




WESTERN RECORDER
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BAPTIST MEN'S DAY in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention is Sunday, January 22, when laymen will fill pulpits and take part in other activities emphasizing the role of men in witnessing and missions. A special emphasis of this year's observance is a Prayer and Fellowship Breakfast, which will come immediately before the Sunday School hour.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Kansas City, Missouri, has changed the name of the B.D. degree to master of divinity (M.Div.). The same action has already been taken by Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

MRS. T. B. MEASEL, wife of a former Kentucky Baptist pastor, died during December at Holbrook, Arizona, where Measel served the First Baptist Church. He was pastor at the beginning of his ministry in Fullerton, Kentucky. The Measels were married 31 years ago at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.

SHIVELY BAPTIST CHURCH, Louisville, adopted a resolution commending Francis R. Fugate to Raleigh Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, where he had gone to serve as minister of education. Fugate was minister of education at Shively for almost six years.

TWO KENTUCKIANS who are members of the board of the Sunday School Board will attend the SBC agency's annual meeting at Nashville January 23 and 24. They are J. V. Case, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Pikeville, and Dr. David McClure, a Louisville eye specialist.

TWO KENTUCKY BAPTIST PASTORS will represent Kentucky Baptists at the annual meeting of the SBC Annuity Board trustees on January 31 and February 1. They are Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor of Severn's Valley Church, Elizabethtown, and Sidney Maddox, pastor of Hopkinsville's First Baptist Church.

MR. AND MRS. HUBERT L. HARDY, JR., native Kentuckians who serve as missionaries to Chile, will be on furlough this year at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He is a native of Fulton, and she, the former Nell Brown, is from Madisonville.

McDOWELL BAPTIST MISSION in Martin County has called Edward Cecil Duncan as pastor. He will serve also as the community missionary. A graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, his ministry is sponsored by First Baptist Church, Martin.

THOMAS E. TANDY, JR., is the new pastor of the West Liberty, Kentucky, Baptist Church. A graduate of Campbellsville College, he has served as pastor of several other Baptist churches in the state.

NOBEL D. BROWN, a native of McHenry, Kentucky, and former pastor of the McHenry church, will spend this year at 2526 W. Hallwood Blvd., Maysville, California, on furlough. A Th.D. graduate of Southern Seminary at Louisville, Brown teaches at the Nigerian Baptist Seminary, Ogbomoso.

BOONE'S CREEK CHURCH in Boone's Creek Association sponsored a recent successful youth rally. It featured a teenage singing group and Dr. David Jester, missionary to Nigeria.

WILLIAM P. CARTER, JR., former pastor of Cove Hill Baptist Church at Carrollton, and Mrs. Carter are on furlough this year from Chile, where they serve as Southern Baptist missionaries. They may be addressed at 308 W. Holston Ave., Johnson City, Tennessee.

MICHAEL L. SPEER, secretary of the stewardship and promotion department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, joined representatives from five other state conventions for a one-day radio news seminar at the SBC Radio-TV Commission, Fort Worth, Texas, January 10. Speer edits the feature, "Kentucky Religious News Scope," for the SBC agency.

DR. AND MRS. J. W. CARNEY, Southern Baptist medical missionaries to Pakistan, are the parents of a new son, Charles Larkin, born during December. When they were appointed missionaries in 1962, he was a general physician at the Pikeville, Kentucky, Memorial Hospital.

ROGER COWEN of Paris, Tennessee, has accepted a call to become minister of music at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro. Harold Wainscott is pastor at Third.

ROY B. WYATT, JR., a former pastor of Ballardsville Baptist Church at Crestwood, Kentucky, and Mrs. Wyatt are transferring from Chile to Colombia, where he will teach Old Testament at the International Baptist Theological Seminary at Cali. They have been missionaries since 1953.

TOM SEALS, senior tackle at Georgetown College, was the only repeater on the 1966 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American team. A native of Louisville, Tom tied the season record for field goals with eight last year and went on to break the career field goal record by adding four more in 1966. Several pro teams have contacted Seals, and it is understood that the San Francisco 49'ers have selected him as a draft choice.

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Christian Education Beholds the New Star in the East

by SMITH H. GIBSON

A scarlet strand in the rope of Royal Navy vessels proclaims ownership by the Crown. In the same sense, our Baptist colleges are committed to weaving the strand of Jesus Christ into the fabric of higher education. Higher Baptist education in Kentucky has provided legions of men and women for the Lord's army, and it continues even now to contribute heavily to all ranks of Baptist endeavor and leadership.

The fierce tempo of our technologic age demands more of higher education with each new semester, and we are now witnessing the advent of hard times for our schools. Considerable apathy toward Christian education prevails among our members who, though informed and affluent, show little interest in easing the current financial crisis. Tight money and high interest rates have intensified our predicament to a point which is nothing short of desperate.

Thus, as never before, Baptist leaders are following the bright new star of federal aid which stands over Washington, and we are lifting up eyes unto Capitol Hill from whence cometh our help—we hope.

With schools trapped in economic famine, it is only natural that their

trustees should look to Egypt where grain is plentiful. And, if the government is willing to build us all an academic Goshen, it is tempting to accept with rejoicing.

Brethren, as absurd as it is, there is little doubt that Baptist higher education is about to board a fast train to Washington. Some would predict that we'll be making bricks without straw on the other end of the line and that a new Moses will be required to deliver us from our folly. Nonetheless, the tax dollar, newly embellished and rationalized by arguments which hardly need repetition here, makes a most attractive package.

It is no Baptist tenet that the end justifies the means. We have traditionally turned aside from tax money because its payment is motivated by force of government. The raffle, roulette, bingo and bazaar yield dollars motivated by the principle of greed. The Lord's money, however, is motivated by love in His children, and it is their tithes and offerings which have always done—and will always continue in the future to do—His work.

It is a basic contradiction that God would beg from Caesar—the respectability of Caesar notwithstanding. There

is also serious error in the concept that a Christian college requires for its very existence tax dollars which rightfully belong to everything but Christ.

All the pious patter and pseudo-indignation about tying the trustees' hands does not change the hard fact that Baptist Christian education belongs in our own lap, and it's going to roost right there as long as it's identifiable as such and worthwhile. If one were an atheist, agnostic, or Jew, he should resent this recent Baptist effort to pass the buck by way of the U. S. Treasury—even if everybody else is doing it!

Closed Doors or Government Funds?

What, then, of a Baptist school forced to make a cruel choice between closing its doors and resorting to government funds? Aside from any testimony to the Lord which might ensue from our schools, all are deserving of survival for their purely academic worth. When any institution finds its ministry is less to the spirit than in former years, then surely it is no sin to continue serving mankind on a more secular level.

It is not reasonable that the ship should sink just because the Scarlet Strand has faded from her rope. All bridges need not be dedicated to God; only those crossing Jordan are His.

We should not conclude that the God of Christian education has died in our time. There are still Kentucky Baptists who will pay a reasonable price to engrave the Gospel upon the hearts of our educated youth. These people have already made a start which, though inadequate, is admirable for the circumstances. They have had no previous parochial school experience, and until this decade, they were not invited—or needed—to participate in higher Christian education.

