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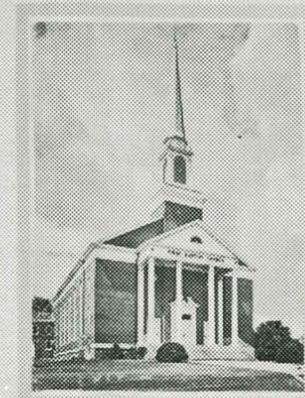
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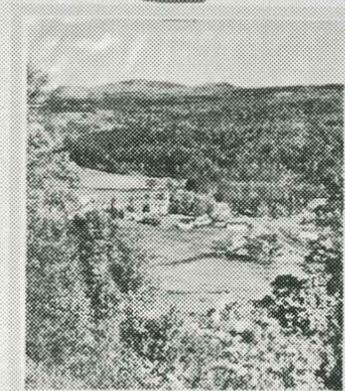
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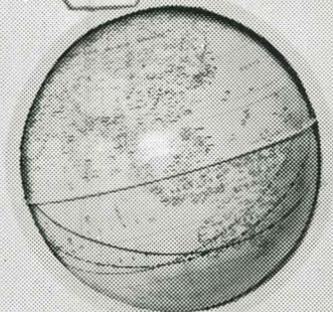
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JAMES L. BAGGOTT, retired minister in Atlanta, Georgia, is in the process of preparing a book composed of personal testimonies of living experiences with God. The book is intended as an effort to counter the arguments of the "God Is Dead" movement. Persons interested in submitting personal experiences of this nature are invited to send them to James L. Baggott, 1227 North Decatur Road, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30306.

A GIFT OF \$25,000 from Mrs. John L. Harral of Abernathy, Texas, has been given to Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton, Texas, in the school's "Clear-the Slate" campaign to raise \$575,000. A speech and drama graduate of the Baptist school, she gave the money through the alumnae and ex-students association which had earlier accepted a \$100,000 goal as the alumnae portion of the special drive.

DOUGLAS D. HAYS, accountant and office manager with Southern Press, Inc. of Louisville, has been appointed assistant accountant in the Kentucky Baptist Convention business office. A member of Hazelwood Baptist Church, he has worked also with Kentucky Trust Company and Citizens Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, both of Louisville.

TOO OLD TO LEARN? is the title of a new book written by Robert A. Proctor, Jr., associate professor of psychology of education at Southern Seminary, Louisville. The book is one of three Broadman Readers Plan books released recently by Broadman Press at Nashville.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION will hold its annual meeting May 29-30 in the Shelborne Hotel at Miami Beach, Florida, in connection with the 1967 meeting of the SBC there. Joe Davis Heacock of Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, is president of the group.

ENGLISH - LANGUAGE IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH in Madrid, Spain, now has a full-time secretary-treasurer, Mrs. P. R. Bradley. Mrs. Bradley and her husband, who is assigned to a U.S. Air Force base near Madrid, expect to be in Spain three years. She was formerly a secretary at W.M.U. headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, and at Alabama Baptist State Convention headquarters in Montgomery.

JOHN S. GAINES, pastor of Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, for the past four and one-half years is now pastor of the Ferguson Baptist Church, Ferguson. Gaines began his new ministry on January 15.

TWO EASTERN KENTUCKY ASSOCIATIONS, Lynn Camp and North Concord, are planning a joint county-wide evangelistic campaign, beginning July 10, with J. S. Bell as evangelist. Missionary for the associations is Lynn P. Robbins.

SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK was awarded an honorary doctoral degree by Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist), Abilene, Texas, after speaking at special services marking the school's 75th anniversary. He urged the college students to engage in a "dialogue between generations" and gave them a broad look at "the shape of the world and how it looks to the secretary of state."

A BRITISH BIBLE SCHOLAR has been named visiting professor of Old Testament at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, for this semester. He is J. Roy Porter, who teaches theology at the University of Exeter, England.

CHARLES E. VINCENT, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas, has been honored as the outstanding young man of the year in Kansas City for his work with the police in juvenile rehabilitation programs. Vincent is also chaplain of the Kansas City police department, director of the juvenile rehabilitation program and youth camp director for the Kansas City Baptist Association.

O. G. FOSTER, local missionary for the Aberdeen, Kentucky, Baptist Church since 1956, retired at the last of January. During his ministry the church became self-supporting and built a new educational building.

LOUISIANA COLLEGE TRUSTEES have voted to construct two new buildings after being encouraged by the progress report on a \$2,000,000 fund drive in Louisiana Baptist churches to raise money for the buildings. The Baptist school is located at Pineville.

R. H. HALL, director of student recruitment and religious activities for Wayland Baptist College at Plainview, Texas, has been named the school's new public relations director. He succeeds Charles Arrendell, who resigned to join the editorial staff of the Lubbock, Texas, Avalanche Journal.

JAMES A. BROOKS, new assistant professor of New Testament at New Orleans Seminary, has been awarded a \$250 prize by the Christian Research Foundation Awards for his doctoral dissertation. Brooks, who completed his doctoral studies at Princeton Theological Seminary last June, wrote the dissertation on "The Text of the Pauline Epistles in the Writings of Clement of Alexandria." The annual competition is limited to early church history.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS presented its national brotherhood citation to President Lyndon B. Johnson at its 18th annual citation dinner held in Washington. The citation hailed the president for "alerting our nation and the world to the human cost of poverty and discrimination, and to the crucial necessity of extending freedom and justice to all persons."

JAMES E. CASEY, JR., began his fourth year as pastor of First Baptist Church, Wheelwright, Kentucky, at the first of this year. He is a member of the board of directors for the "evangelism in depth" plan for eastern Kentucky and vice-president of the local ministerial association.

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Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

by TERRELL D. MAYS

FOLLOWING the intense emotional strain in the garden, after the scourging, and blood and fluid loss, Jesus was too weak to carry the cross the short distance to Golgotha. It is important to note that at the age of 33 years Jesus could not be considered a young man. He was not even in middle age, because in A.D. 30 the average life expectancy was only 40-45 years. Therefore, Jesus was past middle age and in a sense, in the latter years of life. This would be another factor contributing to his weakened condition.

Two Types of Crosses

There were two types of crosses commonly used by the Romans: the crux commissa, and the crux immitis, or capitata; the latter is known as the Latin cross and was perhaps the type used for Jesus. It is best demonstrated by the figure +. These crosses were further designated as crux sublimus, or elevated crosses, used to display prominent enemies of the state. The crux humilis was a low cross of about six feet in height, and the type most often utilized because of its practical aspects.

