. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Tennessee.

New Sanctuary Dedicated By Fredonia Baptists

The First Baptist Church of Fredonia dedicated its sanctuary on Sunday, August 21st. The new building cost \$47,000, and the indebtedness was retired in six years.

The special speaker for the dedication services was C. B. Pierce, a former pastor of the church, who is now serving as pastor of the Golconda Baptist Church in Illinois. The new building was erected under the ministry of Mr. Pierce.

The regular morning service was followed by dinner in the church basement and the special dedication service in the afternoon. Soloist for the special service was Mrs. Jean Moore.

The church also constructed a new pastorium a year ago and during the past year installed air conditioning.

A native of Lincoln County, he earned the B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Kentucky, where he studied also in music.

Whitaker has served as minister of music at Baptist churches in Stanford, Lexington, Cumberland and Junction City, Kentucky.

Mrs. Whitaker is the former Marilyn Neikirk of Springfield, Kentucky; they have two daughters, Mary Tamara, 2½, and Debora Kaye, five months. The family will live in Richmond.

William G. Humphrey is pastor of the Lancaster church.

Caldwell Room Dedicated

Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, recently dedicated a conference and office room named for Col. George D. Caldwell, who served as president of

Kentucky Baptists

the hospital's board of directors from 1949 until 1965.

Caldwell's total years of service as a trustee of the hospital spanned from 1937 until 1965. He served also as president of the Hospital Commission of Kentucky Baptists from the time of its organization in 1951 until he rotated off the board in 1965.

Louisville Native Named Assistant Dean of Students At Samford University

Louisville native Thomas Edwin Cleveland has been named assistant to the dean of students at Samford University (formerly Howard College), Birmingham, Ala.

A graduate of Samford, Cleveland received the B.D. degree from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, in 1965. He served as pastor of Stewarts Creek Baptist Church, Marion County, Kentucky, and taught at a junior high school in Jefferson County before accepting the position at Samford. He also served in pastorates at Birmingham and Leeds, Alabama.

Cleveland was a 1965 Democratic candidate for Kentucky State Representative from Jefferson County.

At Samford the Louisville native will work primarily in the area of high school relations.



Cleveland

Bethlehem Calls Three Staff Members

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, recently added three new staff members—a minister of education, a minister of music and a director of kindergarten.

The new minister of education is Bert Chafin, formerly of Little Rock, Arkansas, who will lead in the broad education and recreation program of the church. Chafin is a graduate of Southwestern State College, Memphis, Tennessee.

The music program is the responsibility of Willard Payne, who has 13 years experience in the church music ministry. An M.S.M. graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, he is also a graduate of Missouri University. He has done graduate work in music at Baylor University.

Mrs. Shirley McKenzie will serve as director of the church's kindergarten program, in which 80 children are enrolled in both morning and afternoon

Hurt To Become Pastor At Independence, Missouri

Billy G. Hurt has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Benton, to become pastor at the First Baptist Church, Independence, Missouri, effective September 30.

A native of Hazel, Kentucky, he served the Benton church for six years, during which time he completed all requirements for the Th.D. degree at Southern Baptist Seminary. The degree was awarded in January of this year.

Before his Benton pastorate, Hurt served Scott's Grove Baptist Church, Murray. He has been active in denominational affairs during his years of service in Kentucky. Among other activities, he was a member of the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a trustee of Campbellsville College.

Mrs. Hurt is the former Scharlyene Harbison of Madison, Tennessee. They have three children, Grey, 13; Bobby, 11; and Mark, 3.

Lawrenceburg Layman Dies

Edward Benton Watts, 86, retired merchant and long-time member and deacon of the First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, died August 27th after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted by E. N. Perry, pastor First Baptist Church, Richmond, and George A. Jones, pastor in Beaufort, South Carolina, and former Lawrenceburg pastor. Burial was in the Lawrenceburg cemetery.

Lancaster Baptist Dies

Mrs. Mollie Moberly, a member of Baptist churches in eastern Kentucky for more than 60 years, died at Lancaster during August. Funeral services were held at Ramsey Funeral Home there on August 25, with Jack Bruce and Willie Rogers officiating.

At the time of her death she was a member of Kirksville, Kentucky, Baptist Church. She had also been a member of Gilead Church near Richmond and of Liberty Church in Garrard County.

Kentucky Baptists

Historic Glen's Creek Church Dedicates New Educational Unit

Historic Glen's Creek Baptist Church near Versailles, one of the oldest Baptist churches in the state, held a joint homecoming-dedication service on Sunday, September 18.

The 165-year-old church was organized in May, 1801, as a member of Elkhorn Baptist Association. Its first building, erected in 1805, was a small log structure which stood about a mile northeast of the present building.

The original church building was replaced by two other structures—one constructed in 1836 and the present place of worship, which was built in 1878. A parsonage and an educational building have also been added.

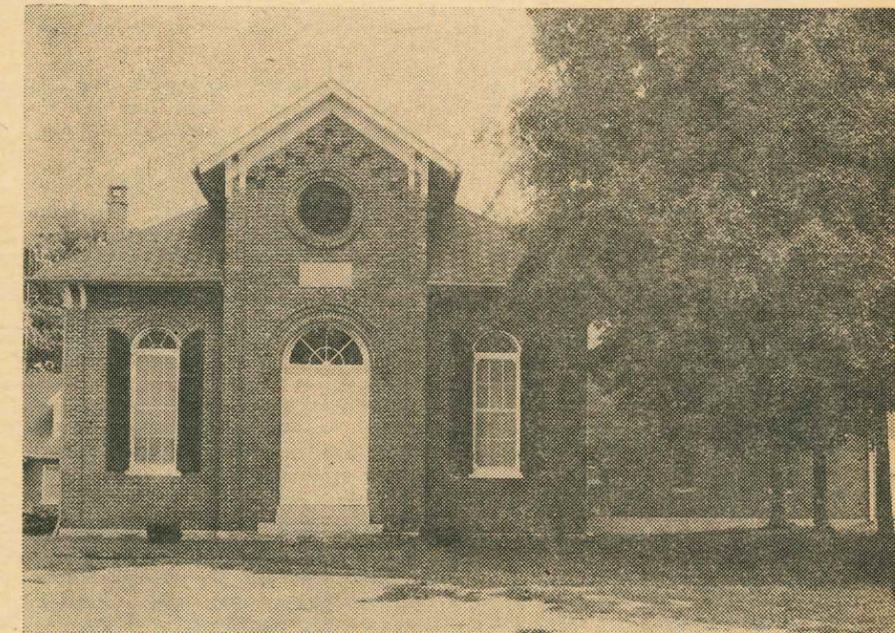
At the annual homecoming services the congregation dedicated a new addi-