As much as we need money, our greatest poverty is in faith. We have no alternative but to trust God for continued denominational strength through Christian education. He will direct us at His own appointed time into the exact institutional avenues for His purpose, although momentarily this area is unclear.

Meanwhile, let us be diligent in educating our people to the needs and the fruits of Christian education. This endeavor is no longer the exclusive province of the wealthy saint. Its future and vitality must finally rest with those servants of the Lord who fill our pews on Sunday morning.

(Smith H. Gibson is chairman of the CEA Committee at Latonia Baptist Church, Covington.)

Bankruptcy: Hot or Cold?

by DUKE K. McCALL, President
SOUTHERN SEMINARY, LOUISVILLE

How WOULD you like your bankruptcy served, hot or cold? Hot bankruptcy for an educational institution is painful dollar bankruptcy. Cold bankruptcy is less painful but more disastrous and involves dispersal of professional talent.

Each one of the presidents of the six Southern Baptist seminaries is currently walking the razor's edge to determine whether it is better to keep his budget in the black at the risk of losing talented faculty members or whether it would be better to begin to operate in the red financially and hang on to the gifted, God-called men who have been assembled in each faculty.

Seminary presidents as well as college administrators have been crying for help for several years. Obviously the denomination thought we were simply playing the game of yelling, Wolf! Wolf! Now, for Southern Seminary, our

financial reserves accumulated over many years are gone.

Our operation, according to the audit as of July 31, 1966, for the previous year, ended in a \$25,120.21 deficit. We owe the Louisville Trust Company \$600,000 which will more than use up the total capital needs money allocated to us by the Southern Baptist Convention through 1968 (the end of the present capital needs program within the Cooperative Program).

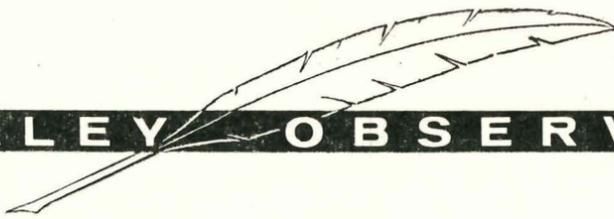
Despite salary increases last year which pushed the Seminary operation into the red, Southern Seminary faculty is paid less than professors of religion at state universities and in the strongest Baptist colleges. Our salary scale is in the bottom half of the salary scales of accredited seminaries in the United States.

Seminary professors are the poorest paid employees in terms of training and ability of any agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Evidence: Every time a seminary professor is employed by a mission board, his salary increases. Every time Southern Seminary employs, as a faculty

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Winter Sunshine and Evangelistic Warmth

Kentucky Evangelism Secretary Hicks Shelton planned and worked hard for an effective Evangelism Conference in 1967. His efforts were rewarded with a meeting last week which went a long way toward his goal.

The main objective in this annual conference is to inspire and motivate pastors to greater efforts in personal and church evangelism. Pastors, like other church members, don't remain on a high spiritual level all the time and therefore they need and long for spiritual refreshment occasionally.

This year's conference offered such a variety of program personalities that every listener should have found at least one to please him especially. The selection of speakers included a professional evangelist, a South American denominational leader, a state executive secretary, a Home Mission Board staff member as well as able pastors from Kentucky and elsewhere in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The conference this year was not marked by as much ministerial oratory as has been heard sometime in the past. This was an improvement. With few exceptions the listeners did not get the impression, as has often been the case in past meetings, that the speaker was lifting the best from his sermon barrel and twisting it to fit his assigned subject. Rather than playing to the grandstands for "amens", the speakers mostly took their assignments seriously and prepared sincerely.

A most rewarding part of the conference program was the depth study of First John led by Louisville Ninth and O pastor, Louis Drummond. His presentation revealed many hours of preparation and he skillfully related the great themes of John to the present needs of pastors and church members.

The messages of Harper Shannon, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama, marked him as one of the top preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention. He is very near a model pulpiteer. His careful preparation allows him to say the maximum in the minimum time and his forceful delivery adds to the impact of his messages.

Ohio Southern Baptist Executive Secretary Ray Roberts is always a favorite in Kentucky and speaks the language of many Kentucky pastors. Ruben Lopes from Brazil came through with the same evangelistic zeal and enthusiasm which always inspire his listeners.

An emphasis upon laymen attendance and participation in the opening service of the conference may have been a clue to future meetings. Almost half the Monday evening congregation was made up of laymen who in the final analysis will determine the extent of the evangelistic thrust in the churches. Little good it is for an enthusiastic pastor to return from the annual Evangelistic Conference to a church of cold, unenthusiastic laymen.

For the first time in its history the conference met outside Louisville. Lexington and Calvary Baptist Church proved to be an ideal place for the meeting. The spacious and beautiful auditorium and the warm reception by Pastor Frank Owen and his flock cannot be surpassed. A large downtown hotel with free parking within sight of the church is an added convenience.

Also for one of the few times in its history the meeting was not marred by a winter storm. We went and returned in the winter sunshine. Let us pray the evangelistic warmth we brought back in our hearts will bring the Lord's harvest of lives in 1967.

Land That I Love

Each Kentuckian has his own idea as to the Garden of Eden in the Bluegrass State. But in any contest Simpson County and the city of Franklin would be a strong contestant. For strength of land, quality of people and other things that count, this area in extreme Southern Kentucky near Nashville, Tennessee, has few equals.

It was by the goodness of God and the kindness of some of his truest disciples that this editor as a young seminary student became pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Simpson County in 1944. The almost six years with these kind and longsuffering people were as valuable as a similar amount of time spent at Southern Seminary.

The intervening years have only intensified my love and appreciation for this congregation and the people of this area. Opportunities have come periodically to return to this spiritual home, the most recent one being a study of Amos with the congregation of Franklin's First Baptist Church. Here more than in many places the people respect God's preachers, love the Bible and try to live its teachings.

The Franklin congregation now is flourishing under the guidance of Pastor Randall Green and Education Minister Bill Crawford. They had everything ready

for a successful January Bible Study that enrolled almost 150 persons.

The city of Franklin has been vigorous and successful in seeking quality industries in recent years. As a result the town has grown and the county has been greatly strengthened economically. Many young couples from all over the county have been able to build nice homes, combining work in town with farming in the country. Most of these are active church members in town or in one of the several strong Baptist churches in the county. Not a few of these tithe, making for strong church programs.

The school system in Simpson County is something of a model. The city and county school systems merged about 25 years ago being one of the first to do so in Kentucky. For several years now the school system has been directed by Superintendent John Bruce, an educator *par excellence* and a Baptist of first magnitude. A new high school building is nearing completion and together with a new gymnasium and modern athletic field will provide some of the finest facilities in the state. More than buildings is the quality of instruction and the wholesome atmosphere for public school education. By able leadership and careful planning of the entire county, integration of pupils and

faculty has been accomplished in a highly successful manner.

But religion and education are not the only fine things of life in Simpson County. There is probably as much old Kentucky ham of rare quality per square mile in Simpson County as anywhere in the world. This delicacy and the warm hospitality with which it is provided makes one reluctant to ever leave. And when this is combined with quail hunting with true friends, words cannot describe the experience.