Since Calvary was the commonly used execution grounds, it is most probable that the upright parts of the crosses were permanently fixed in the ground there. This upright piece was the stipes. The prisoners were then required to carry on their shoulders only the crossbeams, known as the patibulum, which weighed from 30 to 40 pounds. These then were attached to the uprights (stipes) at the time of the crucifixion.

As Jesus fell beneath the heavy crossbeam, Simon a visitor in Jerusalem who had come from Cyrene to observe the Passover, shouldered the crossbeam at the urging of the Roman soldiers. He carried it alongside of the faltering Christ out to that barren, dry place of the skull.

Gesture of Mercy

The first act of the Roman soldiers before placing Jesus on the cross was to offer him sour wine (a strong or sharp wine) with gall to drink. This was a gesture of mercy on the part of the soldiers, because this "elixir of gall" was an analgesic or soporific, a narcotic, which would dull one's senses. It would somewhat ease the pain of tearing flesh and agony.

But Jesus, though being intensely thirsty, his mouth swollen and crusted and dry, refused to drink. He did accept a drink some three to four hours later, just moments before his death. Jesus initially refused to drink the wine and

gall to allay or totally prevent any rumors which might possibly spread. For when he spoke his last words from the cross, he wanted everyone to know for a certainty that his mind and thoughts were perfectly clear. They could not say later that he was drugged and irrational, "speaking out of his head," as some would certainly contend had he drunk the wine and gall at first. With a clear mind and in control of all his senses, Jesus was then stripped and hanged on the cross.

The simple nailing of a person to a cross would not necessarily cause death except by exposure in several days. The piercing of the hands or feet with nails would not cause enough blood loss for one to immediately die from exsanguination. To assure death, it was necessary for a certain technique to be used in affixing a person to a cross.

Most artists depict the risen Lord with outstretched hands and bleeding nail-prints in the palms. From the interpretation of the Greek scripture, one

The first part of a physician's view of the death of Christ appeared in last week's WESTERN RECORDER. It will be completed in future issues.

would certainly feel that the nails were placed in the hands. The scripture is quite explicit; the word for hand is derived from a Greek word meaning "to lay hold of or to grasp."

However, there are some reasons to feel that the nails were driven through the wrist or distal forearm. Some writers will say dogmatically that the nails were never driven through the hands. One reason lending weight to this argument is that to use a nail of large enough caliber to bear the weight of a man would, if driven through the palm, fracture the bones of the hands. The metacarpal bones are close together and relatively immovable; they would fracture if a wedge were driven between them. To maintain the integrity of the scriptures, we know that none of the bones of Jesus' body were broken. Also, small caliber nails, which would pass between the bones of the hands, would strip out of the hands under the weight and tension of the agonizing victim on the cross.

There is much speculation and disagreement as to where the nails were driven into the body of Christ. One author and doctor maintains that the nails were driven into the wrists of Jesus. He thinks the nails were driven

through an area anatomically known as Destot's space. This is an area bound distally by the capitate bone, medially by the hamate, posteriorly and laterally by the triquetrum and semilunar bones. It is proximal to the very tough and fibrous transverse carpal ligaments, which would easily sustain the weight of a man.

This area may be recognized on the skin of the wrist as the area of the major flexion crease of the wrist. By actual experimentation with amputated human arms one author (see Pierre Barbet, A Doctor at Calvary) interested in this theory drove large nails through this space and found that their path was consistent, and the bones of the wrist were not fractured.

Nails Through the Wrist

There are others who feel that the nails were driven through the wrist or distal forearm between the large radius and ulna bones. This is mainly because of the ease with which a nail could be driven between them, and certainly they would support the weight. This site would be constant and easy for the soldiers to use when they were crucifying several persons as was often the case.

Whichever site was used, it is certain that the nails pierced the incarnate flesh of Jesus, though the palms were probably not used.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Dutch Baptist Refuses To Pay Military Tax

The chairman of the executive council for Dutch Baptists has resigned this position to avoid involving the denomination in his personal refusal to pay military taxes.

F. E. Huizinga, 59, said he will withhold 15% of his 1967 income tax, the portion he estimates will be used to maintain "an army and everything which makes for military power." Huizinga said he reached his decision after pondering over the "inhumanity of warfare."

His pacifist position on tax payments might result in authorities seizing some of his personal belongings to settle unpaid tax claims, or a portion of his salary might be officially attached before it is paid to him.

Huizinga said he will hold the 15% tax sum in reserve and willingly pay it toward some alternate tax goal against which, he, as a Christian, has no objections.



Two Basic Considerations

Next Sunday, February 19, is Christian Education Day for Kentucky Baptists. The turmoil over higher education problems has made every day in recent months Christian education day for Kentucky Baptists. Next Sunday, however, should serve as an occasion for serious and responsible consideration of every Kentucky Baptist congregation of the future of Baptist higher education.

If anyone has a revelation on how to proceed, now is the time to speak up. This is the most crucial question Baptists face today everywhere and this accounts for the frequent treatment of this matter on this page. In the absence of clear answers, the best thinking and discussion must be encouraged. The discussion should be responsible and unemotional while free and uninhibited. We should be able to bare our minds to one another without loss of appreciation and respect for each other.

Maybe it's time for some very basic thinking. While it is impossible to disassociate ourselves entirely from the present program of Baptist higher education in Kentucky, it might be good to forget what we have long enough to examine two basic considerations. The first of these is how much of our resources can we fairly use for higher education and the second is how to use what we have.

Look at the first consideration. The Cooperative Program is our major resource for all mission expenditures. In next year's Cooperative Program budget goal of \$3,450,000 we will earmark \$1,000,000 for higher education in Kentucky. This is between one-third and one-fourth of our total Cooperative Program resources. Our schools are also now receiving about a quarter of a million dollars a year from the Christian Education Advance campaign. Is this a fair portion of our available income for use in higher education?

It would seem this is a fair share, if not more than a fair share for this part of our work. Nearly all of us consider education as missions, but education is not all the missions to which we are committed. Other phases of our work are now cut to the bone in order to provide such a share for our schools. Those who would press for a much larger percentage of our available resources for Baptist schools would have difficulty not appearing to be one-sided and selfish.

Once we have decided how much we can rightly spend in higher education, we must then decide how to get the most for our expenditures. We have several choices.