tion to the building, which includes eight classrooms, a study, and a kitchen.

More than 30 pastors have served the church during its long history. John R. Sampey, professor and president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, from 1837 to 1942, was pastor from 1889-92 and later served the church as interim pastor in 1905. Seminary professors E. C. Dargan and W. J. McGlothlin served in the pastorate during the late 1800's.

Another former pastor is George A. Price, Jr., who is now business and circulation manager of the *Western Recorder*. Price served the church during 1951 and 1952 while a student at Georgetown College.

Sam Hatton, the current pastor, has been serving the church since 1959.



NEW EDUCATIONAL SPACE—At right is the new educational unit which was added recently to Glen's Creek church near Versailles in Woodford County. The new addition was dedicated at annual homecoming services during the summer, with John W. Kruschwitz, moderator of Elkhorn Association, speaking at the afternoon observance.

Great News?

"There are no great men, only great challenges which because of circumstances are met by ordinary men." Thus Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr., is reported to have said to a discouraged flight squadron commander of the carrier Hornet who lost half of his entire squadron (nine planes and men) in the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942, and, consequently, wanted to resign. He didn't!

So with Kentucky Baptist leaders and people of the churches—there are no great leaders, just ordinary leaders who successfully meet great challenges which circumstances direct!

The Current Challenge

The Christian challenge of today is to turn the world's mind and heart to God through Christ—the world mission. The discouragements are many and powerful, the "drag" of radical theology, or the sexual revolution, of evangelistic coldness, of the population explosion, of the stewardship lag—these could call for "great men." But ordinary men, facing the challenge, must meet it in order to perform the feats of great men and women. THIS WE MUST DO.

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A Cooperative Program annual goal of \$3,500,000 for Kentucky Baptists is a great challenge to ordinary pastors and ordinary church leaders. The circumstances of the Great Commission, the extra building needs of our Baptist schools and colleges and student centers, must be faced by the budget committees of our churches now. The answer will determine true greatness. We believe the answer will be met by a resounding yes!

5% More Of New Budget

What percentage of your last (or present) budget of your church goes to world missions through the Cooperative Program? Figure it out. Then, build a new and larger budget for this coming year—and determine to give 5% more of that total new budget for the Cooperative Program this year! If enough "ordinary" people do this, we cannot fail the current challenge.

Your batting average is growing—keep it going up.

Harold G. Sanders

Controversy Erupts Over Nuns' Wearing Religious Habits in Texas Public Schools

By C. C. Risenhoover
Baptist Press Staff Writer

GOERNE, Texas (BP)—An uproar over Catholic nuns' teaching in the public school here while wearing their religious habits came close to the point of ecclesiastical fisticuffs in this city of 2,200.

The furor erupted when George McWilliams, pastor of the local First Baptist Church, released a statement to the press which threatens imminent action against two Benedictine Nuns who now are teaching in the Boerne school, wearing their religious habits.

McWilliams, a Church of Christ minister and two retired Army officers called the press conference and handed out their prepared statement.

In the statement McWilliams said that both Catholic priests in Boerne had previously agreed that if there "was any serious disharmony in the community, the nuns would quickly refrain from teaching in the public schools."

Priests Deny Statement

Gus Staff, one of the priests, exploded when he was informed of the statement. "He's a liar. He's a liar and I'll sue him if the statement is put in print," Staff said. "I ought to punch him in the puss for saying that. He started the whole darn mess. He's the only one agitating this thing."

The other priest, James Lockwood, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Boerne, also denied that he had made any agreement regarding the nuns.

McWilliams said there is no religious prejudice involved, but contends that the nuns wearing their religious habits in the school is a violation of the Texas and U. S. Constitutions.

In Dallas, the secretary of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Jimmy R. Allen, said the whole issue needs to be clarified constitutionally. The commis-

sion deals with church-state matters for Texas Baptists.

"The Boerne situation is very similar to the one in Bremond, Texas, some time ago," Allen said. That one ended in a severance of garbed nuns teaching in public school, but no real interpretation of the issues."

"It would be highly beneficial in our pluralistic society to have this issue decided on its merits," he continued. "This question is not centered in bias against any religious group, but is of concern for a relationship between church and state which will protect the religious conscience of the citizen. Every friend of public schools has a stake in the decision."

McWilliams said the constitutions and the interpretations thereof allow any qualified teacher to teach in a public school in Texas regardless of religion.

"This is right," he said, "but it is the silent, yet striking and unmistakable teaching of sectarian religion in the wearing of the religious symbolic garb in public schools that we object to. It is most important that our fundamental heritage be maintained by complete separation of church and state.

McWilliams was accompanied at the

Southern Baptists

press conference by Marvin Perkins, Church of Christ minister, and two retired Lieutenant Colonels, John Hopkins, Jr., and Milton Hawkins.

McWilliams said he was only interested that "steps be taken to stop the nuns' teaching in their habits."

"The Supreme Court has held," said McWilliams, "that the very existence of our country is staked on the faith that separation between the state and religion is best for the state and best for religion."

