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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

TWELVE PERSONS made professions of faith during a revival at the Lancaster, Kentucky, Baptist Church. Ira McMillan of Ashland was revival preacher; Lancaster pastor is William G. Humphrey.

PLEASANT RUN CHURCH near Manchester in Clay County recently completed a new building. It replaces their older structure, which was destroyed by fire in January. The church was assisted by gifts from the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Central Baptist Church of Lexington.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL SERVICES concluded recently at Boone's Creek Baptist Church in Boone's Creek Association, with Cova Duvall serving as evangelist. Seven persons made professions of faith.

CARL FANCHER, pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church near Horse Cave, died October 14. He had served previously as pastor of Cedar Cliff and South Fork Baptist churches in Liberty Association.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON has issued the annual statement proclaiming Thanksgiving Day, 1966. In his address he appealed to America "to share its blessings with our brothers abroad and called on the nation to be thankful to God for the prosperity now enjoyed by the American people.

CHARLES W. HOLLAND, pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church of Lexington, was evangelist for a recent service at National Avenue Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS for Ivory Hill Baptist Church in Boone's Creek Association were dedicated during homecoming services on October 2.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering during December will be supported by Central Baptist Church in Boone's Creek Association with a foreign missions banquet on December 7.

THE ROYAL AMBASSADOR CHAPTER at the Erlanger, Kentucky, Baptist Church was honored November 6 in special Sunday services during R.A. Focus Week. Members of the chapter participated in the worship service and in other services throughout the week in honor of the group.

DAVID DUNN of Louisville, a student at Southern Baptist Seminary, has been called as pastor of Williams Memorial church in Boone's Creek Association. He will begin his ministry November 13.

ONE HUNDRED PREACHERS from the United States will be needed to serve in the forthcoming evangelistic crusade for South Africa, sponsored by the Baptist Union of that country and the Home Mission Board. The 138 Baptist churches of South Africa have about 15,000 members.

EVANGELIST for recent revival services at Old Buck Creek Baptist Church in Daviess-McLean Association was Foster E. Howard, pastor of Dripping Spring church in Bethel Association. Four persons were baptized as a result of the revival. Ben Taylor is pastor of the congregation.

CONRAD TRUETT SMITH, former pastor and state Baptist worker in Michigan, has joined the faculty of Florida Memorial College, St. Augustine, as head of the department of religion. In Michigan he served as editor of the Baptist newspaper and as brotherhood secretary for the Convention.

NEW MISSIONS DIVISION DIRECTOR of the North Carolina Baptist Convention is Howard J. Ford, who left the pastorate of Winter Park Baptist Church, Wilmington, to accept the position.

EVANGELIST CLYDE GORDON, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Scottsville, Kentucky, led the Springfield, Kentucky, Baptist Church in revival services during October. Robert Oldham is the Springfield pastor.

THE SBC BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION, Memphis, Tennessee, recently approved a record yearly budget of \$512,000 during a meeting of the directors. Executive-secretary George W. Schroeder was presented a scroll in appreciation of his 20 years of service with the Baptist agency.

FOUR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky recently wrote a paper on amino acids following a classroom experiment and had it accepted for publication in a microbiology journal. The students are Geraldine Henderson, Chicago; Mary Elizabeth Jones, Williamsburg, Kentucky; Bascom McIntyre, Letcher, Kentucky, and David Fuson of Middlesboro, Kentucky. The paper will be presented at the Kentucky Academy of Science meeting in Owensboro November 11 and 12.

THE NEW LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM seems to have gained quick acceptance among Southern Baptists. The Sunday School Board reported that the new series accounted for more than half the fourth-quarter literature circulated for young people and adults.

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Will the Preachers Preach?

by Jack Sanford

We turn our steps toward Bowling Green in a few days for the gathering of our people in what can be a great convention. It is significant that we go to Bowling Green this year, because the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green represents a magnificent tradition among us, and we may catch some of the spirit of this church. Bowling Green's First Church is a preaching church and has been noted for the rich pulpit ministry of its many fine pastors.

Such men as R. T. Skinner, H. Franklin Paschall, Joe Dick Estes and the present pastor, Othar Smith, are just a few of the many outstanding preachers who have set the pattern for the pulpit of First Church, Bowling Green.

The Primacy of Preaching

It is significant that we go to Bowling Green this year because the most glaring need among us is for preaching that has the power of the Holy Spirit about it. We hear statistical reports which show progress in gifts, buildings, and enlarged programs. We will be encouraged by the glow of success which surrounds our program ventures. Yet the corridors, hotel rooms, and perhaps even the platform will speak of the frustration and sense of helplessness we preachers feel as ministers of the Gospel in the modern Church. There is a sense of strangulation in what most of us believe to be the main purpose of our calling from the Lord. We have been called to preach, and let us face honestly our greatest sin—we put preaching in a secondary place of importance in our busy Church life.

Surely, this is not what God expects of us, and I have a feeling many of our congregations would welcome the fresh air of good, solid preaching from the Word of God.

Perhaps we need to change our own personal thinking with respect to the preaching task. Would any group of God-fearing deacons in any church seriously question the preacher who refused to be a public relations man and choose rather to concentrate on preaching? Would any church with an ounce of spirituality turn from a preacher who refused to be dislodged from his study until God had given him a message? Would any congregation lose respect for the preacher who was going house to house witnessing to lost men and preaching to them the gospel of redemption? There may be a few deacons and churches who would refuse and reject such activity, but God help us if there are many like this.

Jack Sanford is pastor of Florence Baptist Church, Florence, Kentucky.

No, the problem is not with our churches, for they do not entirely make us what we are. They help mold us, but the basic problem is with those of us who have been called to preach. It seems that too many of us would rather prepare and promote the budget than study the Word, and thus we are satisfied to come into the pulpit with promotional material.

Many of us give the appearance of wise counselors, sharp businessmen, competent administrators, but how many of us want to challenge the world with our knowledge of the Word of God? How many of us are willing and honestly seek to be spoken of as "fishers of men?" How many of us live from Sunday to Sunday with impatient expectation, straining for the grand opportunity to climax our week of study and prayer with the message God has given us? How many of us live only for the chance to preach so that we may win some lost soul, or strengthen some discouraged one, or rebuke some wayward one, or help some troubled one?

We need to change our thinking, and

Sharing the Gospel through Fellowship

by George Hillery, Jr.

One of the founding fathers of modern sociology, Emile Durkheim, maintained that the essence of religion was to be found in the group. Although his was an essentially secular viewpoint, there is much to substantiate it from the theological point of view.

Jesus told us, wherever two or more are gathered in his name, there he would be also.

What is the meaning of this group aspect to what is essentially a personal affair? Anyone who has had a religious experience knows full well that you cannot communicate the essence of this experience to anyone who has not had it. They simply do not understand.

To put it in more fundamentalist terms, (and I speak here only in terms of my personal experience), only a single person at a time, and only in his own heart, can ask to be washed in the Blood of the Lamb.

When God speaks, he speaks to each of us alone, and none other know this—unless we tell them. And here, for me, is the essence of the meaning of fellowship.

For unless we tell others, they have no way of knowing whether their experience is alone in the universe. In telling others, they discover that the force of God is more manifest than they realized. And when we find others that we can tell, we realize the same thing.

the hour is late. Our denomination is wonderful and has contributed to many of us a rich heritage we can never repay. Our programs are excellent and worthy of support. But neither the denomination nor the program will ever take the place of a consecrated preacher who sees himself, first and foremost, as a spokesman for God. Our main task is preaching the gospel, and if we have time for denomination and program then we should give ourselves to it. But first things must come first if we are to please our Lord and advance His Kingdom.