One is to accept the Baptist education picture as it now is and merely to divide the resources on a fair and equitable basis. This we have tried to do in the past and have come out fairly well until recent years. But now the shares for our schools appear more and more inadequate, and the rising cost of higher education demands more than our schools are receiving from all sources. Indeed, every school seems to be in critical need and this partly explains turning to government loans and other resources for help.

Another approach would be to face up to what is obvious. We have more schools than we can or will adequately support in Kentucky. In light of this we could concentrate on one school, which was the recommendation of the survey committee in 1958 and which more and more Kentucky Baptists are now saying we should have accepted. A million dollars a year would be respectable support for one school.

Still another approach would be to give up the attempt to have Baptist schools as such and in their place put a strong Baptist witness on or near every college campus in Kentucky. Under this plan present Baptist colleges would be given their independence and Baptist scholars would teach Bible and other religious courses in former Baptist colleges and on or near other private and state college campuses. A million dollars would go a long way in such a program.

The last of these approaches is the most revolutionary and the most unlikely to be accepted soon. The second would also encounter great difficulties, especially when it came to deciding which college to choose to support. The first approach is the course of least resistance and therefore is most likely to be followed at least for the foreseeable future. It, too, has its dangers such as declining quality of education from inadequate support and fragmentation of the convention from disagreement over school policies such as the use of public funds.

For knotty problems of national concern, the United State president often sets up a special study commission to come up with specific recommendations for solutions. In spite of the fact that we are already weary from Baptist study groups, maybe one more is in order for Kentucky Baptists. This would be a commission on higher education. The present Christian Education Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board would ordinarily have such a responsibility, but so far it has shown little inclination to grapple with fundamental problems and make creative recommendations.

The study of the prophecy of Amos this year should serve to warn Southern Baptists that the same dangers of empty institutional religion that doomed the Israelites in the Eighth Century B.C. are a serious threat to Baptists of the 20th Century A.D. It was ironic that when attendance was at its peak, tithes and offerings were at their highest and other religious activities were most successful, the Israelites were so far from pleasing God that judgment and destruction were certain.

The people of Bethel confused quantity with quality, form with reality and religious activity with personal encounter with God. As a result they were meeting their own standards but were far from God's requirements. They were pleased with themselves and were at ease in Zion but they incensed God and brought forth His judgment.

About the only difference between Eighth Century B.C. Israel and much of 20th Century A.D. Baptist life is the date of the calendar. We also have the means confused with the ends. We think we please God when we go through prescribed and accepted church activities whether or not we are new persons through an experience with God. We delight in beautiful music, orderly worship services, precise and clever sermons, attendance records and over-subscribed budgets, but often leave the church house without ever really hearing a word from or saying one to God.

Baptists Should Listen to Amos

One of our big problems is that we find it so much easier to measure quantity than to gauge quality. And so we equate success with numbers and amounts. This is why we invariably measure a church by the number of members and the size of its budget. Even when we set goals, they are always in terms of statistics. We forget that the true measure of a church is not how many come but what happens to those who come and not how much is given but how it is given.

The words of God through Amos were severe upon such an emphasis and such a trust in externals. This kind of worship by the Israelites was actually condemned as a sin by God.

Mind you, the condemnation is not upon worship practices and religious activities in themselves but upon making them the end in themselves instead of the means to enter into a personal experience with God. God hated their solemn services and turned a deaf ear to their pious songs because their manner of life was ungodly. Rather He looked for rivers of justice and everlasting streams of righteousness flowing from transformed worshippers.

It's high time we found a true standard for judging Baptists and Baptist churches. We will know more of where we are with God when we look beyond buildings, numbers and budgets and measure the width and depth of the perpetually flowing rivers of justice and righteousness.

Complete Record Since 1795

Dear Editor:

I noted an article in this week's *Western Recorder* (February 2) in which the South Fork Baptist Church claims to have the oldest and most complete records of any church in Kentucky.

I wish to call attention to the fact that the Stamping Ground Church, in the Elkhorn Association, Scott County, has all of our church records complete from our founding in 1795.

This church was constituted in September, 1795, by William Hickman, William Cave and Ambrose Dudley, three members of the famous "Traveling Church." Our first pastor was Elijah Craig, and we had such famous members as Rodes Smith, F. C. McCalla, James D. Black, and Dr. E. H. Black among our congregation.

As clerk of the church, I have custody of the church books, which are in good condition and quite legible. They have been microfilmed by the library of the University of Kentucky, which sent people here to photograph them, and were glad to do so, free of charge.

We have people come here from all parts of the nation (recently from Texas, New York, Arizona and Oregon) to



search for information about their ancestors.

There have been over 4,000 members of this church, and I have catalogued them, both alphabetically and chronologically, so that any member's record may be found quickly. Stamping Ground, Ky. J. W. Singer

Church Music Is Not for Entertainment

Dear Editor:

After reading the article "Musical Arteriosclerosis," (*Western Recorder*, January 5), I must express my views of opposition with this article.

First of all, let me say that we sing some gospel songs in the worship services of our church. It is my personal belief that we should use a mixture of hymns and gospel songs in our worship services.

Let me challenge Mr. Green's use of John W. Peterson's music as an example to be used in our churches. I believe his music would be classified in the pop

or jazz field rather than in the sacred field. The choral arrangements and rhythms of his cantatas sound more like, "The Sound of Music," or some other musical. This is not to say that I haven't used any of his solos. Some of his solos are good. I can't say the same for his cantatas. Friends, if we come to church to be entertained, then something is wrong in our lives. John W. Peterson's cantatas are entertaining rather than worshipful!

When Mr. Green says, "We do not use anthems during our revival crusades," he must be referring to his own church. The Cliff Barrows' directed Billy Graham Choirs have used Don Hustad's anthem arrangements time and time again. I would challenge his use of the word, "anthem."

There would be no one person or ministry that could be blamed for the death of our own churches, if this should ever occur. The lack of concern today of everyone seems to me to be the problem. Until we look once again to the Christ who died on the Cross for us and depend on Him, not ourselves, to rule in our hearts we will hear the report of a "Christian Arteriosclerosis."

Louisville, Ky. Tony Whitfield

Dyal Appointed Director of Peace Corps in Colombia, Latin America

William M. Dyal, Jr., director of organization for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission at Nashville, for the past three years, has been appointed director of the Peace Corps in Colombia.