A breakfast of two-year-old ham, eggs straight from the henhouse, homemade biscuits, red-eye gravy and sorghum molasses would make anyone but a quail hunter forget any other activity for the day. But the pink Eastern sunrise sky, the crunching sound of frozen plowed ground, the pearly frost on blades of green winter grain and the thrill of the covey's flutter from the honeysuckles make mere eating seem unimportant. That is until noon when weary and hungry hunters sit down to a mountainous platter of quail with all the trimmings.

"The hills of Zion yield a thousand sacred sweets, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets." This is true anytime and anywhere for God's people, but in Simpson County it seems a little truer for this fortunate preacher.



What To Do About Our Schools

Dear Editor:

It is deep concern over the issues of our Baptist institutions' accepting federal assistance, and also concern over the proposed actions of others threatening to sever fellowship with the Kentucky Baptist Cooperative Program which prompts this letter.

I agree with many others that if we as Baptists continue as such, we must reaffirm our stand of complete separation of church and state, with the church always praying for, supporting, and leading the state towards God's will for the people under its control. The church, not the government, should support its own programs.

I pray that the trustees of the involved institutions will feel as we do, and refuse to accept federal monies. Certainly, there are other avenues of approach through which funds may be made available, and I trust that they will be able to find satisfactory ones for their institutions. If the trustees refuse federal aid, then there is no need for concern. I pray to God that they will do so.

If they accept these federal monies,

then I beseech my fellow Kentucky Baptists not to take any rash actions without counting the costs. The Cooperative Program is too deeply involved in God's projects, and too precious to God's work through Baptists to discontinue its work. If there are those of you who feel that support cannot be given to federally financed Baptist institutions (and I am inclined to agree with you) then designate your offering and delete the involved institutions, but do not delete our missionaries, both home and foreign, or our seminaries, orphanages, BSU, camps, etc.

However, whose fault is it that our Baptist institutions are in such dire need of immediate funds? Certainly, it is ours as Kentucky Baptists. We apparently adopted a short-sighted program to finance our institutions, and closed our eyes to the prophecies of population statistics for the past 20 years.

The fact is obvious that if we continue as an independent church organization, we must have trained preachers and leaders for the future. The Baptist institutions are our major training ground. The possibility of our schools becoming government supported, non-religious

oriented institutions is horrifying. God forbid—the consequences would be too severe. We would surely perish as a denomination.

Then what can we do? It is obvious. Each of us must increase his support. Christian education must be added as an extra item to our budgets. We must start building a firm basis of support for our schools beginning now. We look to our Baptist leaders to guide us in this endeavor.

Stearns, Ky. M. A. Winchester

Keep Camel's Nose Out

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading your Baptist Forum, especially the letters of the December 22nd issue. I am glad to realize more than ever that the majority of Baptists (if not at the Bowling Green meeting) in the state at large are against school support from the government and stand for the same principles that our forefathers fought for.

I was glad to see the letter from Richard Stiltner, pastor of Cold Spring First Baptist Church, stating their stand upon this question.

I think we are only letting the camel stick its nose in the Baptist tent, and I fear he will finally push his whole body into it. Why do we not do like Maryland and some other states—resort to the courts if necessary to stop the camel.

Morgantown, Ky. Otis White

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SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Hit All-Time Record During 1966

The year 1966 was marked by the largest contributions to Southern Baptist Convention missions causes in the history of the denomination, an end-of-the-year financial report from the SBC Executive Committee disclosed at Nashville.

Southern Baptists gave more than \$24,000,000 through the denomination's Cooperative Program during 1966, surpassing last year's contributions by \$1,400,000.

In addition, designated contributions to specific Southern Baptist missions causes boosted total missions gifts for 1966 to almost \$43,000,000.

The end-of-the-year report was pre-

pared by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee which receives the funds from churches and state conventions and distributes them.

It was the biggest year of missions giving in the history of the convention, and the advance section of the Cooperative Program was entered earlier than ever before, the day before Thanksgiving.

The grand total of designated and Cooperative Program missions gifts was \$42,999,622, an increase of \$3,321,714 over 1965, or 8.37 per cent.

Under the procedure established by the convention when the 1966 budget was adopted, all missions contributions through the Cooperative Program which arrived after the budget had been met was divided two-thirds to foreign missions and one-third to home missions. A total of \$2,744,297 was divided between the two SBC mission boards through this "advance section" of the Cooperative Program giving plan.

During the year, the SBC Foreign Mission Board received a total of \$26,496,785 through both designated and Cooperative Program contributions, compared to \$24,300,000 in 1965.

The SBC Home Mission Board received \$9,014,981 during 1966, compared to \$8,100,000 in 1965.

Twenty-one Southern Baptist Convention agencies, institutions and organizations received funds through the Cooperative Program or through designated contributions. (BP)

Life Raft Used For Baptistry

Faith Baptist Church in Nhatrang, Vietnam, customarily uses the ocean for baptizing. But on December 4, due to high winds and waves at sea, a U. S. Air Force life raft was filled with water to provide a substitute baptistry.

Six Vietnamese and an American sergeant were baptized in the large, round, inflatable life raft, which was borrowed with the aid of a chaplain.

Former Kentucky Pastor Becomes Navy Chaplain

H. Lawrence Martin, former pastor of the Auburn, Kentucky, Baptist Church, has resigned the pastorate of the Greenwich, Connecticut, Baptist Church to return to the U. S. Navy as a chaplain.



Martin

He served as a pharmacist's mate with the Navy during World War II.

Martin earned degrees from Southern Seminary at Louisville, New Orleans Seminary, and Carson-Newman College. He is married to the former Carolyn Taylor, who taught history and sociology and served as assistant dean of women at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, before their marriage.

Three Seminars on Church Administration Offered

Three church administration seminars will be offered for pastors, church staffs, and church leaders in connection with the Church Program Training Center at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The seminars are church public relations, January 23-27; fundamentals of church administration, March 13-17, and principles of long-range planning, April 10-14.

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Associational Missionary Joins Immanuel Staff

Lyman Austin has resigned as superintendent of missions for the Shelby County Association to become minister of education at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah.

A graduate of Southern Seminary at Louisville, Austin has served previously as educational director at First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville, Indiana, and as pastor of Floyd's Knob Mission of that church. While in Shelby County associational work, he served also as pastor of Clear Creek Baptist Mission in Shelbyville.

Mrs. Austin has worked with the Sunday School department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the past eight years.

First Church, Paintsville, Enters Building Program

Groundbreaking services have been held for the new structures of the First Baptist Church in Paintsville. The new sanctuary and educational building will be located on the corner of College and Third Street, and the new facilities are expected to be ready for use in July of this year.

The new buildings will cost \$234,000 including the cost of the new site. The sanctuary will be Southern colonial style with a seating capacity of 450 and the educational building of the same design will include four assembly rooms, 27 classrooms, a nursery, offices, kitchen and dining room and restrooms.

James E. Wallace is the Paintsville pastor. The building committee includes Escrom Chandler, chairman; Luther Saffriet, Miriam Cox and James Heber Conley.

Church Program Seminars Offered at Nashville

Church programing seminars conducted by the Brotherhood Commission, the Woman's Missionary Union and the Baptist Sunday School Board will be offered at Nashville, on February 20-24, April 17-21 and May 8-12.