Maybe the spirit of the Bowling Green pulpit will rub off on us. It just may be that this year we will turn again to our main task and dedicate ourselves more fully to preaching. Surely this is what most of us want to do and feel God called us to do, yet we are stifled. This terrible strangulation will persist until we ourselves refuse to be anything other than modern prophets whose first task is preaching. May God help us to the kind of freedom we need, and may He hasten the day when across the land a Baptist preacher will be known as just that—A preacher!

Much is made over the institutionalization of religious fellowship, i.e., the Church, and this has its place. But there is a need for the quiet sharing of our experience with God. Further, different people need to share in different ways. Persons who live primarily intellectual lives necessarily have a different experience than the uneducated.

For one thing, we are more often confused (if we are willing to admit this, in our intellectual pride).

There is much to be said for the simple faith, after all. I am personally very much aware of this, and for this reason I have written this article. I feel the need to share my experiences as a Christian, my experience with God the Father, with Christ the personal Saviour, and with the Holy Spirit that moves within us.

I feel the need, further, to share this with people who are willing to admit an intellectual confusion, in spite of receiving the knowledge that "surpasseth understanding." For in admitting intellectual confusion, they admit also that they have tried to use the precious gift of intelligence, that which makes choice more meaningful.

George Hillery, Jr., is associate professor of sociology at the University of Kentucky. He was converted to Christianity in 1965 following several years of agnosticism and skepticism about the Christian faith and religious experience.



What To Expect In Bowling Green

Kentucky Baptists should experience a relatively quiet convention in Bowling Green next week with emphasis upon worship, unity and fellowship. The most burning issue facing most of the state conventions meeting this fall was faced by Kentucky Baptists in their special convention last June. Finances for Baptist colleges and especially the issue of federal funds will dominate the discussions in several state conventions. We decided this issue at least temporarily last June by opposing government loans and by adding \$300,000 annually to our appropriation for schools.

I say we settled the issue temporarily because doubtlessly the matter of government funds for Baptist schools will come up again. The financial plight of our schools and the growing amounts of available government funds almost make it inevitable that we reconsider our action. One district association, Crittenden, will probably ask the convention this year to reopen the matter.

We will have two interesting proposals for constitutional changes to debate and to decide this year. As required by the constitution, these proposals were presented last year and will be up for discussion and vote this year.

The Eugene Siler proposal would exempt the chief presiding officer of convention boards from the rotation requirement as long as he was re-elected each year by vote of the board members. As it now stands, no board member can serve more than two terms without being off at least one year.

This is a good proposal from Mr. Siler and should be approved. The required rotation plan has not proved as satisfactory as it promised to be. It is democratic and it does tend to give more people opportunity to serve, but it tends to make for a weaker board. This is not because of less able board members but because of the absence of continuity, especially in the leadership.

The old method of no rotation was thought to be wrong because it let a few persons dominate and control a board on and on. The new method of required rotation moves everybody out and tends to give more power and responsibility to the head of the agency or institution. Probably a plan to rotate some and have some board members who don't have to be rotated would be best, and Mr. Siler's idea is in this direction.

The other constitutional amendment, proposed by Harold Mincey, has good ideas but probably needs revision before being adopted. It calls for three things.

One is that a person must have been a member of a Kentucky Baptist church for at least one year before being named as a board or committee member for convention agencies and institutions. This sounds good. At least, it would serve to prevent prominent newcomers to Kentucky from going on boards while lesser known but entirely capable veteran Kentucky Baptists are bypassed.

Another provision of the Mincey proposal would require the annual list of nominations from the convention nominating committee to include at least one-fourth laymen. The use of more laymen is urgently needed; however, another way to approach it might be better. Rather than require the list of nominees each year to be one-fourth laymen, why not require each convention board to include a definite percentage of laymen? The Southern Baptist Convention has a constitutional requirement that not more than two-thirds of the members of any board shall be laymen or ordained men. This over-all requirement would seem more workable than requiring the report of the nominating committee each year to include such a percentage. More freedom would be offered in the former method.

The other suggestion in the Mincey proposal is the least desirable, so far as the suggested method is concerned. It calls for at least one nominee for board membership from each district association every ten years. Again, this sounds democratic, but it is unworkable in light of the actual picture of associations in Kentucky.

For example, there are two associations in Kentucky with only four churches in each association. In one of these only two of the churches reported any gifts to mission causes through the Cooperative Program in 1965, and the total for the two was less than \$100.00 for the whole year. Another association has 19 churches with only two reporting gifts totaling \$106.00 through the Cooperative Program in 1965. Until recent years we listed among our members an association where not a single church was cooperating in any way with the Kentucky Baptist Convention except maybe in its minister's retirement plan. Should such associations be entitled to membership on our boards and committees?

This is not to say that the Cooperative Program is the test whether or not an individual or church is Baptist or can belong to the Kentucky Baptist Convention. It is to say that there should be no provision to require the use of persons for service on boards who

are not in sympathy generally with what we are trying to do.

A better plan would be to provide for fair geographical representation on our boards without reference to every association. This is the adopted policy for *Western Recorder* directors and is also what the nominating committee has been trying to do in respect to all our boards the last several years.

So much for scheduled matters for consideration at Bowling Green. Sometimes the fireworks come from unexpected matters and this may be the case this year. The questions of "alien immersion" and "open communion" bob up every few years and are always good for a heated discussion. The convention expressed itself only two years ago on the matter of baptism, and this should suffice for several years.

For the second straight year the Committee on Order has come up with a sterling program. The list of speakers and topics this year promises one of the most outstanding convention programs in our history. Maybe we should major at this point and leave off unnecessarily divisive issues one year. We have a heavy load and a long pull if we accomplish what we have already voted to do. It will require all of us in the spirit of love and unity to get it done.

High Mountains and Tall Men

The majestic Cumberland Mountains attain their greatest grandeur and glory in extreme Eastern Kentucky. One of these picturesque places is Jenkins, the coal mining town located about midway along the 150-mile Kentucky-Virginia border. Here the editor recently spent a memorable week of revival with Pastor Guy Deane and Jenkins Baptists.

This is the land of the beginning of rivers. The beautiful streams that meander through the rolling blue grass country and the flat lands of Western Kentucky begin their journeys as hurrying creeks here at the peak of the mountains. The Kentucky, the Cumberland and the Big Sandy Rivers all begin their rush down the mountains not far apart in the Cumberlands.

Jenkins is built in a deep narrow valley along Elkhorn Creek. This is not the Elkhorn Creek of Central Kentucky but the one which joins other tributaries to make the Levisa Fork, famous for her flood threats to Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Paintsville. At Louisa, on the Kentucky-West Virginia border, the Levisa joins the Tug Fork to become the Big Sandy, which in turn empties into the Ohio near Ashland.

Jenkins began, continued and is still tied completely to coal mining. In the bosom of the surrounding mountains are veins of the highest quality coal. Free from ravaging strip mining, the beautiful mountains show few signs of having been robbed of millions of tons of their black gold. This seems unbelievable when it is realized that an average of more than a whole train load of coal has left Jenkins every day for more than 50 years. Yet, mines are being opened today that are known to have a 75-year coal supply.