The Baptist pastor said he was for all qualified teachers in the public schools and expressed a sincere desire that the issue be settled amicably.

Nuns "Amused" at Controversy

One of the nuns, Sister Henrietta, told newsmen that she and Sister Thekla were "not upset about it all. Amused would be a better word," she said.

The Associated Press reported that the nuns were hired by the school board to help relieve a teacher shortage, and that the board said the nuns "will continue to teach in their habits."

Landes Continues Work With Deaf in Virginia

Robert M. Landes, former pastor of Fourth Avenue Church for the Deaf, Louisville, is now at work in his new job as director of ministry to the deaf with the Virginia Baptist Convention.

The newly-organized work with the deaf in Virginia is a joint undertaking of the state convention and the Home Mission Board.

A native of Richmond, Landes recently received the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary. He served as pastor of the Fourth Avenue church while completing his seminary studies.

While in Kentucky, he also cooperated with the department of special ministries of the Kentucky Convention by offering a sign language class each semester at Southern Seminary.



PREACHER AND INTERPRETER — Missionary Robert Landes gave his testimony during Home Missions week at Ridgecrest during the summer, and his wife Nadine interpreted his words to the deaf. Then Landes interpreted as his wife shared her testimony with the crowd.

Joint Baptist-Catholic Wedding Performed

A Baptist minister and a Catholic priest performed a joint wedding ceremony in Clemson, South Carolina, at St. Andrews Catholic Church. It was believed to be the first such ceremony in the state.

Although ceremonies of this type are rare, a similar wedding was performed this summer in Memphis.

James M. Pitts, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fairfax, South Carolina, assisted James Fisher, minister to Catholic students at Clemson University, in the ceremony. Pitts is the brother-in-law of the bride, Doris L. Stewart, a Baptist, who was married to Robert M. Guerreri, a Catholic.

Arkansas Convention Names Public Relations Director

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (BP)—John W. Cutsinger, business manager for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has been named public relations director for the state convention, according to an announcement by S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary.

Sutsinger joined the Arkansas Convention staff in February of 1965. In his new capacity, he will develop and coordinate public relations activities of the convention's Executive Board programs.

Before Accepting More Federal Grants—

Stetson to Wait on Church-State Study

Trustees of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, have assured members of the state board of missions for the Florida Baptist Convention that the school will not apply for any additional federal grants until after a committee study on the issue is completed.

Stetson trustees met in joint session with the Florida Baptist state missions board one day prior to the board's two-day meeting.

Later, the board voted to recommend that the committee study be continued for one year, with a final report scheduled in November, 1967. The committee study was authorized last November.

A controversy has been boiling among Florida Baptists ever since March, when it was announced that Stetson trustees had voted to accept a \$501,926 federal grant to construct a science building.

In April the Convention's state board of missions voted to ask Stetson trustees to reverse their decision and delay accepting any federal funds until after the

Reiling Serves Dutch Baptists

One of the most important Baptist leaders in Holland is Jannes Reiling, rector (president) of the Dutch Baptist Seminary near Utrecht. During the summer of 1965 he served as summer school professor at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

Reiling's family is rich in its Baptist heritage. His parental great grandfather and great grandmother were among the first seven Baptists in Holland. They broke from the Dutch Reformed Church.

Reiling has been connected with the Dutch Baptist Seminary since it was established in the 1950's. By training young men for the Baptist ministry, it helps to keep Baptist church life in that part of Europe aggressive and vigorous.

Reiling attributes the vigor of Baptist church life in Holland, in large part, to the ability of the churches to hold the allegiance of their young people. He believes Baptists in Europe can become "the rallying point for free Christianity" on the continent. Smaller religious groups which also have strong emphasis on conversion and personal faith can look to Baptists for inspiration.

Southern Baptists



Jannes Reiling

Arizona Convention Creates Building Department

PHOENIX, Arizona (BP)—The Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention here voted to recommend a 1966-67 budget of \$691,918, to create a new department of work, and to promote a current staff member to head the new department.

The board created the department of church building, which will assist Southern Baptist churches in Arizona in planning, designing, and building construction.

Bill Parker, associate director of the Baptist Loan Fund of the Arizona convention, was elected to head the new department.

Parker has been on the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention staff since January of 1964.

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For Convention Room Reservations—

Bowling Green Motels Listed

Twenty-one motels and hotels in the Bowling Green area are receiving reservations from Kentucky Baptists who wish to attend the annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in that city this year. The Convention will meet at First Baptist Church there on November 16, 17 and 18.

Those who make reservations should remember that "satellite" meetings—those of the executive board, pastor's conference, missionaries and associational officers, religious education conference and Kentucky music conference—will be held on Tuesday, November 15.

Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary, advises also that persons who live long distances from Bowling Green may want to remain overnight in the city following the youth night. The annual Convention session will end Friday night, November 18, following this service in Diddle Arena at Western Kentucky University.

Sanders said a number of persons had made reservations a week early by following the erroneous date for the Convention given in the Kentucky Baptist diary. All reservations should be checked to make sure they coincide with the November 15-18 Convention date.

In addition to motel-hotel room, accommodations will be available in some private homes in the Bowling Green area. Pastor Othar O. Smith of First Baptist Church will arrange for accommodations in the available homes for those who will write to him.