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CLOTHES FOR BUCKNER HOME GIRLS—Malie Swain and Linda Hurst of Buckner Baptist Children's Home at Dallas admire a party dress displayed by a student at a Dallas modeling school. The school was one of many Dallas firms which participated in the recent giving of clothing to children of the Baptist home.

Dallas Merchants Pool Resources to Surprise Residents of Buckner Baptist Children's Home

by LAWAYNE HULSE

Ninety-six teenagers in Dallas had a better Christmas this year, thanks to the spirit of Christmas in the personnel of a modeling school, an association of advertising agencies, and more than 100 merchants and manufacturers of Dallas.

The beneficiaries are 60 girls and 36 boys at Buckner Baptist Children's Home in Dallas, known as the nation's largest Baptist children's home.

Altogether, the Buckner teenagers received clothing valued at about \$8,000 this Christmas, plus an additional \$3,000 worth of clothing to be given in the spring of 1967.

It all started last year with the establishment of a non-profit organization called Miss Teen Care, Inc., which assists the girls at Buckner to develop financial responsibility and budget management while also experiencing the joy of doing much of their own personal shopping.

Patricia Stevens College, a modeling school owned and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Cockrell of Dallas, is largely responsible for the new organization.

Last year the modeling school conceived a plan by which the school's students modeled fashions for the Buckner girls. The clothing was solicited from about 30 merchants, and was to have

been returned to them afterward, but the merchants decided that the clothes should be given the girls after the show.

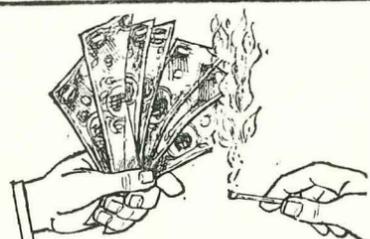
Good became better, and this year more than 100 merchandising and manufacturing firms donated \$9,000 worth of clothing to the new organization. Clothing valued at \$6,000 was given to them at Christmas, and the rest will be offered to them later.

The organization has set up "bank accounts" for the girls. Each account is for \$100, and checks may be written on it negotiable in purchase of clothing from the 22 showrooms set up for this purpose at the Dallas Apparel Mart.

Plans are to open the store at the Apparel Mart for the Buckner girls about three times a year, allowing them to use their accounts as they please. New deposits are to be made before each shopping time.

At the Christmas-time shopping day, lunch was served to the girls at a special restaurant, and three door prizes were awarded. One was a fur jacket, another was a hair piece, and the other was a transistor radio.

For the 36 Buckner boys in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades of high school, the Association of Industrial Advertisers is purchasing blazers, trousers, and dress shirts. The association is also providing gifts for 37 girls of the home. (BP)



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SECOND, and very important, through *Christian Education Advance—CEA* for short. This campaign, begun in 1963 has brought in more than \$3,000,000 in cash and pledges, and still brings in more than \$300,000 per year—from individuals like you and me, sometimes from churches—collective.

CEA *undesignated gifts*—pledges are shared by all six schools, student centers and RA-GA Camps—on a formula agreed upon, and favoring very heavily the schools. But, you may make a CEA *designated gift-pledge* which may be directed to any or several of the participants in CEA gifts—on a basis you may desire. You can give it all for the camps—or the student centers—or one or more colleges and schools. You can share it equally between any number of participants you designated.

As a Convention, we recommend the regular CEA *undesignated gift-pledge*; but as the treasurer of the Convention, I welcome your CEA *gift-pledge* any way you may desire, and will handle it strictly as the donor requests—with pleasure!

THIRD, with *wills, bequests, Gift Annuities*, etc. This is a source which can lay a foundation for the future as well as keep them going now! Every Baptist could put something in his will. Could take out a life Insurance policy with a college or camp as his beneficiary—and the premiums he would pay would be tax-deductible!

Why not see us, or James C. Austin, Secretary of the *Kentucky Baptist Foundation*, Middletown, who specializes in this field?

Harold G. Sanders

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federal aid for Kentucky Baptist colleges. For over 40 years Kentucky Baptists have failed to come to grips with our problem in Christian education! The federal aid is not a "cure all" for our Kentucky Baptist colleges!

To say that we ought to accept federal aid today because Georgetown College has in the past, does not help the conscience of some of us!

I have just seen a full page ad in the Knoxville, Tennessee, *Journal* by Carson Newman College asking for funds for their \$3,000,000 Science Building. It's a beautiful ad and very attractive. I'll be counting on Dr. Harley Fite and Tennessee Baptists to get their \$3,000,000. Why is it Kentucky Baptists will not launch forth like Tennessee Baptists to get funds for their colleges?
Danville, Ky. Peter Frank

Dale Moody to Deliver Lectures on Holy Spirit

Dr. Dale Moody, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will deliver a series of lectures at the Fern Creek Baptist Church January 22-January 25. Moody will deal with the Scriptural teachings on the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Moody has recently completed a book on this theme which will be released later. His lectures on this theme have received wide acclaim in many parts of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Moody will begin at the Sunday morning worship service. He will have the Sunday evening services from 6:30-8:30 and on Monday through Wednesday from 7:00-8:30.

Fern Creek Pastor Bill Sanders announces that there will also be Bible study for every age group. The Fern Creek Church is located at 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky

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A Wall Instead of a Picket Fence

Dear Editor:

On page 16 of the January 5, 1967, issue of the *Western Recorder* is a column headed "C.E.A." by Harold G. Sanders. In this, Mr. Sanders attempted to build a case for the borrowing of federal funds for use by our Baptist colleges. He failed.

He states, "We simply got the loan at a rate of interest lower than through banks or insurance companies—and for a longer term of years."

That is the heart of the matter. When the largest corporation in the country must pay up to six per cent interest to borrow even on relatively short term loans, it is absurd for Baptists to borrow from the federal government at considerably less than rates in effect in the business world and piously insist there has been, and is in fact, no subsidy involved.

God forbid that our trustees should ever again seek federal loans for any purpose. If we will not support our Baptist schools, let's lock the doors. I do not want my *tax dollars* going to support any denominational school, including Baptist. I believe in a wall of separation between church and state instead of a picket fence.

Louisville, Ky. Roy L. Daniel

Federal Aid Is Not A Cure-All

Dear Editor:

I congratulate Richard Stiltner upon his fine freedom letter about the attitude of Kentucky Baptists toward federal aid. Since the letter was written, Stiltner's congregation has voted unanimously to disapprove the action of Kentucky Baptists at Bowling Green toward

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SCHROEDER MEDICAL TEAM—The family of George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the SBC Brotherhood Commission at Memphis, could set up a clinic and hang up a single shingle, since all are pursuing careers in the medical profession. Left to right, they are Mrs. George Schroeder, Jr., a nurse; her husband George, who recently received his medical degree; another son, Lawson, a dental student; and Harriet, the elder Schroeder's daughter, who is also a medical student. (BP Photo)

New Broadman Book Cites Need for Churches To Provide Sex Education for Baptist Youth

A new book by a Baptist seminary professor has urged Southern Baptist churches to accept responsibility for providing sex education among today's youth, and has given practical guidance on how to do it.

It is the first such book published by Broadman Press which is designed especially to provide guidelines to pastors, youth workers and parents for taking a positive Christian approach to sex education through the church and home.