An impressive experience indeed was a visit to Mine No. 26 of the Beth-Elkhorn Company. Such a visit is by special arrangements only and in this case was set up by Jenkins Baptist deacon, Harvey Hensley, with Wallace Coleman, Elkhorn City Baptist leader, as a guide. The tour was made under the most careful safety precautions. In fact, safety is a sacred word and is a 24-hour-a-day concern for the mines. Safety is to a modern coal mine what sanitation is to a hospital, and it is approached with the same concern and determination.

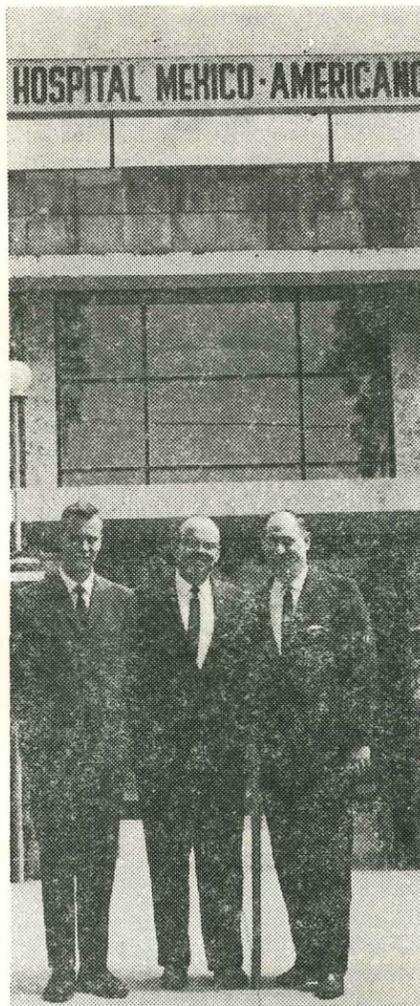
Mine No. 26 is not yet in full operation. It will be the most modern mine in the world. All water pipes, telephone lines, electrical lines and other utilities are under the ground. Machines have all but replaced men in mining. A continuous mechanical digger operated by one man takes the place of a whole crew in former mining methods. The digger dislodges, gathers and loads the coal on 35-ton capacity electrically-powered cars or onto a conveyor belt. The coal never stops until it is washed, graded and loaded on train cars. This mine is expected to produce 5,000 tons a day for the next 75 years for the Bethlehem Steel Company.

All Jenkins coal operations belong to Bethlehem Steel Company, and all the coal goes into steel production. Though highly mechanized, the coal industry still employs many workers. The publicized poverty of the Appalachians is nowhere to be seen among the company mines. The least paid man in the mines makes more than \$25.00 a day. The latest model automobiles, attractive and comfortable homes often with color television sets are common in Jenkins. This does not mean that such a standard of living belongs to everyone in Jenkins or penetrates all the hollows of the area.

The Baptist congregation at Jenkins dates from 1913. It was organized with 35 charter members, and from the beginning it had a close relationship with the Kentucky Baptist mission board and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The church has been known through the years for its strong doctrinal position and its mission emphasis. Its two missions were recently merged into one at Haymond, a few miles away on U.S. Highway No. 119. Last Sunday the Haymond attendance was 32 and the offering was \$66.00. Bobby Turner, a Clear Creek student, is doing an excellent job as mission pastor.

The church has a beautiful sanctuary which was constructed in 1954. Under Pastor Guy Deane, Jenkins has a worship and educational program worthy of any Baptist congregation. There is a number of outstanding laymen and laywomen in the congregation. There is always the problem, however, of keeping the outstanding young people who grow up in the church. Most of them who go away to school never return because of the limited number of jobs at Jenkins.

This does not discourage the pastor and the people, however. Their present concerns are a new educational building and more mission points. And because there are men of God in Jenkins as tall as the mountains where they live, these too will come to pass.



Men, Missions and Mexico

Two Kentuckians were included among the 32 Baptist men from 12 states who recently completed a tour of Baptist mission points in Mexico. They were Fred B. Purnell, Jr. (left) of Simpsonville and Dr. Forest F. Shely (right) of Campbellsville, who are shown outside the Southern Baptist Hospital in Guadalajara with missionary William Gray. Shely is serving this year as district Brotherhood director for the Taylor County area. Last year he was Christian witness leader for the state Brotherhood organization.

Communities Missionary Goes to St. Louis Area

Edward Wilson, communities missionary in Floyd County, Kentucky, has resigned to accept a similar position in the St. Louis-Kirkwood area in Missouri.

While in Kentucky, Wilson served also as pastor of McDowell Baptist Chapel, a mission of the First Baptist Church of Martin, Kentucky.

Criswell Says Christianity is Doomed Unless the Church Can Reach the City

The pastor of the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention predicted that Christianity will be practically non-existent by the year 2,000, if the current rate of decline continues through the world.

W. A. Criswell of First Baptist Church, Dallas, speaking to the annual Sunday School convention of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma at Tulsa, paralleled the decline of Christianity with the shift of population from rural to urban areas, and with the rise of elaborate church buildings and "vast cathedrals."

Unless we find some way to reach the people in the big cities of America, evangelical Christianity may be doomed, he said. "It is yet to be demonstrated that any Protestant church can grow and survive in the big cities," he continued.

Using his own church as an example, Criswell said that the 13,000-member Dallas church is really not reaching the unsaved people of Dallas but only the people who are already Christians who are moving to Dallas. He said that when the great influx of country peo-

Missionaries in India Plan Baptist Hospital

The only two Southern Baptist missionaries now in India are completing negotiations for land in Bangalore on which they hope to establish a Baptist hospital.

They are Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea, medical missionaries from Memphis, Tennessee. The Bethes are the daughter and son-in-law of president Duke K. McCall of Southern Seminary in Louisville. They transferred to India this summer after serving in Indonesia and Tanzania.

The Bethea couple and their six sons are probably more than a thousand miles from the nearest Southern Baptist missionaries.

The missionaries have been aided in their work by Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Henderson, Southern Baptists from Knoxville, Tennessee, who have been working with the new agricultural university in Bangalore.

In formal action in its October meeting, the Foreign Mission Board expressed appreciation to the Hendersons for their assistance and to Dr. and Mrs. Jasper L. McPhail, Southern Baptist missionaries who began planning for the hospital while serving at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, India.

The McPhails are now on furlough in Houston, Texas.

ple moving to the city ceases, the churches of the city will die.

The prominent Baptist pastor said it is a "colossal indictment that among our thousands of (Southern Baptist) churches, there are only six congregations which baptize as many as 300 persons a year."

Criswell also called for churches to be willing to change their methods. "Methods that worked a hundred years ago will not find success today," he said.

Referring to the growth of the early church, Criswell said that "evangelism was done on the outside, in the marketplace, up and down the streets and from house to house." (BP)

Lloyd Mission Constituted Into First Church of Lloyd

The Lloyd, Kentucky, Baptist Mission was constituted into the First Baptist Church of Lloyd during special services on Sunday, October 28. The new church had been sponsored for the past 10 years as a mission of Fairview Baptist Church in Ashland.

Fifty-three persons became charter members of the church. Sam Hopper, who had served as mission pastor for the past two years, was called as first pastor of the new congregation.

A. B. Colvin, secretary for direct missions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, delivered the dedication sermon. Also participating on the program were several of the area pastors and Greenup Associational missionary John Ivey.