Listed below are motels and hotels with rooms available:

Baker Hill Motel , Louisville Rd. \$ 5.00-6.00—single 7.00—double 8.00—twin beds 8.00—two double beds 10.00-15.00—family units	6.50—double room 7.50—twin beds 10.00-12.00—suites
Bowling Green Motel , Louisville Rd. 5.00-6.00—single 8.00—twin beds 7.00-8.00—double bed, two people 9.00-10.00—one room, three people 10.00-11.00—one room, four people	Maple Terrace Motel , Louisville Rd. 4.00—single 5.00—two people 8.00—family
By-Pass Motel , 31-W By-Pass 7.00—one to two people, double bed 9.00-10.00—double beds (1.00 extra per person) 12.00—two double beds, two people	McBroom Motel , Louisville Rd. 5.00-up—single 6.00-up—double, two people 7.00-up—twin beds 9.00-up—two double beds, family 12.00-14.00—connecting rooms
Cardinal Motel , Laurel Ave. 7.00-8.00—single, two people 8.00-10.00—twin beds, two people 10.00-up—family rooms	Rogers and Burns Motel , Louisville Rd. 4.00—single room 5.00—single room, couple 6.00—twin beds, couple 7.00—one double bed and one single bed, three people 8.00—two double beds, four people 10.00—family room, five-six people
Colletdale Motel , 31-W By-Pass 6.00—single 7.00—double bed, two people 8.00—twin beds	State Motel , 621 State St. 6.00—single room 7.00—single, two people 9.00—twin beds 10.00—four people
Country Ham Motel , 521 E. 1st St. 3.00-up—single without TV 4.00-up—single with TV 5.00-up—double with TV 8.00-up—single with TV, two double beds 10.00-up—two or four people, two double beds	Town Towers Motor Hotel , 31-W 6.00-7.00—single 10.00-14.00—two double beds 1.00-2.00—each add. person
Crossland Motel , 31-W By-Pass 7.00—single 7.00-9.00—one double bed 9.00-12.00—two twin beds add. persons—1.00 to 2.00	Western Hills Motel , Intersec. 231-68 7.00—single 9.00—double room 12.00—twin beds 12.00-15.00—family combination
Holiday Inn Motel , 31-W By-Pass 7.50—single 11.00—pool side single 12.00—two double beds, two people 14.00—three people 16.00—four people 13.00-up—suites	Helm Motel , State and Main 2.25—single without bath (3.25-up with bath) 3.00—double without bath (5.00-up with bath) 7.50—twin beds with bath
Kentucky Colonel Motel , 31-W 6.00-8.00—one person 7.00-14.00—two people 10.00-16.00—family room 15.00-30.00—suites	Park City Hotel , 1046 State St. 3.50—single with bath 3.50—double without bath 5.50—double with bath 6.00—twin beds with bath
Laurel Motel , Laurel Ave. 6.00—single room 7.00—double room, two people 8.00—twin beds	Mansard Hotel , Main and Center 2.25—single without bath 3.00—single with bath 3.50—double without bath 4.50—double with bath 7.00—double bed and bath
Lost River Motel , Nashville Rd. 4.50—single room	Vashon Motel , 1148 Center St. 3.00—single with bath 4.00—double with bath

First Woman Trustee Named at Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist Seminary here has elected the first woman trustee in the school's history.

She is Mrs. Richard Harrison Hill of Louisville.

Mrs. Hill will be continuing a family record of 73 years on the seminary's trustee board. Her first husband, the late C. Edwin Gheens, was a trustee for forty years, serving until his death in 1962. His father, Charles W. Gheens, served on the board from 1889 to 1921.

The Gheens family underwrites the Gheens Lectureship, an annual lecture series which brings outstanding scholars to the campus.

New Chaplaincy Program To Start In Louisville

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has instituted a pilot project in industrial chaplaincy in Louisville with the appointment of Howard Tisdale of LaGrange, as a career missionary for Southern Baptists.

Six other career missionaries also were appointed at the September meeting of the SBC Home Mission Board with offices here.

Tisdale, previously pastor of the Eighteen Mile Baptist Church in LaGrange, Ky., will work in the area of metropolitan Louisville as a field representative of the board's division of chaplaincy, encouraging industrial executives to start chaplain-pastor ministries.

Although it is an outreach of local churches, associations, and the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the position is viewed as a pilot project of the SBC Chaplains Commission and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Gifts to CEA Total \$345,660.24 Last Year

Christian Education Advance gifts received at the Convention treasurer's office during the past year (ending August 31) were \$345,660.24. We are grateful to the individuals and churches who continue to make these special offerings for Christian education and camps by monthly and quarterly pledges through CEA! Another \$450,000 was received by Georgetown.

The CEA Campaign continues through December 31, 1969. Some have already paid off their first pledge and are making a second! They "care more" about Christian and missionary education. May their tribe increase—write me for another pledge card!

Last Quarter Reserved

By vote of the special Kentucky Baptist convention, the last quarter's CEA receipts of the year closing will be held in the "schools and student centers loan reserve" fund to be insurance for the new year's vastly increased Cooperative Program budget of \$3.5 million—including the added \$300,000 to repay loans made for new academic and athletic buildings on our Baptist campuses and student centers on non-Baptist campuses. But, if Kentucky Baptists raise the new budget, this reserve will eventually be given for capital needs as directed! This we believe Kentucky Baptists will do! (The 3.92% of undesignated CEA funds for RA and GA Camps will be given to them.)

In Addition, Georgetown

In addition to the \$345,660.24 CEA gifts received in the Middletown office, some gifts may have been made direct to the schools—notably, Georgetown which received a second major gift of stocks from Lee E. Cralle to pay for the entire Lee E. Cralle Student Center. He made the initial gift of approximately \$650,000, and this second gift of approximately \$450,000.

Gifts made direct to the participants in CEA are generally transmitted through the Convention treasury and back to them, in order to properly account for the growing and total CEA Campaign. We are grateful to Mr. Cralle and all known and unknown friends who believe in Christian education as given in our wonderful schools—Georgetown, Cumberland, Campbellsville, Kentucky Southern, Oneida, Clear Creek; and in the BSU Centers on many campuses other than Baptist. God bless you, and make you a blessing.