Author of the book, entitled *Teaching about Sex—A Christian Approach*, is John C. Howell, professor of Christian ethics at Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

"The church must confront its youth and adults with sound Christian guidance that will enable them to make responsible decisions concerning their own sex behavior," Howell said.

"To avoid such an approach is to teach by silence and embarrassment that sex is evil and should not be discussed within the context of Christian values," he continued.

The Midwestern professor said that increases in premarital and extramarital sexual experiences, the degrading of sex in modern literature, and the merchan-

dising of sex in advertising confront the church and the home with a challenge that cannot be ignored.

Concerning the role of the church, Howell said, "If it is true that next to the home the Christian church and the Sunday Schools are responsible for the Christian education of their youth, then the supplementation of sex education by the churches does come within its educational objectives." (BP)

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Reservations Available For SBC Charter Flight

Reservations are now being received for the charter air flight to Miami Beach for the Southern Baptist Convention, May 30-June 2.

The flight will leave Greater Cincinnati Airport on Monday morning, May 29, stop at Louisville Standiford Field and arrive at Miami International Airport early Monday afternoon. The round trip cost is \$110.00. This is \$20 to \$60 less than regular commercial flights, depending upon the time of departure and type of accommodation.

Jack Sanford, pastor, Florence Baptist Church, has made arrangements for the flight. He reports that only 85 seats are available and that March 1 is the deadline for reservations. A deposit of \$50 is due with the reservation request.

The deposit should be sent to Convention Plane, 38 Wallace Avenue, Florence, Kentucky 41042.

Baptist Work Established In New Vietnamese City

The Vietnamese government plans a new city in the Camranh Bay area which may exceed 3,000,000 people. Already there are 50,000 Vietnamese in the area, most of them working for the U. S. Army, Navy and Air Force bases.

Through the influence of an American Army captain who is a Baptist, the mayor of this area has invited Baptists to open work, offering land on which to erect a temporary building for teaching English-language Bible courses. The mayor also promised Baptists priority in buying property in the new area.

Southern Baptist missionaries Walter A. Routh, Jr., and Robert R. Compher of Nhatrang are working in the project. Several American military men donated labor for construction of the temporary building.

Maryland - D.C. Conventions Seek to Resolve Conflict

by W. BARRY GARRETT

Baptists in the District of Columbia and in Maryland are making progress toward a solution to their conflict over establishing new churches in the area adjacent to the nation's capital city.

Information made available to Baptist Press identified the cause of tension between the Maryland Baptist Convention and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. The cause of the trouble is reported to be "the presence in the area of two duplicating conventions who have not been wholly cooperative."

Baptist Witness Weakened

The report says that two major problems are the result of this conflict: (1) a weak Baptist witness in the area, and (2) the lack of a unified strategy for facing the missionary challenge of the District of Columbia and Maryland.

The conflict is not new. It goes back at least to 1924 when the two Baptist bodies agreed that "the territorial jurisdiction of the Maryland Baptist Union Association shall be the State of Maryland, and that of the Columbia Association shall be the District of Columbia."

However, with the population explosion of the District of Columbia since 1940 and the development of Washington suburbs, many new churches affiliated with the D. C. Convention were started in nearby Maryland. Some churches formerly located in the District of Columbia moved to Maryland suburbia.

To try to resolve their conflicts both conventions in 1964 appointed committees which united to form the Strategy Planning Committee. For the past three years this committee has had frequent meetings and brought in an outside program analyst to make "in depth" studies and to recommend solutions.

Alvin West, a Washington attorney and former member of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, has served as chairman of the

joint committee. Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, has worked with the committee the past two years.

McClellan made a 126-page report to the committee last fall. He made a five-fold recommendation for the development of a unified Baptist strategy for the Washington metropolitan area. He proposed:

1. An identical by-law for each convention providing for a standing committee to meet twice a year to work on problems of new church locations and to suggest ways for cooperation between the two conventions;

2. Regular meetings of Baptist pastors' conferences in the areas of tensions;

3. Assignment of a staff person from the District of Columbia as a liaison with the superintendents of missions of the two Maryland associations involved;

4. The development of a joint program by the two conventions on the campus of the University of Maryland that is located near the District of Columbia; and

5. That merger of the two conventions is impractical at the present, but that the idea has enough merit that the possibility should be reviewed again in three or four years.

Shortly after the McClellan report was made, the Maryland committee considered his recommendations and made a counter proposal. It rejected the idea that merger of the two conventions is impractical and countered with a plan to merge the two conventions no later than 1970.

The Maryland proposal was that the new convention be singly aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention and that the name be Maryland-District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

On the other hand, the District of Columbia Convention committee on December 8 reported substantial agreement with the plan proposed by McClellan, but with a "middle ground" proposal. The District of Columbia committee recognized merit in the merger idea but suggested that the joint committee report to the two conventions in 1970 "on the progress of studies and cooperative activities carried on in the intervening period." (BP)

Grace Church, Lexington, Calls New Pastor

Joe R. Tackett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Walton, Kentucky, for the past 11 years, has been called as pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Lexington.

A native of Owen County, Kentucky, Tackett has served other Baptist churches in Owenton and Hebron. He is a graduate of Bryant-Stratton Business College and Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville.

While serving as a pastor in northern Kentucky, Tackett was a member of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, moderator of North Bend Baptist Association, and president of the Northern Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Conference. He was also a vice-president of the Northern Kentucky Protestant Association and chairman of the Joint Finance Committee of Campbell County and North Bend Associations.

Tackett is married to the former Emma Lee Mefford of Owenton. They are the parents of three children.



JOE TACKETT

At Grace church, Tackett succeeds George W. Trout, who resigned recently to enter full-time evangelism.

George W. Redding, professor of religion at Georgetown College, has served the church as interim pastor.

Ninth and O, Louisville Calls Minister of Music

Billy Foote of Dallas, Texas, has accepted a call to become minister of music and youth at Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville.



Foote

James Robison.

Foote has entertained for banquets, fellowships, youth rallies and socials. He and his wife, Winky, have one son, Billy James.

Louisville Pastor Announces For Lieutenant Governor

Henry Beach, pastor of Cloverleaf Baptist Church in Louisville, has announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor of Kentucky during this year's election. He will run on the Democratic ticket.

A native of Gallatin County, Beach is a former pastor of Third Avenue and Ninth and O Baptist churches in Louisville. From 1963 to 1965 he served as assistant to the president of Kentucky Southern College in Louisville.

Neil Yonce Ordained by First Church, Corbin

Corbin native Lawrence Neil Yonce, who is pastor of West Providence Baptist Church, McHenry, Kentucky, and a student at Southern Seminary, was ordained to the gospel ministry on January 1 by his home church—First Baptist Church of Corbin.

Yonce, age 38, was licensed about two years ago by Woodmont Baptist Church,

Florence, Alabama, where he was a successful merchant. He subsequently sold his business and entered Southern Seminary at Louisville.

Several ministers of Corbin-area Baptist churches participated in the ordination service.

Taking major parts in the ordination were Richard G. Waggener, pastor, Woodmont church, Florence, Alabama; R. Haskell Bolding, pastor, First church, Corbin; J. W. Jones, a deacon of First church, Corbin; and E. C. Masden and Joe Lewis of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky.