Burns Leaves New Mexico Editorship for Pastorate

The editor of the *Baptist New Mexican*, weekly newspaper of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, has resigned to

become pastor of First Baptist Church, White Center, Washington.

He is Horace F. Burns, who has edited the publication since 1959.

Burns established the print shop for the New Mexico convention. Previously he served on two different occasions with the *Baptist Standard* of Texas.

A native of Oklahoma, he attended New Orleans Seminary. He has served as pastor of churches in New Mexico, California and Alabama.



Burns

Kentuckian Attends Radio-TV Commission Meeting

George Munro, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, was among the eight new members of the SBC Radio and Television Commission who attended the annual full Commission meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, during October.



Munro

Guest speakers for the meeting were Miss Doris Ann and Martin Hoards, NBC officials, who discussed future prospects for religious programs on their network.

Commission members also discussed three forthcoming programs to be produced by the Radio-TV Commission, including a news documentary of the World Congress on Evangelism meeting in Berlin. It will be telecast on the CBS "Lamp Unto My Feet" series on Sunday, November 27.

Louisvillian Named Mars Hill President

Fred B. Bentley, 31, graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary in Kentucky and former assistant dean at the University of Louisville, was inaugurated as president of Mars Hill College (Baptist), Mars Hill, North Carolina, on November 5.

He succeeds Hoyt Blackwell, who retired this summer after 28 years as Mars Hill president.

A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Bentley graduated in music from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and in religious education from Southern Seminary. He received the Ph.D. in higher education and educational philosophy from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1962.

Participating in the inaugural ceremonies were Richard L. Barber, dean of the college of arts and sciences at the University of Louisville, and Raymon Gibson, who was Bentley's major professor at Indiana University.

Mars Hill College was established as a mountain academy in 1897 and was organized into a junior college before becoming a four-year school several years ago.



Youth-Led Revival Held At Nicholasville Church

A youth-led week-end revival at the Nicholasville, Kentucky, Baptist Church October 14-16 met with marked success, according to Pastor Earl Hohman.

Evangelist for the services was Grady Nutt, alumni secretary at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. The music was led by David Wells, a Georgetown College student and minister of music at the Midway Baptist Church.

Assisting musicians were Georgetown students Mary Dell Thompson and Larry Insko. Results of the revival included 14 additions to the church.

Frankfort Church Ordains Orville R. Threlkeld

First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, held special services recently to ordain Orville R. Threlkeld to the gospel ministry.



Threlkeld

A student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Threlkeld recently became pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church near Frankfort. He was born in Frankfort and reared in First Church. The scripture was read during the service by his father, D. F. Threlkeld, a deacon of the church. Almost 20 pastors participated in the ceremony. The majority were from the Frankfort-area Franklin Baptist Association.

A licensed engineer, Threlkeld graduated from the engineering school of the University of Kentucky before entering the ministry.

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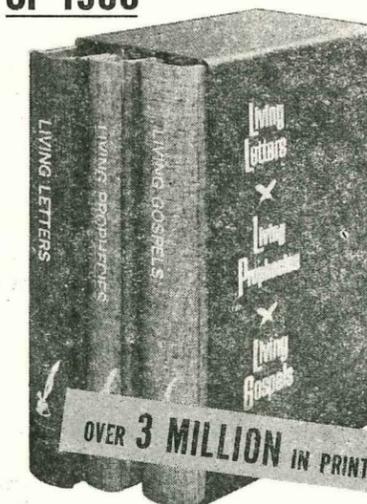
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Missionary Learns that Sheer Rumor Can Sometimes Advance the Gospel

Gaylon Wiley, superintendent of missions for the Blue Stem Baptist Association in Kansas, was on the field less than a month when he learned that rumors can't be ignored.

By following up on fourth-hand information, Wiley uncovered several Baptist families and organized a church-type mission within 30 days of his arrival on the field last July.

Unconfirmed Report Given

Wiley, present at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta for orientation with 51 other recently-appointed missionaries, said a pastor's wife from a neighboring association first stumbled on to an unconfirmed report that 30 Baptist families live in Hillsboro, Kansas, a community of 2,800.

"The pastor's wife had taken her mother to the doctor there," Wiley said, "and the doctor asked her why there was no Baptist work in Hillsboro. He told her 30 Baptist families lived there."

She passed the word on to her associational missionary, Weldon Barnett, and he passed it on to Wiley, who departed almost immediately with a member of his missions committee.

"We went to visit with the doctor and to get him to repeat that statement and to tell us who they were," Wiley said.

But the doctor, a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church, said he had only "heard" there were 30 families. He called his pastor, however, who gave Wiley the name of one Baptist family, the Bill Stoneciphers.

That day—a Monday—Wiley and Stonecipher contacted eight other families, and on Friday night prayer services were held in the city building. Fifteen

people attended the prayer services.

Seventeen other interested families were discovered and the group moved to a Sunday program within a month, reporting Sunday morning attendance regularly between 25 and 35. The First Baptist Church of Madison, Kansas, where Wiley also serves as pastor, is the sponsoring church.

Wiley and other pastors in the Blue Stem association have preached for the new Hillsboro Baptist Chapel, which now is seeking a mission pastor.

"If there's any lesson to be learned from this," Wiley said, "it's that you can't afford to miss any opportunity. We even need to follow up on sheer gossip sometimes." (BP)

Kentucky Baptist History Provides Rich Field Of Study for Seminary Graduate Students

Kentucky Baptist history has been a rich field of study for three graduate students at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, who recently completed or are now writing theses in the field of church history.

Walter C. Jackson, chaplain at Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, currently is doing research for a Th.D. thesis on "A History of the Hospital Ministry of Kentucky Baptists."

His study will treat the history, organization and ministry of all three Baptist hospitals in Kentucky—Central at Lexington, Western at Paducah and Kentucky Baptist at Louisville—but will major on the history of the Louisville hospital, which was established in 1924. The other two were not opened until the early 1950's.

Also included in his study will be a discussion of the Hospital Commission of Kentucky Baptists, which gives general direction to all Baptist hospital work in the State.

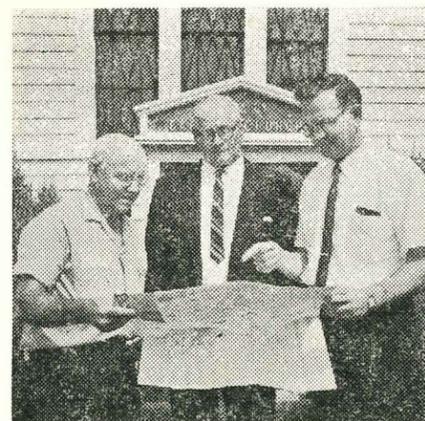
South Carolina to Vote On Record '67 Budget

The general board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention voted in Columbia to give initial approval to a record \$4,250,000 missions budget.

Final approval must come from the South Carolina Baptist Convention when it meets November 16 and 17 in Greenville.

The recommended budget carries percentage changes in distribution in order to retire indebtedness incurred last year when the convention voted to replace a \$611,898 federal grant to Furman University.

In other action, the general board gave Baptist Hospital at Columbia permission to borrow \$2,000,000 for building construction, authorized distribution of capital funds to Baptist student centers and opposed proposed changes in the state's liquor referendum. (BP)



SURVEY WORK—Kentucky Baptist layman W. P. Wilson (center) looks over a map of the Framingham, Massachusetts, area with laymen Frank Hotard (left) of Russellville, Arkansas, and Glen Harp of Framingham. They are standing in front of Framingham's Calvary Baptist Church, for which they conducted the community survey.