Dyal, a former Southern Baptist missionary to several countries in Latin America, joined the Peace Corps staff effective February 1, and will move to Bogota, Colombia, by March 1.

He will direct the work of 700 Peace Corps volunteers in Colombia engaged in primary and university education, education television, and wide-scale community development, and will also direct a 25-member Peace Corps administrative staff in Colombia.

Former SBC Missionary

A native of Houston, Dyal and his wife served as SBC missionaries to Costa Rica and Guatemala for six years. For two years he was field representative for the SBC Foreign Mission Board in Southern South America, with responsibility for Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. He later was associate secretary for missionary personnel with the Foreign Mission Board offices in Richmond, Virginia.

Last year Dyal spent three weeks in Venezuela on assignment by the Peace Corps to evaluate their total program in that country.

Dyal commented that his entire Christian pilgrimage had given him insight in making the decision to work with the Peace Corps.

"The years in Latin America as a missionary opened my eyes and heart to the Latin people," Dyal said. "I feel one with them.

"The exciting work with the Christian Life Commission has brought new understanding that the Gospel is concern-

ed with the whole of life," he added. "I have sought and observed social change in the name and spirit of Christ. In changing my place and form of witness, I agree with William Temple who said, 'There is nothing secular to God.'"



Dyal

The executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, Foy Valentine, called Dyal's resignation a "critical loss."

Valentine praised Dyal's contribution to the work of the commission and the denomination especially his ability to communicate with clarity and conviction to the younger generation.

Dyal is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is married to the former Edith Colvin of Eldorado, Ark. They have three children. (BP)

Impact Plan Launched In Cordoba, Argentine

During January two Baptist missions in Cordoba, Argentina, were organized as the fifth and sixth Baptist churches in the city. In addition, three other missions have been started recently, and plans have been made for another mission.

This spurt in Baptist growth has resulted from an impact plan of the Argentine Baptist Mission.

Baptist work was begun in Cordoba in 1917. However, it grew slowly, and 45 years later there were only four Baptist churches in Cordoba with a collective membership of less than 400.

In 1962 a missionary couple started a mission, which soon grew into the fifth church. In 1964 another mission — now the sixth church — was started by an Argentine pastor.

In 1964 and 1965 the Foreign Mission Board appointed more missionaries for Argentina than usual. When they arrived on the field, they were assigned to fill many long-standing vacancies.

Then the Argentine Mission adopted the impact plan for Cordoba and increased the missionary staff to four couples. This concentration of personnel helped produce the new missions.

California Convention Asks Other States To Consider Results of Taking Federal Aid

A resolution calling on sister state Baptist conventions and their colleges to consider carefully the ultimate results of accepting federal aid was adopted at Fresno, California, by the Executive Board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

The California board, which on several earlier occasions had flatly rejected federal aid for California Baptist institutions, adopted a total of five resolutions during its two-day meeting, one of them strongly opposing federal aid.

The board's resolution said that "any breach in the wall of separation between church and state is ultimately a threat to our cherished principle of religious liberty."

"Be it therefore resolved," the board said, "that we . . . again express our opposition both to the federal government offering tax funds to church-re-

lated institutions, and to our Baptist institutions' accepting such funds.

Other resolutions adopted by the board opposed a state lottery, favored stronger controls of pornography, called for support of a law on tests for drunk drivers, and for extension of a state program for prevention and treatment of alcoholism.

In other action, the board elected David C. Oglesby, former assistant executive secretary of the California Baptist Foundation, as business manager of the convention, a post he held for three years prior to his appointment with the Foundation.

Another resolution called upon Gov. Ronald Reagan and all of California's legislators to enact "more stringent and more workable controls over printed filth." The resolution charged that much of the obscene literature is directed to youth, and has "a drastic effect upon them at an impressionable age."

Still another resolution urged Gov. Reagan and the state lawmakers to leave intact legislation adopted last year which rules that any person who receives a drivers license implies his consent to take scientific tests when there is reasonable doubt about his driving under the influence of alcohol. (BP)

Texas Baptist Artist and Seminary Professor Edit Scripture Compilation

by DON MCGREGOR

A Baptist state paper artist and a Baptist seminary professor have joined efforts to compile and edit what they consider to be the best of 26 translations of the New Testament in a single volume.

The new 1,243-page volume uses the King James Version as the guide, with four or five of the "best translations as selected by a Bible scholar" printed beneath each line or phrase of the King James.

Baptist Standard Staff Artist Jack Hamm of Dallas, Texas, might best be described as the producer of the project. Hamm is also a free-lance artist and religious cartoonist.

Curtis Vaughn, 42-year-old professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, is the editor, and shared in compiling with 14 other scholars.

Zondervan Publishing House will put the book on the market in October. Zondervan called it "a significant new work containing the complete text of the King James Version with alternate translations for clarity and understanding from the 25 other most popular English translations of the New Testament."

It all began as the brainchild of Hamm about the middle of 1962. His idea was to enlist 15 Bible scholars to handle sections with which they were particularly familiar. But they would need to be paid, so he went out in search of \$25,000.

He found seven Baptist laymen in Dallas who had faith enough to place

their names on a note at the First National Bank, and an eighth man, Bank President Dewey Presley (a Baptist) who had enough faith in these men to authorize the loan.

Hamm had help on another almost impossible task — obtaining permission to use portions of the 19 or 20 copyright scripture translations. (BP)



UNIQUE SCRIPTURE COMPILATION—Curtis Vaughn (left), professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and Jack Hamm, staff artist for the Texas Baptist Standard, look over galley proofs of a unique Bible which gives what 15 Bible scholars believe to be the best of 26 translations of the New Testament. The compilation will be released by Zondervan Publishing House in October.

Baptist and Catholic Pray for Texas Bill

A \$1.25 an hour minimum wage bill has been introduced in the Texas House of Representatives at Austin, with a Roman Catholic priest and a Baptist minister asking God's help in its success.

Presiding over the short religious ceremony in the House chief clerk's office were the two religious leaders of the Rio Grande Valley Farm Workers march

to the Capitol last summer in support of a state minimum wage law.

Earlier in the day, a companion bill was introduced without ceremony in the Senate by Sen. Joe Bernal of San Antonio.

Bernal joined Rep. Laro Cruz of Houston, sponsor of the House measure, in witnessing the religious ceremony. Prayers for success of the bill were given by Antonio Gonzales of Galveston and James Navarro, minister of a Houston Baptist church.