Yonce received the B.A. degree from the University of Omaha in 1956. He and his wife, Betty, and their three children live at 8300 Bardstown Road in Fern Creek, Kentucky.



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cation problems; (6) SBC participation in Crusade of Americas launched; (7) Dirksen prayer amendment fails in Congress; (8) Cuba gives missionary Herbert Caudill conditional prison release; (9) American Baptist Convention General Council rejects Crusade of Americas participation; and (10) Arkansas convention relinquishes Baptist hospital to accept federal grants.

Five of the ten top Southern Baptist stories of the year dealt in some way with the principle of separation of church and state and the crisis which faced Baptists during 1966 in interpreting the principle.

15 Rate Number 1 Story

Fifteen editors rated as the number one story, the headline: "Federal aid question considered by state conventions; seven adopt policy statements."

In October and November, seven state conventions approved policy statements which deny federal grants to their institutions. Four of the conventions denied federal loans to their institutions, while four others approved of federal loans.

The action of Tattnell Square Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, to fire its pastor, assistant pastor and music director as a result of a squabble over whether to seat Negroes in the worship services, plus the editorial comments in state Baptist papers which generally deplored the action, was rated the second top story by the editors.

Ranked third was a series of events in 1966 regarding Baptist-Catholic relationships. Listed on the ballot were such items as "Baptist-Catholic dialogue proposed; priest preaches in Florida pulpit; joint Baptist-Catholic weddings, funerals held; SBC Communications Conference speakers cite improved Baptist-Catholic relationships."

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Retired Texas Missionary Renders Valuable Service During Preacher Shortage in Panama

Don Covington, who retired as a district missions secretary in Texas a year ago, has returned to Beaumont after a year of service in Panama, exclaiming: "I wish we had come to Panama three years sooner."

Covington and his wife had entertained thoughts of "retiring" to work at the Cresta del Mar Baptist Assembly in Panama.

But the critical shortage of pastors in the country led Covington to volunteer to serve as pastor of the Baptist church in Almirante, a town of English-speaking West Indians in the rugged Bocas del Toro province.

The couple's service paid off. Before their one-year stint was up, a permanent missionary couple, the Horace Fishers, moved in at Almirante.

The Covingtons then spent the last seven weeks as interim leaders at the Chagres River church in the Canal Zone at the Fishers' former location.

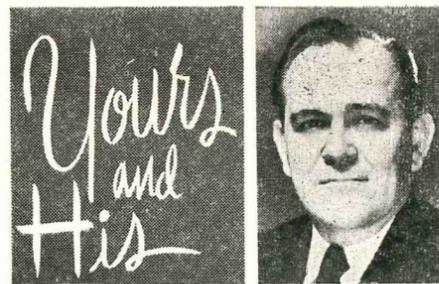
"This was one of the most rewarding years of our life and one of the happiest of our ministry," he said.

Canadian Baptists Favor More Lax Divorce Laws

Grounds for divorce should be widened to include desertion for five years and legal separation for seven years, according to a statement of the Canadian Baptist Federation, which numbers 200,000 Baptists in more than 1,000 churches.

Addressed to a Canadian Parliamentary committee, the Baptist document also endorsed such other grounds as continuing physical cruelty, insanity, drug addiction, long and repeated imprisonment and extreme alcoholism.

Generally, adultery is the only ground for divorce permitted under Canadian laws.



Church to Talk Back

"You mean I can talk back to my denomination?" Yes, you can. Not only so, but your denomination urgently requests that you do so! Tell us what you think of the materials and services which are now provided for your church, and what materials and services you would like for us to provide for the future! Tell us what you think of the meetings of the association, the state Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Are we assisting you enough, too much, too little? Are we meeting too often, just right, or not frequently enough? These and more questions are asked—and your careful consideration and answers are sought!

Church Talk Back Manual Coming

That's what it is: "Church Talk Back Manual." Sent to pastors last week, and will be sent to church organizational leaders in a week or two.

Costs you 10 cents postage to send it back! Yes, we send it third class, but your writing makes it first class in returning it. Just fold it over once, and find it addressed to Harold B. Sanders. Put your return address and other information on the left side—in full, staple it or tape it once at the bottom, and mail!

Read the Instructions

To mean the most to you, and later to us, study the CTBM carefully—my letter on the first page, instructions on the second page, etc. Might read it twice—then as you work Section II and Section III—turn back to the instructions!

Thanks for your criticism—this one will be constructive: from the glorious grass roots!

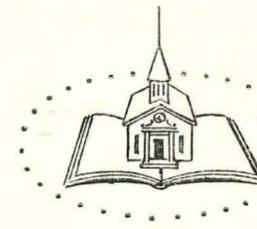
Watch the *Western Recorder* for the "little man" and his messages to you about Church Talk Back Manual periodically—see it—through February 16th.

Christian Education Day

Sunday, February 16, is Christian Education Sunday—in your church. Get ready.

Harold G. Sanders

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



THE MESSIAH AND HIS MISSION

(This Lesson for January 29, 1967)

Approximately six months before He was crucified, opposition to Christ increased rapidly. Aware of this, our Lord took His disciples and withdrew into the region of Caesarea Philippi. There, away from the interruptions of the multitudes, and from His enemies who sought to destroy His influence, He had a choice opportunity to instruct His disciples who had been convinced of His deity.

Luke 9:18-22

Our Lord asked His disciples to tell Him whom they had heard others say that He was. He was not seeking this information for Himself, but He asked the question to get the disciples to give the subject more serious consideration, implying that He expected them to have a better understanding of His person and mission than the crowds had.

Christ's question was answered promptly, and the answer revealed that the people had a variety of opinions about Him.

Some thought that He was John the Baptist, the sensational figure who reminded His listeners of their obligations to God! Others were of the opinion that He was the dramatic and spectacular Elijah, calling upon them to live righteous lives; still others thought that He was Jeremiah, risen from the dead, advocating a genuine revival; and numerous others declared Him to be one of the ancient prophets. In reality the people did not know Him, as was indicated by their failure to recognize His deity.

It is not enough for men to acknowledge that Christ is an extraordinary individual, a perfect example, a great teacher, a moral leader, and a courageous martyr, but only a man. It is tragic when men fail to recognize Him as the Son of God.

Turning to His intimate disciples, Christ asked a very pointed and personal question, "Whom say ye that I am?" This crucial question was vastly more important than the first one, and it was intended as a heart searcher.

With his usual impetuosity and in his familiar role of unofficial spokesman for the disciples, Peter immediately rose to the occasion and answered, "The Christ of God." His answer indicated that he recognized Christ as God's Mes-

siah. About that Peter did not have any doubt. Apparently, the other disciples were in agreement with him. Peter's acknowledgement that Christ was the Son of God, and therefore the proper object of worship, brought great joy to the Saviour.

Luke 9:57-62

These three unnamed men are splendid types of those who have professed to be followers of Christ. Here we have an account of how Christ dealt with these three would-be followers of His. Two verses are given to each of the three. These three appeared suddenly and very quickly, and then they were gone.