Pulaski County Layman Participates in Crusade

Kentucky Baptist layman W. P. Wilson of Pulaski County recently participated in his fourth evangelistic crusade into areas where Southern Baptists are just beginning work.

A deacon and Sunday School teacher at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Wilson joined about 100 Baptist men and women from several other states to conduct surveys and do personal witnessing for Southern Baptist churches in four New England cities—Providence, Rhode Island; Portland, Maine; and Framingham and Worcester, Massachusetts.

Wilson participated in a community survey of Framingham, Massachusetts, conducted by Calvary Baptist Church of that city.

Other places where he has been on evangelistic crusades include the West Coast area, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

New Hopkinsville Church Experiences Rapid Growth

Less than three years after its establishment as a mission, Henderson Memorial Baptist Church of Hopkinsville has reached a membership of 327 persons and continues to grow rapidly as the city of Hopkinsville expands.

Hopkinsville's Second Baptist Church sponsored the mission from December 1, 1963, until it was constituted into a church on December 5, 1965, with 261 charter members.

During recent revival services with W. K. Wood of Ashland as evangelist, 25 persons joined the church fellowship through baptism and transfer of letters.

Catholic Priest Preaches in Worship Service of Florida Baptist Church

Another "first" has been scored in the widening areas of dialogue and cooperation between Baptists and Catholics.

Catholic priest Lawrence Cunningham of Tallahassee, Florida, recently preached at the morning worship service of First Baptist Church there. It is believed to be one of the first times that a Catholic priest has delivered the sermon at a worship service in a church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Response to Cunningham's sermon was described as "fabulous" by C. A. Roberts, pastor of the 4,400-member Baptist church. He invited the priest to supply in his pulpit on the Sunday when he was in Fort Worth to speak at the Texas Baptist student convention.

Deacons of the church voted 45-3 to uphold the pastor's invitation to the priest, who is chaplain of the Catholic student center at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

"Everything I have been able to interpret concerning the reaction of the church has been positive," Roberts said. Of course, I expect some negative response, especially from those who did not hear the sermon, but I'm not bothered about that."

Cunningham preached on the theme of justification by faith in Jesus Christ. He

told the congregation how justification by faith sets Christianity apart from other world religions, tracing Christian history on this theme since the time of Christ.

About 1,600 attended the worship service, with an additional 400 watching via closed-circuit television in another auditorium downstairs. The worship service was televised as usual by a local TV station.

Roberts said that Cunningham, in his opinion, was the best preacher in the area and that his sermons especially appealed to students. A big percentage of the church's membership includes college students, he added.

"At first Larry didn't think he would be able to accept, since he would have to get permission from his bishop," said Roberts. "But when the Bishop said he was delighted that the invitation had been extended, Larry even cancelled a mass he was to lead at that time in order to preach at our church." Several Catholics attended the service, he added.

Roberts hailed the event as another instance of improved relationships between Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics.

"You can talk about progress in our relationships all you want, but until we actually do something, we may not be making much headway," he said.

Roberts is current president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. (BP)

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Thaw Apparent in SBC-ABC Relations in Indiana and Michigan

Relations between Southern Baptist and American Baptist groups in the North seem to be improving, judging from recent happenings in the states of Indiana and Michigan.

In Indiana last month, Southern Baptist executive secretary E. Harmon Moore was invited for the first time to bring fraternal greetings to the American Baptist state convention meeting in Indianapolis.

In his greetings Moore cited the common heritage, the common purposes and the parallel convictions of Southern and American Baptists in Indiana.

"Our common task here is to be convincing in our witness to the citizenry of our fair state, 50% of whom are identified with no church of any kind," Moore said.

Meanwhile, in Michigan, two Southern Baptists were major speakers for the first time on the program of the Michigan Baptist Convention (American Baptist) in Detroit.

During that session, plans were announced for an American Baptist leader to bring a major address at the forthcoming session of the Southern Baptist state convention organization.

Southern Baptist speakers at the American Baptist meeting were Michigan executive secretary Fred D. Hubbs and Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Valentine called the new development "a welcome thaw in the relationships between American and Southern Baptists in Michigan."

Hubbs announced that the executive secretary of the American Baptist state body in Michigan, Arthur L. Farrell of Detroit, would deliver a major address to the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan in Royal Oak.

Hubbs and Valentine credited Farrell with the idea for initiating the exchange of convention pulpits.

Hubbs commented that he received the warmest reception he could recall at any Baptist meeting.

Valentine spoke three times during the convention, at a family banquet for the Michigan Baptist group, at a luncheon for men and pastors, and during a workshop on social revolution.

"When we get to know one another, we make significant progress in understanding and appreciating each other," Valentine said. (BP)

Conley Becomes Pastor Of First Church, Newport

Thomas H. Conley, pastor of Fort Mitchell Baptist Church in South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, for the past two years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Newport, Kentucky.

A B.D. and Th.M. graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Conley was also pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church in Owenton, Kentucky, for three years. While at the seminary, he received clinical training at Central State Hospital and at Louisville's General, Jewish and Children's Hospitals.

Conley, a native of Jacksonville, Florida, earned the B.A. degree at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

He is married to the former Betty Bishop of Summerville, South Carolina. They have one son, Scott, two years old.

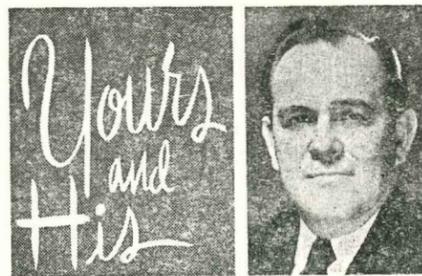
Preacher Ruled Guilty In "Littering" Trial

A municipal court jury in Chicago took just nine minutes to declare a Baptist preacher guilty of littering while passing out scripture portions in Chicago's Grant Park.

Vernon C. Lyons, pastor of the Ashburn Baptist Church (Independent), said he will appeal the case to the state appellate court.

Lyons was arrested June 24 while distributing portions of the book of Acts and charged with distributing "commercial advertising" and littering.

The Baptist preacher said he was fighting the relatively minor case because it is a "case of clear religious discrimination." (BP)



Meet the President

Presiding at the 129th annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention November 16-18 in First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, is David A. Nelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Owensboro, Kentucky, since the fall of 1961. He will be ably assisted with the gavel by H. B. Kuhnle, first vice-president, from Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington; and Leon Larimore, second vice-president, from Third Avenue Church in Louisville.

One of our youngest presidents, David Nelson was born in 1926 in Alabama, one of seven children of another Baptist preacher. He attended Howard College (now Samford University) as a pre-med student but surrendered to the call during his senior years. A second major decision was reached while at Howard College—he decided that Miss Jo Griffin, B.S.U. president and outstanding Christian leader on campus, was to become the future Mrs. David A. Nelson—but it did not happen until his second year at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Having completed his master's work, he became fellow in New Testament during his three years of graduate study. During this time he served the Vine Street Mission of Highland Baptist Church as pastor; and, after completing his doctoral work, the Highland Baptist Church called him as pastor of the mother church. He was pastor there until the fall of 1961 when he became pastor of the large First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky, succeeding Jesse C. Moody. This historic church, long a leader in missions, once was led by Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary-treasurer of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky until September 30, 1961. Dr. Nelson served faithfully as moderator of Long Run Baptist Association, served on the state Executive Board and as Trustee of Kentucky Southern College. As president of the Convention he also serves as chairman of its Board.