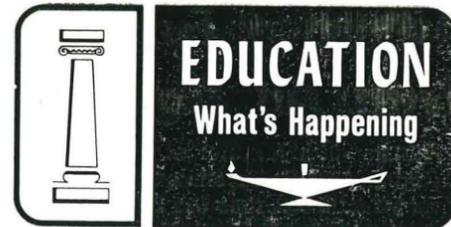
The two led the workers on their hot, dusty 490-mile march that ended at the Capitol steps in a Labor Day rally.

Mrs. Dorothy Hallman, chief clerk of the House, said it was the first religious ceremony on a bill in her 24 years on the job. (BP)

Island Creek Calls Pastor

Allen Crouch is the new pastor of Island Creek Baptist Church in Booneville Association.

A graduate of Georgetown College and a native Kentuckian, he has previously served Berry church in Kenton and Second Twelve Mile church.



Education Commission, SBC

. . . Pertinent questions ranging from what college to approach, to how to pay for it, are answered in *College Entrance Guide* (Grosset, \$1.95).

. . . The Ford Foundation has proposed to the Federal Communications Commission that a network be made out of the 125 or so educational television stations in this country (another 100 are being planned). The Foundation has given \$10,000,000 to prepare a series of special weekly programs in the fall of 1967, for simultaneous educational network broadcast. These programs will "pull together the intellectual and cultural resources of this country to speak directly, once a week, to the great issues of the day in every field of action." Experts on various subjects in widely scattered parts of the United States would be linked to speak to one another and the entire country.

. . . Nearly 100 colleges run cooperative education programs, with part of the year spent on the campus and part of it away at a job. The main purpose of the plan is educational, but students do earn a good share of their college expenses. For a free list of schools that offer it, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the National Commission for Cooperative Education, 8 W. 40th Street, New York, New York 10018.

. . . According to the National Science Foundation, the highest median salaries among the nation's scientists last year were earned by economists (\$13,100), statisticians (\$12,500), and physicists (\$12,500).

. . . The Second (final) National Conference of BEST (Baptist Education Study Task) is scheduled for June 12-15, 1967, in Nashville.

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Advance Funds Should Be Shared With All Agencies, Says Editor

J. Marse Grant, editor of the *Biblical Recorder* of North Carolina, has requested in an editorial that the SBC Executive Committee divide each year's Cooperative Program advance funds among all convention agencies rather than give two-thirds to foreign missions and one-third to home missions, as is the current policy.

Grant's editorial was sparked, apparently, by recent statements of seminary presidents Duke K. McCall of Southern and Olin T. Binkley of Southeastern that all SBC seminaries are facing critical financial needs.

An article by McCall on this subject appeared in the January 10th issue of the *Western Recorder*.

The partial text of Grant's editorial:

"What can be done? Not only can the seminaries' percentage allocation of the SBC budget be raised, but all 20 SBC agencies can share in the Cooperative Program overage which was more than \$2,200,000 in 1966. Under current policy, the Home and Foreign Mission Boards receive all of this on a one-third, two-thirds basis. This coming year the Foreign Board will receive nearly \$30,000,000 from the SBC and we know it can find use for every dollar. And yet, if something isn't done to upgrade seminary professors' salary, the two mission boards will suffer in the future. A high percentage of missionaries are trained in those seminaries.

"We would like to see FMB Secretary Eaker J. Cauthen and HMB Secretary Arthur Rutledge take the initiative in asking the SBC Executive Committee to share the overage with the other 18 agencies whose needs are as urgent as the mission boards. All agencies make a contribution to total Baptist life and total resources should be shared by all of them.

"Last February in Nashville we saw Dr. McCall almost in tears pleading for

\$200,000 more for the seminaries. His call went unheeded—and yet the overage at the end of the year was \$2,200,000. If the \$200,000 had been added to the basic budget, the two mission boards still would have divided \$2,000,000 in addition to their regular allocations.

"The Executive Committee will meet Feb. 20-22 in Nashville to act on the 1968 budget. It is too late to help hard-pressed seminary professors this year, but it would be tragic if they are overlooked again in 1968. Little wonder they have to supplement their modest salaries with interim and supply work. We hope the Executive Committee will taken action to improve their plight. Not only should our six seminaries share in the overage, but all other SBC agencies. This is the way it should be."

ABC Council Reaffirms Earlier Decision

"The American Baptist Convention will not be listed as officially participating in the Crusade of the Americas," according to an explanation vote by the General Council of the Convention at its February meeting in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

The General Council in effect reaffirmed its decision last November not to participate in the crusade during a stormy session characterized by extensive debate and parliamentary maneuvering.

A controversy has been brewing for several months both within the American Baptist Convention and between American Baptists and Southern Baptists over the question of ABC participation in the crusade.

The new action of the General Council was taken because "several questions have been raised" about the meaning of the November decision concerning the Crusade of the Americas, the statement explained.

"The entire American Baptist family

Charles Boddie Preaches At Bowling Green Church

Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, had Charles Boddie as pulpit guest on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 5. He is president of the American Baptist Seminary at Nashville.

The title of his sermon was "One Man Trudging." "Those trudging to Emmaus did not know Christ until they had eaten with him," he said. "It is when we eat with someone that we really get to know him."

Pastor James Britt reported that the morning service was attended by one of the largest groups in the church's history.

Boddie was a speaker for the recent session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention held at Bowling Green. More recently he spoke at commencement services at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

will be vitally concerned with evangelism during the years 1969-71, as it always seeks to be," the General Council said. However, "the evangelistic emphasis will be integrated into the major thrust of the Christian Faith and Work Plan, which will be the denominational thrust of attention during this period of time," it continued.

The new action of the General Council was taken after Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, reported that numerous requests had been received for a re-opening of the question of participation in the Crusade of the Americas.

Since the decision of the General Council to follow an alternate plan of evangelism, several American Baptist Convention state conventions, associations, churches and other groups have expressed intention to cooperate with the Crusade of the Americas.

Such cooperation is not prejudiced by the General Council's action. But it does mean that there will be no financial or staff help from the American Baptist Convention agencies to those in the United States who participate. (BP)

South Carolina Governor Urges Christian Involvement in Politics

The governor of South Carolina, Robert E. McNair, urged about 200 church leaders from throughout the state, including 40 Baptists, to participate in the affairs of state government.

"We not only want, but encourage, your participation in the affairs of our state," Gov. McNair, an active Baptist layman, told the fourth annual Churchmen's Legislative Seminar held at Columbia.