HAROLD G. SANDERS

FMB Appropriates Funds For Mass Media, Relief

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its September meeting, took care of business which had accumulated over a two-month period (there was no Board meeting in August). Thus, appropriations for continuing operational and capital needs in the mission work overseas totaled \$571,561.68.

Some of the more interesting allocations provided for purchasing Baptist student union property in Sao Paulo, Brazil; constructing and equipping a radio recording studio at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, near Beirut, Lebanon, in which broadcasts will be prepared for all the Arab world; completing a radio recording photography studio in Salisbury, Rhodesia; conducting radio work in Guam; and having an exhibition booth and literature at a national fair in Liberia.

"With the upsurge in world population, we must take advantage of the media of mass communications," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary,

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

said in his report to the Board. "We must work as patiently and faithfully in each detail as ever before, but we must also move with vision and courage along the avenues of sharing the gospel of Christ massively in the world of our day.

"Whatever is said about modern man, we do well to keep in mind that the Scriptures describe him in terms of a person who is weak, blinded, hungry, but longing for something that will bring him eternal satisfaction. This is the day to tell the old, old story of God's love and every facility he will provide."

Flood-Earthquake Victims Aided

The Board appropriated \$5,000 from relief funds to aid flood victims in Korea and \$2,000 for earthquake victims in Turkey.

The Board also reappointed Dr. and Mrs. Ernest L. King, Jr., for mission service in Indonesia. A dentist, he is a native of Clifton Forge, Va. She, the former Dorothea DeWitt, is a native of Burlington, Iowa. They were missionaries to Indonesia for seven years prior to their resignation in March, 1966.

The Southern Baptist overseas mission staff now totals 2,182 (including 2,021 career missionaries and 161 persons in various programs of short-term service).

1967 Budget Is Prepared

With preparations continuing on the 1967 budget, to be considered by the Board in its annual meeting in October, Dr. Cauthen reported that the figure will be in excess of \$27,000,000, including nearly \$22,000,000 for current operations.

"Annual increase in the budget is an accepted fact in mission advance," Dr. Cauthen said. "A minimum of \$2,000,000 increase per year is now necessary. Missionaries placed under appointment in 1966 must be included in the 1967 budget—and in all succeeding years—together with provision for normal growth of work. The 1967 budget will also provide for extended orientation of new missionaries, the recently revised furlough plan, and development of work in new fields."

He said some increase in the headquarters budget is required to make possible data processing developments which promise more efficient handling of responsibilities. However, he said, "The Board is grateful to maintain a record of more than 92 percent of its resources

expended directly on mission fields."

Funds for the 1967 budget will come chiefly from the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, he explained. "These two streams of missionary support join together to become a great river of compassion reaching out into a needy world," he added.

Goerner Made Knight By Liberian Government

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa just back from a six months' residence in that area, devoted his report to the few weeks he and Mrs. Goerner spent in Liberia at the close of the tour. He said he would summarize events for the entire six months and observations about mission work throughout Africa during the October Board meeting.

While in Liberia, Dr. Goerner was appointed a Knight Great Band in the country's Humane Order of African Redemption by President William V. S. Tubman. (This is the country's oldest order of knighthood and the highest rank within the order. It is usually awarded to persons who have done distinguished work in spreading Christian civilization in Liberia and other African countries.)

Long Run Ministers Protest "Licensing" Implication of Local Occupation Tax

by George W. Knight
Assistant Editor

The Louisville-area Long Run Baptist Minister's Conference and Long Run Association have threatened to pose a test case to determine the constitutionality of an occupational tax levied in Louisville and Jefferson County.

The protest is being made on the basis that the phraseology of the tax bill implies that clergymen are being taxed or "licensed" for the privilege of performing their ministry, and that the bill is thus a violation of the principle of religious freedom.

The tax of 1/2 of 1% on each dollar earned in Jefferson County was levied this February by city-county fiscal authorities to aid area schools. Unlike an earlier occupational tax of 1 1/2% on the dollar instituted in 1958, the second tax does not exempt ministers.

According to Doyle L. Wetherington, chairman of the group's public affairs committee, their attempts to clarify the constitutionality of the tax bill with city and county officials have been misunderstood.

"We are not trying to get out of paying the tax," Wetherington stated. As citizens we ministers are interested in supporting our schools just like everybody else."

"Some of us paid and are still paying

1966 Annual of SBC Now Being Distributed

NASHVILLE (BP)—The 1966 Southern Baptist Convention Annual, just off the presses, is now being distributed to pastors and denominational workers throughout the convention.

The new annual, with 712 pages, contains listing of membership of convention boards, committees and officers; copies of legal documents for the SBC; proceedings of the 1966 convention in Detroit; reports of SBC agencies and organizations; convention directories; and historical data on the SBC.

Edited by Clifton J. Allen of Nashville, recording secretary of the convention, the annual is distributed by the Executive Committee of the SBC.

Convention procedures provide that the annual "shall be made available without charge to all active pastors and denominational agents," said Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee.

Others who desire a copy or additional copies may order them from the Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Pkwy., at \$2.50 each.

Negro Methodists Purchase Southern Baptist Church Property In North Carolina

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (BP)—A Southern Baptist church located almost in the shadow of a predominantly Negro university here has sold its property to a Negro Methodist congregation for \$150,000. The property was transferred in a joint service at the church.

After almost 50 years of service in the community, the Durham Memorial Baptist Church moved to a suburban area in western Charlotte, selling its 14-year-old property to the Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church (African Methodist Episcopal).

The transfer of property took place in a dramatic joint service on Sunday afternoon, September 11, when the Baptists said goodbye to their house of worship and welcomed the AME congregation "in a Christian spirit of brotherly love."

Trustees of both churches took part in the layman-led service. There was no preaching. A Baptist layman read from the Psalms and led in prayer. A youth choir from the Negro church sang fervently.

Then Mrs. Jenny Johnson, a trustee from the Clinton Chapel who had personally raised \$3,500 to purchase the property, read a tribute to both church groups for demonstrating "a conspicuously Christian attitude."