Last Call to Convention

On behalf of President Nelson and the Executive Board, let me urge that you plan to attend November 16-18 when the annual Convention meets with First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. Congratulations, David A. Nelson.

California Baptists Elect New Executive-Secretary

The new executive-secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California is Robert D. Hughes. He fills the position left vacant six months ago when Grady C. Cothen resigned to become president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.



Hughes

Hughes has been pastor of First Southern Baptist Church Long Beach, California, since 1958. A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, he has also served a Southern Baptist congregation in Ventura, California.

The California state convention has an annual operating budget of \$2,000,000 and employs more than 150 missionaries who serve in church extension work in California and northern Nevada.

Political Responsibility Urged for Baptist Men

It's time for Baptist men to wake up to their responsibilities in political action, declared Jimmy Allen of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission in a message to the Missouri Baptist Men's Convention meeting in Jefferson City.

With election time in the United States close by, Allen observed that in this area "Southern Baptist men are like religious Rip Van Winkles in the matter of applying Christian principles to political action."

Allen told the state men's group that Christians cannot be true to God and ignore the world of political action.

"We must claim all we touch in the name of our Lord," he said. The world of political structures is in God's plan as an instrument for restraining evil and as a channel for creative good."

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Clue to Early Baptismal Rites Uncovered During Summer Excavation in Middle East

by Pat Pattillo, Jr.,
for Baptist Press

A Kentucky archaeologist has returned from a summer excavation in the Middle East with the conviction that the early church did not pattern its baptism rites after the immersion of Jesus in the Jordan River.

Joseph A. Callaway, associate professor of Biblical archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and his team of professional excavators discovered a baptismal font in a fifth-century Byzantine church within sight of the Jordan River.

"If the church had considered its bap-

Dr. Callaway and seminary graduate students Jim Kautz and George Ramey and their wives will give an illustrated lecture on the summer's excavation in Gheens Hall on the Seminary campus at 7:30 p.m. December 1. They will present the results of the dig as well as discuss informally their experiences in an excavation camp. The public is invited.

tism a repetition of Jesus' immersion in the Jordan, it never would have built a separate font in the church but would have taken converts down to the river itself," Callaway explained. "Instead they emphasized in their ceremony the death, burial and resurrection of Christ in a font carved from stone, as if a tomb, but with a cruciform cavity."

The Byzantine church was actually a bonus excavation; the major objective of the team was to complete the second phase of digging at the ancient site of

Sullivan Honored by His Mississippi Alma Mater

A Southern Baptist whose entire life has been spent in service to his denomination has received an awards for distinguished service to college, church and country.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, received the "Alumnus of the Year" award from R. A. McLemore, president of Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton, at an annual dinner during homecoming day at the college.

He graduated from Mississippi College in 1932 and has been executive secretary of the Sunday School Board since 1953.

Sullivan is also an alumnus of Southern Baptist Seminary in Kentucky. He is the author of three books published by Broadman and Convention Presses.

Ai, the second city captured by Joshua.

Ai was a large acropolis covering about 25 acres which was built about 2,500 B.C., the Baptist professor said.

"The familiar Jericho-type wall which encircled it has been expanded and filled in over two centuries and was still standing about twelve feet high when we uncovered it," he stated. The massive wall had reached a thickness of more than 40 feet by the 2,500 B.C. date.

Ai was probably the most extensive city-building project in Palestine up until its time, possible underwritten by Egypt and directed by a vassal ruler as an Egyptian outpost.

"No doubt the Pharaohs used Ai for exploring Palestine and may have recruited Ai citizens to help build the pyramids," Callaway said. He noted that the only records of such slave-labor begin 1,000 years after Ai, but that it was undoubtedly a common practice much earlier.

This is the second year Callaway has led the Ai excavation team for the American School of Oriental Research. His two dozen project workers—an international, interdenominational group from Japan, Germany and the United States—directed the digging within a one-acre tract.

Mrs. Callaway assisted in the excavation by serving as camp administrator.

Also assisting in the excavation were seminary students James R. Kautz of Washington, D. C., and George C. Ramey of Dixon, Missouri. Both are Th.D. students in Old Testament and Biblical archaeology.



SEMINARY PROFESSOR Joseph A. Callaway directs the second phase of the excavation of the ancient city of Ai. At left is Jim Kautz, one of the two Southern Seminary graduate students who assisted in the dig.

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More on New England Religion

Dear Editor:
Let me thank you for the tenor and content of your editorial, "Southern Baptist Challenge in New England" (October 20). Particularly do I refer to your statements:

"Religious reminders are everywhere one looks in New England, yet a great spiritual vacuum actually exists. The New England village greens are surrounded by historic churches, many going back to the 1600's. . . . Services still go on Sunday after Sunday in most of these churches."

A similar recognition of religious need in New England may be found in the introduction to *Spiritual and Anabaptist Writers** (Volume XXV of *The Library of Christian Classics*), in which the editor, Professor George H. Williams of Harvard, eminent historian of the Radical wing of the 16th century Reformation, commented:

"The problem of God's controversy

* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1957), p. 25.

with his ongoing Israel and recurrent re-formation of righteous remnants thereof is being raised anew in our time. Our once-packed white-steeped meetinghouses in rural New England and the once-thronged cathedrals in old England are but remnants among the cherished monuments of a Christendom or *corpus christianum* now fragmented by the inexorable forces of modern history. Thus many may be prompted or inspired in perusing the acts and accounts which survive from the heroic period of self-disciplined conventicles and pilgrim fellowships under the leadership of Christ, to participate in some neo-radical reformation in the area of ethics and social practice and perhaps also in the area of the theology of history and the theological undergirding of democratic political pluralism. In this way, the recovery of some of the ethical impulses of the Radical Reformation may serve to supplement some of the neo-orthodox repossession of the theological insights of classical Protestantism."

Louisville, Ky. James Leo Garrett

SBC Agencies, Schools Represented At Convention

Several agencies and schools of the Southern Baptist Convention will have representatives at the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention next week to discuss their work with any interested persons.

Included will be Annuity Board representative B. J. Chenault, comptroller-treasurer of the organization, who will discuss the new features of the Southern Baptist Protection Plan, and David K. Alexander, who will represent the Sunday School Board. He is secretary of the Board's student department.

Representatives of all six seminaries of the SBC will be present to explain recent developments at their schools to their respective alumni. All schools except Midwestern and Golden Gate will have annual reunion meals at 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 17.

Official representatives of the seminaries are:

Southern—Grady Nutt, alumni secretary at Southern Seminary.

Southeastern—Raymond B. Brown, dean of the school of theology at Southeastern.

Southwestern—D. David Garland.

New Orleans—William H. Souther.

Midwestern—Robert Humphreys, Sr., Owensboro, trustee of Midwestern.

Golden Gate—E. Keevil Judy, Henderson, trustee of Golden Gate.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



A LETTER TO THE EXILES
(This Lesson for November 20, 1966)

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Because the people of Judah refused to repent of their sins, they were ultimately carried into captivity by the forces of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. This 29th chapter was written to these captives by Jeremiah, the outstanding prophet of his day. In all probability these captives were embittered by their captivity and were interested in wreaking vengeance on their captors and returning to their homes at the earliest date possible.