I. Following Christ Without Delusions (Luke 9:57-58)

A would-be disciple approached Christ and voluntarily and enthusiastically affirmed: "Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." Obviously, this man did not have any clear conception of what it was going to cost him to follow Christ. Not wanting the man to be deluded, Christ told him what it would cost him. To follow Christ is not an easy thing. Christ was quick to let him know that He could not promise him ease, but that he must be willing to sacrifice or do without that of which foxes and birds have a comfort and ease; that he must be willing to love Christ more than home and bed and creature comforts. To follow Christ one must heed a call, sponsor a cause, and carry a cross. Our Lord dealt with this eager, impulsive and impetuous man by bringing him face to face with the hard, stern and pitiless facts. No doubt the man was sincere, but he did not

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know enough about Christian discipleship. Had he known more he doubtless would have said less.

II. Following Christ Without Delay (Luke 9:59-60)

This man did not volunteer to follow Christ, but our Lord took the initiative and invited him to follow Him. Christ wanted him and had a work which He wanted him to do. He wanted him to go out and "preach the kingdom of God." What an opportunity! He had the glorious opportunity of being a herald of the Lord's message. Surely his response will be whole-hearted, enthusiastic and immediate!

The man was willing to go, but he was not quite ready to get started. He wanted to delay. Moved by sentiment, he said, "Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father." He was willing to follow Christ, but he did not want to put his family second. He was saying, "I will follow Thee, but it is not convenient for me to do so just now." But Christ will not wait for our convenience or take the second place in our lives. He wants us to follow Him without delay.

III. Following Christ Without Dishonor (Luke 9:61-62)

This man considered the cost of following Christ and wanted to go with Him, but he was a volunteer who stated categorically the conditions under which he was prepared to follow Him. He said, "Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house." He wanted to go back and put his business in order so that he would not lose anything during his absence. While his request seemed simple and natural, Christ knew that his looking back would soon result in his going back. His attitude was that Christ should not expect him to put the Lord ahead of his own affairs at home.

This man made the tragic mistake of putting the Lord second in his life. From this incident we learn that it is wrong to substitute money-saving service for Christ-honoring and sacrificial service.

As a final word Christ made a very searching statement to this man: "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." The man who pretends to follow Christ and looks back for a place to rest, or seeks an excuse to stop, or keeps his eyes on the things back at home is not fit for the kingdom of God.

'Talk-Back Manual' Mailed to Church Leaders

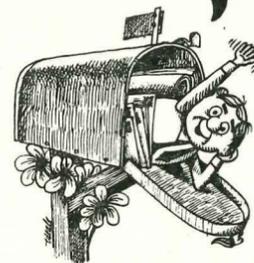
Churches and church leaders of the Kentucky Baptist Convention are being asked to "talk back" to their denominational leaders, suggesting ways in which all phases of the Baptist program might be improved.

Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary of the Convention, said that suggestions and ideas are being sought through a "Church Talk-Back Manual," a printed informational booklet which will be mailed to the leaders of the organizations of all Kentucky Baptist churches.

Pastors have already received the booklet, and it will be mailed to all other church leaders in a few days.

The booklet contains questions about the effectiveness of curriculum materials, and the various programs of all Southern Baptist Convention agencies, including the State Convention and the associations.

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CHURCH TALK BACK MANUAL

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Woman's Missionary Union

State Meeting at First Church, Ashland April 4-6

by Mrs. George Ferguson

The annual state meeting of Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will be held at First Baptist Church, Ashland, April 4-6. The session will open at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, and will close on Thursday, April 6 at noon.

Conferences on the work of all the WMU organizations will be held on Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Watch this column for details concerning the program, conferences and other plans. A list of motels and hotels and the name of the chairman of reservations in homes was given in Kentucky Notes for January and will be repeated here in this column next week. Make your reservations early.

Credential Cards

Credential cards for registration of messengers to the convention will be prepared in the state WMU office. Please make your request early to allow time for the preparation of these cards. The cards will be on file at the registration desk at the church at Ashland within the limits of representation as set out by our By-laws.

If one person will write for the cards for all the representatives of each church or association, it will greatly facilitate the work in the office. When requesting cards, be sure to give name, address, church and association. Requests must come to the state office to save time and confusion at the registration desk in Ashland. Everyone is urged to register even if attending only one session. Those in attendance in addition to the limited number of messengers will also register on cards provided at the registration desk, but their names are not needed in advance. The only advantage to serving as a messenger is the privilege of voting.

Representation

According to our By-laws representation is as follows:

Messengers to the annual meeting shall be: (1) members of the state Executive Board (2) regional youth directors (3) associational representatives not to exceed five (4) local WMU representatives not to exceed six (5) former state presidents.

You will want to arrange for your

representation to be divided between the WMS and the youth organizations' leadership as far as possible.

A great majority of those attending will register as visitors.

Remember to pray faithfully for this important meeting. Bring a large group from your church. You can make the trip quickly on new highways.

Training Union

Make Reservations Now For Training Union Weeks

by James Whaley

Now is the time for making reservations to attend the Training Union Assembly Conference at either Glorieta or Ridgecrest. The dates this year are: Glorieta—June 8-14 and 15-21 Ridgecrest—July 6-12 and 13-19 and 20-26

Reservations may be had by writing Mark Short, Manager Glorieta Baptist Assembly Glorieta, New Mexico Willard K. Weeks, Manager Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly Ridgecrest, North Carolina

A Registration fee of \$3.00 per person is to be included with your reservations request.

Student Work

Elizabethtown Community College

by Dan Yeary

"I was not really aware of the importance of Christian witnessing until I became involved in the Baptist Student Union." Pat Towler, BSU President at Elizabethtown Community College, so expressed herself in an interview which resulted in her appointment as a summer missionary to Alaska. Pat's statement crystalizes the definite purpose of the Baptist Student Union and illustrates what is happening on the Community College campus in Kentucky.



Pat is one of many students who have

realized the value of the BSU ministry and have profited from its total program. Learning to intelligently and courageously vocalize one's faith is always difficult. At Elizabethtown Community College no other student group claims such a purpose.

With the support of Severns Valley Association and the special contributions of Bob Crutcher of Severns Valley Baptist Church, the students of ECC have been exposed to the Gospel most effectively during the past two years.

The BSU ministry at ECC consists of multiple activities. A weekly devotional program reaches an average of 30 students. On certain occasions as many as 75 students have attended BSU activities. Bible discussion groups are organized to engage students in Christian dialogue. Social activities have been effective in Christian witnessing with specific emphasis always pointing to the value of Christ in life for the student. The entire campus at Elizabethtown is aware that Baptist students care about sharing their faith.

What better opportunity is available for Kentucky Baptists than the mission field represented by the Community College? Every campus in the state is abounding with students like Pat Towler—waiting to be involved and given guidance and opportunity to share their faith. The prayer of the students at Elizabethtown Community College should be the prayer of Kentucky Baptists: "God give us the wisdom to transcend our limitations and the courage to overcome our weaknesses."

Kansas Baptist Executive Killed in Car-Train Crash

One of the top executives for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists was killed in a car-train crash at Wichita while on his way home from work.

Killed was Samuel Drew Russell, associate executive secretary of the convention and director of its department of missions. He was 50.

Russell's automobile collided with a Rock Island freight train in suburban Wichita just ten minutes after he had left the office for home. He died three hours after the crash.