He called the 200 church leaders, representing 18 denominational groups, "influence-makers who have a very important role to play in determining the direction of our state."

The seminar, sponsored by the inter-church Christian-Action Council of South Carolina, was designed to help church leaders learn about procedures and issues before the General Assembly, and to offer an opportunity for them to share their views with legislators and state leaders.

Opens With Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer led by R. Archie Ellis, the governor's pastor and minister to the First Baptist Church of Columbia, where nine state government leaders are members.

In the major address of the seminar, Gov. McNair chided some church leaders for "the too common practice of judging a man by his position on one issue, rather than on the basis of his whole record.

"We will not always agree," he em-

Radio-TV Methods Studied By Baptists of Guatemala

More than 25 pastors and laymen, representing 10 churches, attended Guatemalan Baptists' first radio and television clinic during January.

Alan W. Compton, radio-TV coordinator for Latin America for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, instructed the participants in how to use radio in church work, programming and production, location and follow-up.

The clinic was sponsored by the Radio-TV committee of the Guatemalan Baptist Convention.

"Guatemala is wide open for the use of radio and television in evangelism," said Mrs. Charles A. Allen, Jr., a missionary. "Everyone owns a radio or has access to one, and many people own television sets."

Clyde Gordon Continues In Full-Time Evangelism

Clyde Gordon, 1514 Shawnee Drive, Bowling Green, Kentucky, is beginning his second year in full-time evangelism.



Gordon

home upon entering full-time evangelism.

He reports he was busy most of last year and has a good number of revivals in 1967 and some requests for meetings in 1968.

Gordon was former pastor of First Baptist Church of Scottsville. He moved to Bowling Green to make his

phasized, "but honest disagreement in itself should not cause us to have lack of confidence in our elected representatives."

"Problems do not always mean progress," Gov. McNair said, "but progress does always bring problems." To meet such "problems of progress," the governor recommended more technical and vocational education, passage of a compulsory school attendance law, highway safety measures, and the coordination of all state agencies for effectiveness and efficiency of operation. (BP)

Persecution of Christians Reported in China

A Southern Baptist missionary to Hong Kong has recounted instances of persecution of Christians in Red China during the recent upheaval in that Communist country.

George Wilson, Jr., who teaches at Hong Kong Baptist Seminary, reported his observations at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, during a recent visit there.

Wilson said he considered as reliable an account of an atrocity against a 70-year-old Baptist minister in Shanghai during the rampagings of the so-called Red Guards.

A sign was tied around the neck of the elderly minister. It contained denunciatory and insulting remarks. The Red Guards forced the minister to kneel in the street for hour after hour.

Passerby were compelled by Red Guards to shout abuses at the helpless minister and to spit on his head. Finally, the Guards ordered the minister to stand up. He could not stand, for he had been kneeling too long to straighten his body.

Thereupon the Red Guards dragged him through the streets by his hair,

Wilson said the report indicated. The minister, at the last, lay in critical condition, perhaps dying, in a hospital.

Churches in Communist China have been closed. There is evidence of individual believers here and there and even Christian families. However, so many people serve as informers that a person still practicing his private Christian devotions is likely to be reported to the authorities, possibly even by a member of his own family, Wilson indicated.

There are about 20,000 Baptists in the small British colony of Hong Kong, lying along the coast of Communist China. Today it is an important "China watching" spot as civil war rages within that country.

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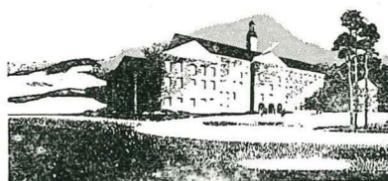
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Georgia Baptists Ask Gov. Maddox to Face Ethical Issues

Georgia's controversial Governor Lester Maddox, himself a Southern Baptist, faced pleas from Baptist leaders during his first few weeks in office to enforce the state's anti-gambling laws, to take a strong stand on moral issues, and to work for racial justice.

Editorials in the *Christian Index*,

official publication of the Georgia Baptist Convention, on two successive weeks urged the new governor to fulfill campaign promises to enforce gambling laws and uphold "morality, honesty, and the highest principles of Christianity."

Gov. Maddox is an active member of the North Atlanta Baptist Church and teaches an adult Sunday School class.

The first editorial in the *Christian Index*, an open letter to Maddox, urged Gov. Maddox to "maintain toward Georgians of all races the wholesome attitudes which you expressed in your inaugural address."

Christian Index Editor Jack U. Harwell wrote to Maddox: "You can be a powerful example for tolerance, equality, and justice in these troublesome days."

Harwell told the Baptist Press that the governor's inaugural address hinted that he might be taking a more moderate stand on the racial problems that face the state. Not so much because of what he said but because of what he did not say. "To the amazement and surprise of many present, he took a moderate position on non-discrimination," Harwell said.

The next week, the *Christian Index* editorially called for Gov. Maddox to "put his money where his mouth has been" on the issue of gambling in Georgia.

The editorial pointed out that the governor, during his campaign, had stated he believed the answer to the gambling problem in Georgia lies in law enforcement rather than in new laws.

A few days later the public affairs committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention sent a letter to Gov. Maddox and other state officials appealing for them to "uphold and enforce the laws of our state, to take prompt and appropriate action to terminate this open defiance of the law."

A delegation led by Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta and chairman of the Georgia Baptist public affairs committee, visited the governor with other leaders of the Georgia Council on Alcohol Problems to seek commitments from him on gambling, liquor, and other moral issues facing the state.

Gov. Maddox told the delegation he would stand behind his campaign pledges in opposition to gambling, liquor and "other immoral forces." He said, "I will not lie to the people of Georgia. I will stand on my campaign promises."

Gov. Maddox also had announced in a press conference that he and his staff would begin each day with a period of Bible reading and prayer, and that no alcoholic beverages would be served in the governor's mansion. (BP)

Annuity Board Reports Steady 1966 Growth

A record-breaking \$4,250,000 in benefits was paid to retired or disabled Baptist ministers and denominational employees or their widows by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board during 1966.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of

the Annuity Board at Dallas, Texas, said the new high is more than \$500,000 over the previous year. There was a 24% increase over 1965 in the number of new members added to the basic retirement program. A total of 1,492 joined the program, while another 451 enrolled in the supplemental plans. Another 4,460 joined the life and health plans.