Jeremiah was not willing for them to labor under the false impression that their captivity would be short. Upon learning that Zedekiah was sending some ambassadors or representatives to Babylon, Jeremiah decided to send by them a letter to the Jews who were in exile there. The chief purpose of this letter was to challenge the exiles to be faithful to God and to strive to the very best of their ability to make an adjustment to their new environment.

I. The Precepts (Jeremiah 29:1-7)

These precepts were contained in the letter which Jeremiah sent to the elders, the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. This letter was intended for all, and all needed its message. On the part of the people there was the tendency either to abandon themselves to despair or to attempt to win the favor of their conquerors by adopting their religion. With some there might have been an inclination to revolt. When trouble overtakes us, we are frequently tempted to rebel or to plunge into despair. But Jeremiah indicated that all of these courses should be averted.

Jeremiah simply advised the captives how to conduct themselves while they were in bondage and how to make the best of adversity. He instructed the people to take their captivity as a chastening from the Lord and to be submissive to Him and to their captors. He urged them to conform to the will of God and to make the very best of the circumstances in which they found themselves. He sought to convince them that God still loved them and had great blessings in store for them.

Jeremiah's letter was a great source

of encouragement to them because it reassured them that God had not forgotten His people. The prophet told these sad and discouraged people that God had not deserted them, but that He would bless them when they had learned their lesson and had returned to Him. Although He was permitting Nebuchadnezzar to punish them for their sins against God, still He had not cast them away.

The prophet instructed them to settle down to normal living in the land of their captivity and to strive to be a blessing while they were there. They were commanded to build houses for themselves, inasmuch as they were to be there for a couple of generations, to plant and to cultivate gardens for their sustenance, to marry and to beget and rear children in order that their numbers might not diminish. He also urged them to seek the peace of the city in which they dwelt, and to ask God for it; for, in the event that war should break out, the exiles would be the greater sufferers.

II. The Precaution (Jeremiah 29:8-9)

Certain false prophets declared that the captivity would soon be over; therefore, it was entirely unnecessary for the exiles to make any plans to remain in Babylon for an extended period. Jeremiah urged them to beware of these false prophets. He told them to disregard those who would give them a hope that was entirely without foundation. False prophets are to be discredited always because their messages are the result of dreams or desires, and are without the authority of God. Through His servant God said of these prophets, "I have not sent them." Thus, God warns all of us against paying any attention to those who would express any hope which is contrary to the Word of God.

III. The Promises (Jeremiah 29:10-14)

Instead of promising the exiles a speedy end to their captivity, God told them that they would remain in Babylon for 70 years. God's promise was specific as to time—"after seventy years"

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(verse 10). It was given in grace (verse 11), not because they loved God and obeyed Him, but because He loved them. He promised them that when they repented of their sins and called upon Him that He would answer them (verse 12), and that when they diligently sought Him they would find Him (verse 13.)

It is to be noted, however, that these promises in verses 12 and 13 are conditional. Moreover, His promises were also direct in purpose (verse 14). He climaxed His gracious promises by saying, "I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive."

In view of the fact that their subjugation in exile was due to their own sins, Jeremiah told them that if they would repent of their sins, lift up their hearts to God in genuine faith, maintain the proper attitude, and be true to God, that He would then be sure to return them unto their own land. In the meantime, they were to seek the peace of Babylon, to pray for that peace, and to carry on their activities in compliance with the will of God.

It is both encouraging and challenging for us to remember that when God's children live in conformity with His will as it is expressed in the Word of God, they can call upon Him with the assurance that He will hear, answer, and bless them.

It is only as we live in obedience to His Word and for His glory that we can expect our prayers to be answered and His blessings to be bestowed upon our lives. Mercy, restoration, and blessing are forthcoming when God's chastened children are penitent and dedicated. In all of His dealings with us God desires only that which is best for us.

Liberty Baptists Build New Home for Missionary

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Singleton, missionaries for Kentucky's Liberty Baptist Association, will hold open house on November 13 at their new home built for the associational missionary by Liberty Baptists.

The beautiful new brick structure is located at 107 South Fork Road in Glasgow.

NBC to Televis Program on Work Of Baptist Seminary in Switzerland

The unique ministry of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, will be the subject of "The Southern Baptist Hour" television program on NBC stations at 12:30 p.m. (EST) Sunday, December 18.

The program will consist of a videotaped interview between Paul Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, which produces the series, and president John D. W. Watts of the Seminary.

Stevens and Watts will explore the role of the Ruschlikon seminary in preparing Baptist leadership for service around the world. Sometimes referred to as "the Baptist center of Europe," Ruschlikon opened for its first session in 1949. Since then students from more than 29 different countries have come to the Seminary overlooking beautiful Lake Zurich.

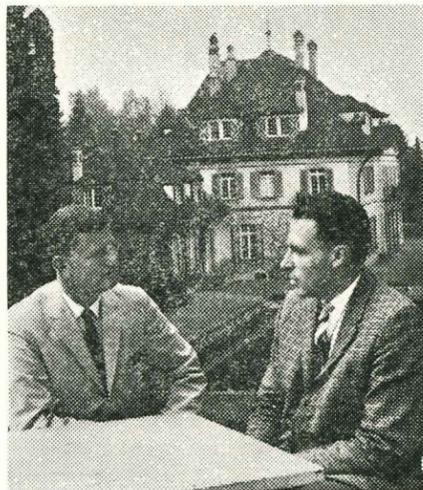
Several students from Southern Baptist Seminary in Kentucky have attended the Ruschlikon seminary in recent years.

This group has included Paducah, Kentucky, native Anderson A. Clark, a graduate of Georgetown College, who studied at the seminary in 1964 and 1965. Clark is now completing work for the B. D. degree at Southern Seminary.

To live and work at Ruschlikon could be termed "an experiment in Christian internationalism," said president Watts. Tolerance of and insights into other cultures result from a common evangelical faith and a depth of commitment to Christian service found among the international faculty and student population, he continued.

Sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, the Seminary operates on a seven-acre campus purchased by the Southern Baptist Convention and works in close cooperation with Baptist unions in Austria, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

Film for the interview program was



SEMINARY INTERVIEW—The administration building of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, forms the backdrop of a video-taped interview between Paul Stevens (left), executive director of the SBC Radio-Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas, and John D. W. Watts, president of the Seminary.

shot during the summer, when Stevens and an NBC camera crew visited Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Evangelism

by Thomas H. Shelton

For more than ten years, Mike Gilchrist has been engaged in a fruitful ministry in the field of evangelism.



Gilchrist

Before entering evangelism on a full-time basis, Mike was for five years a successful pastor.

Mr. Gilchrist is from the state of Louisiana, but has held many revivals here in Kentucky. Included were churches in Covington, Louisville and Paducah.

Mr. Gilchrist is to bring two messages to the Evangelistic Conference on Monday, January 9. His subject will be "Heaven on Earth," Monday afternoon. Every pastor in the state ought to hear this message.

Monday evening will be Family Night, and Mike will speak on "Evangelism in the Home." Plan to have several families of your church attend this Monday night service.

Please join me in praying daily for a spiritual revival in Kentucky.

Stewardship

Stewardship Promotion Calendar on its Way

by Michael L. Speer

An 8½ x 11 inch wall or desk calendar has been prepared by the Stewardship Commission for distribution in our state. The calendar carries suggestions for promoting stewardship within our churches during each month of the calendar year.