The Durham Memorial church has built new buildings on a 9 1/2 acre site at the corner of Toddsville and Thrift Roads in Charlotte.

The AME church's new location is at 1901 Rozzells Ferry Road in Charlotte, not far from the Johnson Smith University. The neighborhood has been predominantly white until recently.

WMU Central Region Meet

The WMU regional meeting for the central district will be held at First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, on September 30.

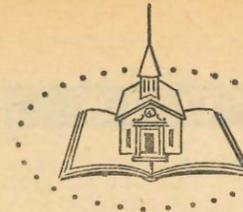
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

ISAIAH, THE WILLING PROPHET

(This Lesson for Sunday October 2, 1966)

DR. CLIFTON J. ALLEN, Writer*

Bible Material: Isaiah 1; 6

This lesson is the first in a unit of eleven lessons on "Spokesmen for God." This unit will deal with Isaiah and Jeremiah and the central core of teaching in their messages. They were men of towering spiritual stature, the greatest of the Hebrew prophets. Isaiah's ministry covered the last 40 years of the eighth century before Christ, and Jeremiah's ministry was little more than a century later. From the messages of these two prophets we gain profound insight about the nature of God, about the nature of true religion, and about God's sovereignty over individuals and nations. This first lesson is introductory to a group of four from the prophecy of Isaiah. It has to do with Isaiah's vision of God and his call to the prophetic office.

The Lesson Explained

Vision of God (verses 1-4)

Uzziah, one of Judah's great kings, died after a long and prosperous reign. Doubtless there was national mourning. Isaiah—a young man of about twenty, born of noble parentage and spiritually sensitive—was greatly affected by the king's death. As Isaiah worshiped in the Temple, there came a crystal-clear vision of the Lord on his throne. Likely, he did not actually see the face of the Lord—for no one can see God and live—but rather "his train" or the skirts of the Holy One sitting on the throne.

Every part of the vision accentuated God's holiness and sovereignty. He was on a throne "high and lifted up," surrounded by angelic beings. They covered their faces as though unworthy to look upon the glory of God and covered their feet as though not wanting to expose anything uncomely before the Lord. Also, they engaged in tireless ministries of service at the command of the Lord. All the while, they joined in an antiphonal hymn of praise, one group ascribing holiness to the Lord and

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the other declaring that the whole earth is full of God's glory. God's holiness means that he is infinitely above and beyond every other person and everything in the universe, exalted, incomparable, morally perfect, glorious, and almighty.

Confession of Sin (verses 5-7)

The vision of the holy God had an overwhelming effect on Isaiah. Under deep conviction as to his uncleanness and unworthiness, Isaiah cried out the confession of his sin. His references to unclean lips suggest that he felt unworthy to join in the praise of God. But his confession referred to all uncleanness and sinfulness. Also, Isaiah was gripped with a sense of national guilt. The nation was unclean and the praise of the people insincere, because their hearts were divided and their lives impure. The people had become corrupt with pride and violence and unbelief.

God's response to Isaiah's contrite and humble confession was immediate. Isaiah seemed to see a heavenly being taking a coal from the altar and touching his lips, which was a symbol of the divine purging and cleansing. There was also the declaration of forgiveness: "Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

Called to Service (verses 8-9, 11-12)

It was natural that a call to service followed the vision of God and the cleansing from sin. Isaiah responded with readiness and dedication: "Here am I, send me." He was ready to volunteer for any assignment the Lord wanted to give him. The recipient of God's mercy ought always to be willing to respond to God's call.

God gave Isaiah a commission and a hard assignment. He was to deliver God's message of judgment. He was to preach to his people, but they would hear without understanding and see without perceiving. They had already hardened their hearts, shut their eyes, and closed their ears and were in an almost hopeless state of perversity. No wonder Isaiah responded, "Lord, how long?" God's answer was, until God's purpose of judgment should be executed.



Truths to Live By

Encounter with God changes a person. —One must be willing for God to deal with him as God alone can—in mercy, in judgment, in renewal, and in control. Such an encounter, such an involvement with God, can take place only in and through Jesus Christ. We come to God through Christ, we receive forgiveness and cleansing through Christ, and we become children of God through faith in Christ. The encounter with God in Christ is the way to become a Christian, the way to grow in grace, the way to have strength and joy in the Christian life, and the way to find one's place in the world and in the service of the Lord.

The holiness of God must come alive in Christian thought about God. — An alarming trend in current thinking about God is a sort of humanizing concept. He is referred to in terms of presumptuous intimacy and blasphemous carelessness. But God is the Holy One. He is so infinitely great and good that no one can dare approach him without reverence and obeisance. He is so absolutely righteous that no one should approach him without contrition and humility. Our thinking about him, therefore, ought always to be characterized by reverential fear in respect for him, adoring praise for his glory and majesty, and contrite repentance because of our sin against him. But if we forget his holiness, we become futile in our faith, wayward in our living, and indifferent in our worship.

God is calling for volunteers. — He wants men and women and young people to become his messengers of truth and love to a lost world. He wants persons to become workers, serving the minds and bodies and souls of humanity.

Editor's Note

Due to a mix-up, the Sunday School lesson for October 2, written by H. C. Chiles did not arrive in time to be included in this week's issue of the *Western Recorder*. We are presenting instead a lesson written by Clifton Allen, editorial secretary at the Sunday School Board. Dr. Chiles' column will continue next week.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Brotherhood

Prosser to Direct Music At Brotherhood Convention

by Forrest Sawyer

The music for the State Brotherhood Convention at Owensboro's Hall Street Baptist Church will be under the direction of Ira C. Prosser, assistant to the pastor, Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington.

Prosser has the M.S.M. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and has studied at the Juilliard School of Music. Those who have attended previous conventions—BSU, SBC, Brotherhood and others—thrill in their hearts when led by him.