The number of Baptist agencies which have retirement programs for their employees increased to 137, two more than 1965. A total of 8,121 persons are covered in the agency plans.

Reed also noted that 495 persons began receiving benefits in 1966. These included 321 retired persons, 130 widows and 44 disabled members.

He said relief beneficiaries decreased to 557 from the 1965 total of 603. These persons, ministers or their widows who did not participate in the retirement program were given almost \$164,000.

Charles Hawley Resigns To Go to Rhode Island

Charles Ray Hawley, pastor of the Cave City, Kentucky, Baptist Church for the past five years, has resigned to re-enter pioneer Southern Baptist mission work in New England.



This time Hawley will be working in Rhode Island, where Southern Baptists have only three churches. The work there is closely connected with the Home Mission Board. He has had previous experience in Evansville and Plainfield, Indiana.

On Sunday, January 29, the members of the Cave City Baptist Church held a reception in honor of the Hawleys.

Brazilian Baptists Increase Convention Budget by 60%

The Brazilian Baptist Convention, in its annual session at Belo Horizonte last month, re-elected John F. Soren as president and approved a budget providing for an increase of 60% over their previous budget.

Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro since 1935 and former president of the Baptist World Alliance (1960-65), is serving his eighth year (not all consecutive) as president of Brazilian Baptists. His mother, Mrs. Jane Soren, is the only person living who attended the organizational meeting of the Brazilian Convention in 1907.

A highlight of the meeting was a pageant depicting the history of the Seminary of Christian Educators, in Recife, Pernambuco. This school, now observing its 50th anniversary, is an institution for women in church-related work.

Biography of Luther Rice Published by Broadman

The first major biography about a man who laid the foundations of Baptist denominational life in America has just been published by Broadman Press at Nashville.

Luther Rice: Believer in Tomorrow was written by Evelyn Wingo Thompson of Chattanooga, Tennessee. It recounts Rice's efforts to raise funds for missionary work and organize Baptists for missionary projects at the local level.

During the 53 years of his ministry, Rice was a missionary, educator and Baptist editor.

February 16, 1967

Russian Baptists Depicted as Living Under Government Pressure

Soviet government leaders "recognize the persistence of religious beliefs, but hope for their ultimate disappearance" in Russia, writes the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

In an article in the BWA publication, *The Baptist World*, Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, commented on his visit last November with Baptists of Russia.

He said that "in general there is less abuse and greater courtesy toward people engaged in religious exercises. But there is no bending of the requirements of the 1929 decree (Stalinist rules regulating religion), and jail sentences are meted out without qualms to those who feel conscience bound to disobey them."

Nordenhaug feels "the loyalty and fervor of our fellow believers in the U.S.S.R. should inspire us to greater faithfulness and sacrifice where it is 'easy' to be a Christian."

The Russian Baptist people were depicted as having "a deep sense of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They worship the risen Lord. They stand firm in their adherence to revealed biblical truth, and they are fervent in worship and piety."

Patriotic Spirit

"They are also imbued with a deep patriotism. As they seek to live and witness for Christ in a society where there is only permissive exercise of religion they need and covet our intercessory prayers, our Christian love and understanding, and the kind of fellowship that helps to carry one another's burdens, rather than adding to them," the BWA secretary said.

Baptists in Tallinn, capital of Estonia, worship in a massive 14th century building that previously served Roman Catholics and Lutherans. Its 430-foot high tower dominates the city's skyline. Crowds estimated at more than 3,500 attended each of the two services Nordenhaug addressed there.

At the same time, an article in the news service of the Evangelical Press Association in America criticized a "Letter of Instructions" reportedly sent out in 1960 by the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists from Moscow.

"Needless to say, these directives, and many others, were inspired by the Soviet authorities in their determination to weaken and ultimately destroy the Protestant church in the U.S.S.R.," the news service writer declares.

"It is likely that no such directives ever before have been submitted by church leaders to pastors of evangelical

churches, and it should be borne in mind that this has been done in the largest country in the world."

The directives quoted cover "unwholesome evangelistic activity," "the acceptance of new members in the church," "fulfilling the directives of the Union and the instructions of the Soviet Union regarding cults," and not extending invitations to new people to become members of the church.

"One must be naive indeed," says the press agency, "to believe the figures which the church leaders in Moscow submit year after year regarding the membership of the Union . . . namely, approximately 500,000."

Mechanic Gives Holiday to Connect Mission Generator

Arne Westergaard a Baptist layman employed by Scandinavian Airlines as a mechanic at Copenhagen Airport in Denmark, used his holidays and free flight privileges to uncrate and put into operation an electric generator in Burundi.

The generator was supplied by the Baptist World Alliance for the Danish Baptist mission at Musema, the oldest Baptist mission station in the country.

Westergaard also strung the wires for the electrical distribution system. The generator now provides electricity for a hospital complex, including a missionary residence and other buildings.

Westergaard's vacation ran out before he completed the job. He took an extra week and completed the project before returning to his home.

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Son of a Jewish rabbi, Ginsburg was born in Poland, educated in Germany, and converted to Christianity in England. He went to Brazil in 1890, came in contact with Southern Baptist missionaries, and became a Baptist.

He served under the SBC Foreign Mission Board from 1892 until his death in 1927, engaging in an evangelistic ministry throughout Brazil.



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10 YEARS AGO February 21, 1957

Pastor John Edmund Haggai of Louisville's Ninth and O Baptist Church announced his resignation to enter full-time evangelism. He reported that he had revival meetings scheduled almost continually during 1957. Haggai was commended for his work at Ninth and O and with Long Run Association and the state convention by a resolution passed by the Louisville Baptist Pastor's Conference.

Chester Igleheart announced his resignation as associate in the Sunday School department of the state convention to join the staff of Long Run Association. While on the state convention staff, he majored in the promotion of Sunday School work at the associational level.

25 YEARS AGO February 19, 1942

H. L. Hardy, Jr., president of the BSU council at Murray, Kentucky, State College, reported that a number of Baptist students on the Murray campus had banded together into a "prayer and sacrifice club" to work for a student center building on that campus. The students had covenanted together to pray for this need and to give money of their own toward the center's construction. J. Chester Durham was then director of the BSU group at Murray.

50 YEARS AGO February 15, 1917

N. T. Barnes, state Sunday School secretary of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, waxed eloquent in his praise of Russell Creek Baptist Academy of Campbellsville. "The Bap-

tists of Kentucky must rally to the support of Russell Creek Baptist Academy," he said. "It bids fair to become one of the leading educational institutes of the State."