The calendar follows the stewardship promotion theme for 1967-68 which is "Give Light To The World . . . Tithe"! It is being mailed to each pastor, minister of education, missionary, and each church and associational chairman in the state. The calendar can be placed flat on the desk or hung on the wall. It will begin with December of 1966 and end with January of 1968. Plenty of space is given for planning and filling in important dates in your church life.

If you need an extra copy for your church, it can be obtained by simply writing the stewardship department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, and asking for one. This calendar should

Brotherhood

Prayer Support Encouraged For Evangelistic Crusades

by Lucien E. Coleman, Sr.

Prayer will play a key role this church year in Baptist evangelistic crusades ranging from Japan to Italy to Indonesia.

Wielding this weapon in support of the foreign evangelistic crusades will be Baptist men and boys making up Brotherhood units throughout the United States.

This is the third year Baptist men and boys have been encouraged to pray as groups for evangelistic efforts in scattered parts of the world.

Seeking prayer support this church year are crusades in Japan, Italy, Jordan, Portugal, France, Indonesia, and several countries in East and Central Africa.

Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for Southern Baptists' Foreign Mission Board, attributed much of the success of the revivals to the prayer support of Southern Baptists.

In 1965 almost 3,000 Southern Baptist churches participated in a prayerlift for the Brazilian Evangelistic Crusade. Objects of concerted prayer in 1966 were the Asia Sunday School Crusade and campaigns in Ghana, Costa Rica, Trinidad, Jamaica, Guyana, Venezuela, and Japan.

Church Brotherhood units wanting to take part in the prayerlifts may order prayer reminders from the state Brotherhood department in Middletown.

provide many good ideas for helping us keep the importance of stewardship before our people all year long.



Annuity Department

Unless Churches Act Now, Pastors Will Suffer Later

by A. W. Walker

Special to Church Budget Committees

You hold the future security of your pastor and his family in your hands. In all likelihood your pastor spent at least four years in college and from three to five years in Seminary training in preparation to serve you. It may be that he is a student now at Southern Baptist Seminary in just such preparation.



Walker

Your pastor probably has the educational background to qualify for an excellent salary in some secular field where his financial security would be provided through an excellent pension plan.

Pastor Honors Call

Yet, your pastor has honored his call to preach the Gospel and is glad to serve the spiritual needs of your community on a limited salary with a limited security against the eventualities he must inevitably face—old age, disability, and death.

If he does not die early, he will reach old age; and he may become disabled along the way. He will need an income in either of these situations. It is a proven fact that women on the average outlive men; and when he dies he may leave a surviving widow, who will also need an income.

In setting up your church budget for the coming year you should give careful thought to making adequate provision for all of these situations.

Various Plans Available

Contact our office in the Baptist Building and give us an opportunity to inform you of the various plans offered by the Annuity Board to meet the financial needs of your pastor and other church employees. By providing financial security for your pastor, you make it possible for him to better serve your spiritual needs.

Student Work

International Student Conferences Scheduled

by J. Chester Durham

On November 25-27 the Kentucky and Tennessee departments of student work are sponsoring simultaneous International Conferences at Kentucky Dam Village and Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

International students enrolled in Kentucky colleges from Louisville west and those enrolled in Tennessee colleges from Nashville west will meet at Kentucky Dam Village. Internationals enrolled in other Kentucky and Tennessee colleges will meet at Gatlinburg.

The purposes of these meetings are for international friendship, fellowship, and the studying of the Christian faith.

This type of conference was started by the Kentucky BSU in 1955. Since that time students from 72 different countries and political areas of the world have been in attendance. All of the major religions of the world have been represented.

The program personnel at Kentucky Dam Village will include:

Bill Lawson, pastor of Wheeler Ave-

nue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. He is also a director of student work, writer, poet, conference leader, and musician.

Dan Grant, professor of political science at Vanderbilt University, will be one of the feature speakers. Dr. Grant has also been a professor in Indonesia.

Russell Newport, president of the Newport Stores in Missouri and concert artist, will be a feature soloist.

J. Chester Durham, state secretary of student work for Kentucky, will be in charge of this program.

The program personnel at Gatlinburg will consist of:

William Rhodenheiser, chairman of the department of religion at the University of Richmond, Virginia, will speak and lead conferences.

Dr. Robert A. Hingson, professor and chairman of the department of anesthesia at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, is to be featured. He is bringing his wife, daughter and three sons who will also participate on the program.

Robert Boyd, Sunday School Board, will be in charge of recreation; and Charles Roselle, state secretary of student work in Tennessee, will have charge of the Gatlinburg meeting.

Church Music

ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC DIRECTORS MEET

by Eugene F. Quinn

Six of Kentucky Baptists' associational music directors meet with the state music secretary to discuss plans for helping the churches in their associations for the coming year. The meeting is one of a series of four briefing meetings when groups of associational music directors from across the state are meeting at Cedarmore with the state music secretary.



In the conference pictured, left to right are G. T. Cowan of Winchester, E. E. Gorsuch of Mouthcard, Doyle Searcy of Greenville, Don Farmer of Mayfield, George Mills, Jr., of Bowling Green, Jack M. Jones of Frankfort, and state music secretary E. F. Quinn.

These men met at Cedarmore on September 16-17. Previous conferences were held on July 29, and August 9. The final conference of the series will be held November 4-5 at Cedarmore for those associational music directors who have not yet been able to attend one of the meetings.



Empahsis On Youth

Any organization hoping for a future spends time, money and thought for its youth—its new leadership—its greater influence.

Kentucky Baptists hope for a greater future—as Christians, as leaders in the world as denomination. Hence, we give much time, thought, money for youth—and seek to influence them in the ways of God and the denomination.

This Kentucky Baptist influence on youth will be felt and seen at the 129th annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting in Bowling Green's First Baptist Church, November 16-18. The host pastor, a former BSU secretary, is a dynamic pastor for his people, including its youth—and the hundreds of Baptist youth who attend Western Kentucky University. Other churches in Warren Association also put great emphasis on youth—local and college.

Youth will be on the program—solos, choirs (mostly on Friday) and the spoken word (Wordmasters of Georgetown).

Youth Night, Friday, November 18 at Diddle Arena, Western Kentucky University, will bring as many as 13,500 students and youth—high school and college and career youth—to the 5th Annual Youth Night. Already, the combined youth choirs of the state have registered more than 2,500 to sing thrilling, inspirational challenging gospel songs and hymns.

Mr. George Mills, Jr., minister of music at Glen Dale Baptist church and on the high school faculty, has organized a youth band for Youth Night.

Gregory Walcott, 1962 speaker for our first Youth Night in Owensboro, will be one of the two speakers—he is widely used as a dynamic lay evangelist, while turning from a radio-TV star career to produce the first Baptist missionary motion picture: "Bill Wallace of China." His subject: "The Youth Revolution—How to Face it!"

H. Franklin Paschall, gifted and able president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, will be the theme (Youth Night) speaker: "The Enabling Word—and a Conquering Faith." Former pastor at Bowling Green First Church, he is one of the most sought-after speakers in the land. Diddle Arena—doors open to public at 6:30—to choirs after 5:30; program begins 7:30 C.S.T.

So great is the demand for charter buses to take church groups to the Youth Night that the companies are running out of buses—got yours? November 18.

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