Funeral services were held at the Sharon Baptist Church, Wichita, on January 6. (BP)

Annuity Department

Larger Retirement Benefits Now Available

by A. W. Walker

As of January 1, 1967, churches are asked to pay retirement dues of 10% of \$4,000 annual salary for pastors and other employees, even though the actual salaries may be much less than that amount.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention voted last November to pay matching Convention dues in the basic retirement plan on the same salary as used by the church up to the maximum annual salary of \$4,000.

It is our firm hope that many of our smaller churches that pay only small salaries will see the wisdom of paying \$33.34 per month into the retirement program for their pastors.

Retirement Incomes Can Be Based on Total Salaries During Active Service

Under our new Annuity Program, churches that pay larger salaries are being encouraged to pay 10% dues on the pastor's total salary. The first \$4,000 annual salary would continue to be covered in the basic Southern Baptist Protection Plan (Plan "A"), just as is now being done. Any salary in excess of \$4,000 per year would, at the member's election, go into one or both of our supplemental plans—the Age Security Plan (Plan "B") or the Variable Benefit Fund (Plan "C").

This makes it possible for pastors to build retirement incomes proportionate to the salaries received during active service. The current inflationary trends seem to demand the upgrading of present retirement programs.

If our office can be of any assistance with further information or help, please let us know.

Church Music

Program Highlights for 1967 Music Conferences

by Eugene Quinn

The special features, groups, speakers, personalities, and new conferences planned for Ridgecrest and Glorieta Music Conferences in 1967 have just been released.

At Ridgecrest on June 29 and July 5 will be the following features:

North Carolina's Singing Churchmen Speaker Lloyd Pfautsch, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; Speaker James C. Cammack, Pastor of



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member, a foreign missionary, his standard of living on a seminary salary declines. These statements are so shocking, you probably do not believe them. But I challenge you to ask the people involved.

Conclusion: We ask more sacrifice economically of seminary professors than we do of foreign missionaries. The point is not that foreign missionaries are adequately provided for but, rather, that both they and seminary professors are inadequately provided for by a wealthy denomination.

A half dozen seminary professors (not at Southern) have already resigned to teach in Baptist colleges or state universities. Clearly, the movement is toward a bankruptcy of talent.

As desperate as is the need of Baptist colleges for more money in the face of current skyrocketing costs of higher education, the seminary's lot is even worse. The colleges have been able to increase tuition so that senior Baptist colleges have more money per student available for undergraduate education than seminaries have available for post-graduate education.

The answer is that 15 years ago, with

Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Organ recital by James W. Good, Southern Seminary, Louisville; Junior Choir singing from First Baptist Church, Maryville, Tennessee, presenting new music drama entitled **Once By Galilee.**

"Spotlight on Youth," featuring two invited youth choirs and presenting a new cantata, **The Promise of God's Love,** by an auditioned youth choir.

Oratorio: **The Passion According to Saint Matthew,** conducted by Dupre Rhame of Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

Music Leaders Conference No. 1 led by Dr. Paul McCommon of Georgia.

Choral Interpretation and Techniques Conference by Lloyd Pfautsch Oratorio Interpretation Conference led by Dupre Rhame.

Glorieta will also feature Lloyd Pfautsch, "Spotlight on Youth," and the other conferences listed above. The principle speaker at Glorieta will be C. A. Roberts, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Florida. The oratorio conductor at Glorieta will be Daniel Sternberg, dean of the School of Music of Baylor University in Texas.

Reservations for accommodations at both conferences should be made immediately.

three seminaries and 25% fewer students, Southern Baptists put 31.79% of the Cooperative Program into theological education. Today, with 25% more students and twice as many seminaries, Southern Baptists put 19.11% of the Cooperative Program in theological education.

My position as president of Southern Seminary is that the cause of Christ will suffer less if ultimately creditors foreclose on the campus property than if we permit a strong faculty to disintegrate. The priority sequence affirmed by James P. Boyce 108 years ago is still "brains, books, buildings."

Please hear this cry for help. Send bankers, auditors, lawyers, pastors, anybody to investigate whether my description of the situation is true. I do not mean this as an appeal for individuals to send money to Southern Seminary. Rather, I am appealing for the churches, through the Cooperative Program, to provide more adequate support for all six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Midlane Park, Louisville, Occupies New Building

Members of Midlane Park Baptist Church, Louisville, occupied their new \$98,000 educational building on Sunday, January 15, for the first time. Later on Sunday morning, the cornerstone for the structure was laid by Mark Pharis, Sr., chairman of the building committee.

Included in the new building is a complete nursery suite, with four nurseries, offices, two beginner departments, three junior departments and one primary department. Provision is also made for future kindergarten and other programs as needed by the community.

Doyle L. Wetherington is pastor of the Midlane Park church.

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13 Kentucky Baptist College Students Appointed BSU Summer Missionaries

Thirteen Kentucky Baptist college students have been appointed BSU summer missionaries by the student department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. They will serve this year in the largest summer missions program ever undertaken by the student department.

Areas where the youth will serve are:

►**ISRAEL**—The four students appointed to Israel will serve in youth camps as counselors and recreation leaders. They are Bill Messer of Baughman, Kentucky, a ministerial student at Cumberland College; Miss Laura Lee Muntz, Cynthiana, English major at the University of Kentucky; Larry Bowman, Hillsville, Virginia, ministerial student at Berea College; and Miss Judith Ann Rice, Columbia, student at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Louisville.

►**ALASKA** — Serving in Alaska, helping to build churches and conducting church services, will be Daryl Gruver, Kankakee, Illinois, business major at Campbellsville College; Mike McGarvey, Paducah, ministerial student at Paducah Junior College; Dean Rodney, Herrin, Illinois, ministerial student at Murray State University; and Miss Pat Towler, Elizabethtown, education major at Elizabethtown Community College. Named alternate to Alaska was Dwight Wallace, Warsaw, English major at Morehead State University.

►**MOUNTAIN YOUTH TEAM**—This group conducts revivals and youth fellowships in Baptist churches of Eastern Kentucky each summer. Serving on the team this year will be Ralph Hudgins,

Elizabethtown, pharmacy student at the University of Kentucky, song leader; Timothy Alan Hill, Lexington, speech major at Georgetown, advance man; and Miss Mary Jo Thornton, Fern Creek, political science major at Eastern Kentucky University. The preacher for the team has not yet been appointed.

►**APPALACHIAN WORK CAMP**—Two girls were appointed to Appalachia to teach in churches and serve in church work camps. They are Miss Sara Jane Snazelle, Bowling Green, sociology major at Western Kentucky University, and Miss Nancy Ann Forgy, Kettering, Ohio, sociology major at Georgetown. Named alternate was Miss Donna Dean, Lancaster, who is majoring in chemistry at Berea College. These students will work in conjunction with other Appalachian missionaries, appointed by the student department of the Tennessee convention.

The 13 students who will serve in the missions program this summer were chosen from among approximately 30 persons who submitted applications. Applicants were judged on the basis of maturity, personality, ability, knowledge of church organizations and doctrine, and experience.

A major part of the applications was a personal interview with each student, conducted by J. Chester Durham and the staff of the student department.

The summer missions project is financed each year by voluntary donations from members of BSU groups on college campuses throughout the state. Over \$500.00 was given by students for this year's program at their annual state student convention at Hopkinsville in October.



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