William Rentz Barkley, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama, teams at the organ or piano with Mr. Prosser.

Mr. Barkley has been at Sylacauga four years. He is a graduate of Auburn, and he earned the M.C.M. degree at New Orleans Seminary.

Also singing at the Owensboro convention will be J. Robert Bradley. The native abilities of this gospel singer have been enhanced by world travel and study abroad. The Memphis, Tennessee, singer has made command performances at Buckingham Palace, has sung in



J. Robert Bradley

Church Music

Youth Choir Retreat Found A Successful Venture

by Eugene F. Quinn

Three churches in Louisville have found a youth choir retreat sponsored August 26-27 a very successful venture. The Beechmont, Eastern Parkway, and St. Matthews Baptist churches of Louisville sponsored a joint retreat for their youth choirs with Phillip Landgrave as director.

Since space was unavailable at the time at Cedarmore, they held the retreat at an Episcopal camp near Leitchfield. Their program included devotional periods, recreation, and the rehearsing of eleven anthems. The retreat concluded with the presentation of a program consisting of the anthems, which

about twenty nations of the world, including the Baptist World Alliance in Rio and Miami Beach. His contribution to the SBC Pastors Conference in San Francisco was immeasurable.

The Owensboro Convention begins at 7:15 p.m., Thursday, October 6. The last session will be Friday night.

Taylor to Speak

Howard "Todd" Taylor has served as pastor of churches in Illinois for the past 25 years. For 20 of those years every church he has pastored has had its men organized. He is presently pastor of the largest Southern Baptist church in Illinois... Calvary, East Alton.

Mr. Taylor has three 20-minute spots on the Brotherhood Convention program at Owensboro, October 6-7, when he will share with those attending some of the things he has seen happen to/for/with men in churches across the years. The first session begins at 7:15 p.m. (CST) at the Hall Street Baptist Church.

The President's Message

Brotherhood Convention president, William H. "Bill" Fortner, in his president's message will propose one of the most encouraging possibilities to occur in Brotherhood circles in a number of years. Brotherhood now has a program that makes possible Brotherhood work in every single Baptist church in that every church has the divine obligation of "missionary education" for all its members... and this includes the men, young men and boys.

the choirs will use in the following months in their own churches.

What's New With The Church Musician

When the October, 1966, issue of *The Church Musician* reaches the churches, its users will see a new format and a more colorful layout of this monthly publication of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

According to Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of the department, *The Church Musician* can use two additional colors and alter its contents now that a fully graded series of five music magazines is available for the music ministry of Southern Baptist churches.

In its new format, *The Church Musician* will serve as the monthly periodical for young people's and adult choir members. It will carry articles that relate to and undergird Southern Baptist's new Life and Work Curriculum. It will also contain music leadership helps in a program administration section. This material should be read by all church music leaders.

Now that the younger age groups have their own quarterly magazines, the music in *The Church Musician* is designed for young people and adults. The publication is available from the Board's church literature department as 25c per issue. Recordings of the choral music of all issues also are available at \$2.55 per quarter (a package of three 7-inch, LP recordings).

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Woman's Missionary Union

Calendar of Activities For WMU Listed

by Mrs. George R. Ferguson

October

3-28—Associational Quarterly Meetings

November

Monthly Emphasis—Foreign Missions Graded Series

7—Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer—BWA

16-18—Kentucky Baptist Convention First Church, Bowling Green

December

4-11—Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

January

3-28—Associational Quarterly Meetings

February

Home Mission Graded Studies

12-18—YWA Focus Week

17-18—YWA Convention—Central Church, Corbin

March

5-12—Week of Prayer for Home Missions Annie Armstrong Offering

10-12—GA Queen's Court, Cumberland College

17-19—GA Queen's Court, Campbellsville College

24-26—GA Queen's Court, Campbellsville College

April

3-28—Associational Quarterly Meetings

5-7—WMU State Meeting, First Church, Ashland

May

14-20—GA Focus Week

29-30—WMU Annual Convention, Miami Beach

30-June 2—Southern Baptist Convention, Miami Beach

June

3-4—GA Camp Leaders Workshop—Cedarmore

12-16—State WMU Executive Board Meeting

19-23—Jr. GA Camp—Cedarmore

26-30—Jr. G.A. Camp—Cedarmore

July

3-28—Associational Quarterly Meetings

3-7—Int. GA Camp—Cedarmore

7-9—YWA Conference—Cedarmore

10-14—Jr. G.A.—Cedarmore

17-21—Jr.-Int. GA Camp—Cedarmore

20-26—WMU Conference—Glorieta

24-28—Jr. GA Camp—Cedarmore

27-Aug. 2—YWA Conference, Glorieta

31-Aug. 4—Int. GA Camp—Cedarmore

August

7-11—Int. GA Camp—Cedarmore

10-16—WMU Conference—Ridgecrest

13-19—Sunbeam Band Focus Week

28-Sept. 2—WMU Conference—Cedarmore

September

2-4—WMU Week-end Conference—

Annuity Department

Congratulations Extended To Protection Plan Enrolees

by A. W. Walker

We heartily congratulate the following pastors and ministers of music and/or education who made application for enrollment in our Southern Baptist Protection Plan during the month of July. We especially commend the churches for making it possible for these men to have our fine denominational retirement program.

Leslie W. Baker, Blackford, Blackford Association; Thomas E. Lawhon, New Hope, Bethel; Gerald H. Ford, Third, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean; Robert L. Haslam, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly; Jerry Vernon Douglas, First, Pikeville, Pike County.

James Lee Pierce, Liberty, Fulton; Charles K. Card, Smithfield, Henry County; Jesse Eugene Bridges, Jr., Calvary, Long Run; Donald J. Collins, Grangertown, Ohio Valley; J. S. Hooker, Sr., Dyer Hill, Ohio River.

Arthur E. Christmas, Panther Creek, Daviess-McLean; Charles S. Duncan, Bronston, Pulaski; Curtis G. Monday, Stanton, Red River; K. B. Milam, Greenville, North Bend; Roy Neal Brown, Lakeview, Blood River.

Richard Mack Greer, Clay City, Boones Creek; Robert W. Stewart, South Side, North Bend; Aubrey Leon Morris, First, Berea, Bates Creek.

Transfers to Kentucky

We welcome the following members who have recently transferred to the Kentucky Protection Plan from other states:

W. M. Lowery, Third, Owensboro; Rembert S. Truluck, Jr., Bashford Manor, Louisville; Gardner Burden, North View, Lexington; George R. Casey, Central, Corbin; Merl E. Shultz, Sr., Hall Street, Owensboro.

Cedarmore

11-15—WMU Week of Prayer for State Missions

State Missions Offering

19-29—WMU Regional Meetings

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Student Work

Boy, What A View!

by Dan Yeary

One of the astronauts of recent notoriety had only one exclamation when he viewed the world from regions yet unexplored, "Boy, what a view!" And if you view spiritual exploration with the same eyes, you have no better cliché to offer. A look at the community college system God has given Kentucky Baptists for conquest should bring forth no less a superlative exclamation.

A 1965 article in the *Louisville Times* quoted a Florida college administrator as stating, "The Kentucky system of community colleges is on its way to becoming one of the best in the nation and a model for other states."

Importance of Two-Year Schools

Educators predict that we will soon find the majority of American students attending these two-year schools. Kentucky already has nine colleges meeting the educational needs of nearly 10,000 students. Three more schools will "join the family" in 1967-68.

Kentucky Baptists must be aware that at least one-fourth of these students will come from churches in our state convention. First class, low cost, convenient, quality education is at the finger-tips of every collegian in Kentucky.

So is the Baptist Student Union. Five units were established in 1965 and two more will be added this Fall. The campus Christian witness of the BSU has become an integral part of community college life.

Campus worship programs, Bible discussion groups, and missions projects have formed the program of the BSU in order to "gain a hearing for the gospel on campus". There is no more strategic witnessing opportunity in all of Kentucky.

BSU Needs Are Pressing

Immediate needs of these young BSUs can readily be enumerated:

(1) Dedicated, experienced, soul-winning volunteer directors.

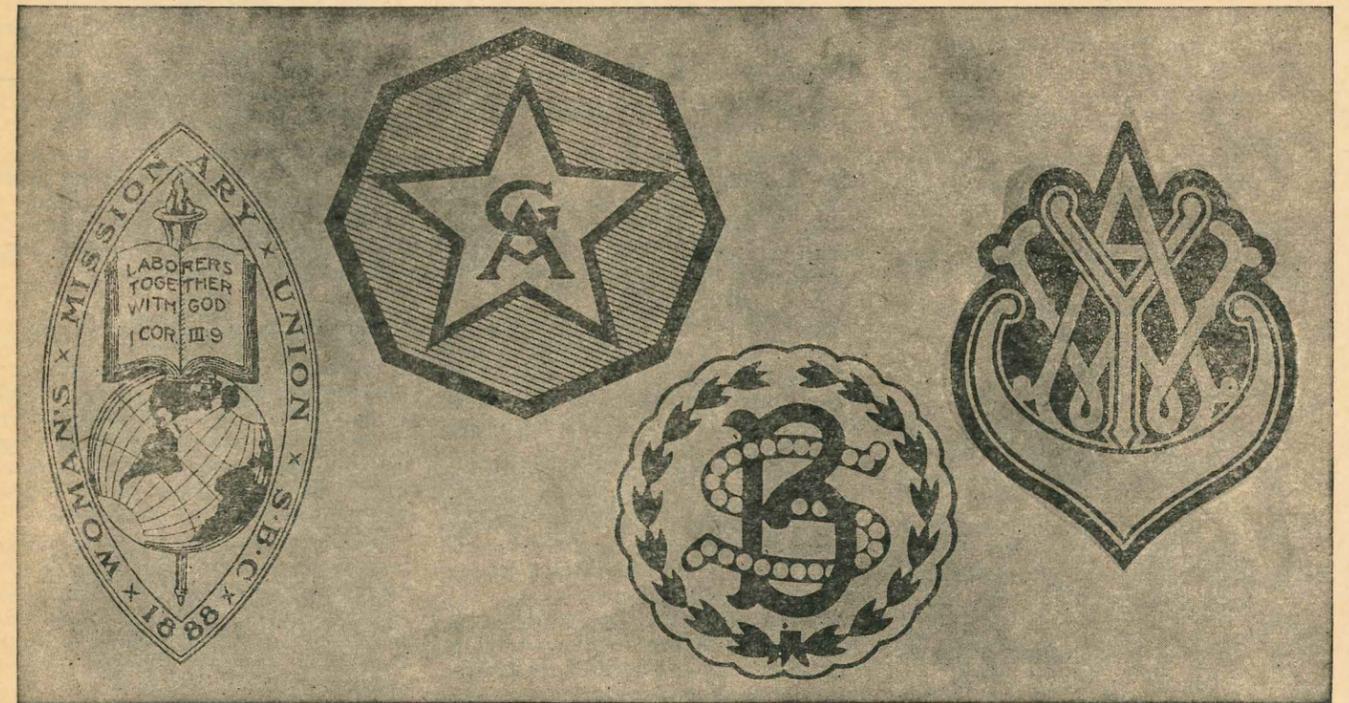
(2) Pastors who care and who can and will witness to and with the college student.

(3) Growing budgets from local associations for programming and training.

We must realistically pray that God will show us the way to meet all the needs evident on these campuses.

Want to take a look at something really exciting? Wait until you see the view of spiritual opportunity on the community college campus. Boy, what a view!

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