Several years later this institution was granted status as a junior college and became known as Campbellsville Junior College. Campbellsville is now a four-year school.

125 YEARS AGO February 17, 1842

Western Recorder Editor W. C. Buck and an agent for Georgetown College by the name of Malcolm wrote articles pleading for Baptists of Kentucky to support the Baptist school. Editor W. C. Buck commended Malcolm for starting a "dollar plan," under which each Baptist in the state was urged to give a dollar per year to Georgetown.

Malcolm, on the other hand, urged prayer support for the Baptist school: "Let the Christians of Kentucky . . . especially remember Georgetown College. Many there are in this state who feel a deep interest in its welfare, but cannot respond to its appeal for pecuniary aid by large donations. . . . The poorest Christian can give his prayers, and the judgment day alone can reveal their value and influence."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



FAITHFUL IN LITTLE AND IN MUCH

(This Lesson for February 26, 1967)

Christ spoke the parable of the dishonest or unjust steward which is recorded in the first eight verses of the 16th chapter of Luke. A steward is a person who has been entrusted with the management of the affairs of another. He has had committed to him a position of trust, responsibility, influence, and honor. Faithfulness in stewardship is a principle which is approved by both God and men. It is something which elicits our admiration wherever we find it. Every noble quality and every high virtue draw their life and strength from faithfulness. A faithful person is one who is trustworthy and dependable in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of duties.

Instead of being faithful in his stewardship, this dishonest man in the parable wasted his master's possessions. When the master demanded an accounting of his stewardship, the steward realized that he was in danger of being relieved of his responsibilities, whereupon he sought to get some of his master's creditors obligated to take care of him in that eventuality.

Much of life is devoted to the acquisition of things. Thinking of the things that we acquire as "our possessions," we frequently think that we have the right to use them as we will. However, we need to be reminded that it is God Who has given them to us. From Him alone we have received the ability to acquire them. Faithfulness in stewardship increases one's capacity for the rendering of larger services and for the receiving of additional spiritual blessings.

The only thing for which Christ commended the unjust steward was his foresight in providing for his future through wisely using the money. Christ also pointed out the fact that those who are not the children of God are frequently more apt to take advantage of their opportunities for personal gain than Christians are to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded them to serve and honor their Lord. This certainly ought not to be the case.

It is the use to which money is put that determines whether it is to bless or to blight. When rightly gained and wisely used, money is an honor to the man who has it, and it will, through

him, become a means of blessing to others. Faithfulness is especially applicable to the stewardship of money. So many have yearned for a large amount of money with which to do some great task for God. But the important question is not, "How much could I accomplish with that which I do not have?", but, "What am I doing with that which I do have?" God requires faithfulness in the stewardship of all our possessions—self, talents, time, money, influence, etc. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

Luke 16:10-15

One who is faithful in little things will be faithful in larger things. One who is not faithful in little things would not be faithful in larger things, if he should have the opportunity. Are we faithful in the little tasks which God has committed into our hands? Those who have proved themselves to be faithful in small things are the ones whom God is using to carry on His work in the world. Our faithfulness in stewardship is splendid evidence of our trust in Him, our gratitude to Him, and our love for Him. Our service for Christ must take precedence over all other activities. No personal loyalty or responsibility is to stand in the way of our devotion to Christ.

Allegiance to God versus allegiance to mammon is the particular contrast set forth here. God and mammon are eternally opposed. The spirit of the world is utterly opposed to the spirit of Christ.

In the realm of service to Christ there cannot be any divided allegiance. Either we are for Christ or we are against Him. There must be faithfulness in our service for Him. Of necessity, one cannot serve two masters. Because their wishes naturally clash, neither would be served properly if one attempted to serve both. Hence, there must be a decision as to which master shall be served. It is impossible for one to serve God and mammon and be loyal to both.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Pharisees professed to have a high re-

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gard for the Mosaic Law, God's Word says that they were covetous. So, they not only broke the tenth commandment—"Thou shalt not covet"—but they violated the first one also, for the love of money is placing another god before the true and living God.

Although the Pharisees justified themselves in the eyes of men, they were unable to do so with God. It is one thing to justify yourself with men, and an entirely different matter to justify yourself in the sight of God. In the light of verse fifteen, we are reminded that today much goes on under the guise of piety which in reality is an abomination to God. The important thing is to be justified before God, which is made possible through the merits of Christ.

Luke 17:7-10

God's faithfulness to us in all things is a great incentive for our faithfulness to Him. Christ told His disciples, who asked Him for sufficient faith to enable them to live in a manner which would conform to His blessed will, that they were obligated to commit themselves wholly unto the Lord, in the same manner in which a slave commits himself entirely unto his master.

Regardless of how much we may be able to do for our Saviour and Lord, even when we have done our duty to the very best of our ability, we can never do enough for Him Who has done so much for us. When love for Christ motivates us, we always consider it both a privilege and a pleasure to go beyond the call of duty. We owe our Lord absolute obedience and complete devotion, and He certainly deserves every bit of energy which we can exert and spend in His service. It affords us great joy to serve Him humbly, faithfully, and to the limit of our ability.

Father of Kentucky Pastor's Wife Dies in Missouri

The father-in-law of James O. Green, who is pastor of First Baptist Church, Morgantown, Kentucky, was killed in a traffic accident during January near West Plains, Missouri. He was a resident of Jefferson City.

Carl Wardell Davidson, age 52, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Davidson, and five children, including Mrs. Carlene Green of Morgantown.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Sunday School

Mrs. Lyman Austin Resigns

by Roy Boatwright

Mrs. Lyman Austin's resignation as superintendent of elementary work in the Sunday School department became effective February 15, 1967. Mrs. Austin came to the Sunday School Department almost nine years ago from the Keck Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana.



Mrs. Austin

During this time she has served Kentucky Baptists in a most acceptable manner, endearing herself in the hearts of hundreds of elementary workers in our state and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Sunday School department leadership is most reluctant in giving her up. Her congenial, jovial spirit, coupled with unusual ability in planning and promotion has made her services very valuable.

Mr. Lyman Austin has accepted the position as minister of education of Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky, T. L. McSwain, pastor. Therefore, the Austin family has moved to Paducah.

It is with joy that we inform our readers that Mrs. Austin will now be considered as one of our special workers. She will help us in training schools, workshops and vacation Bible schools when her time will permit her to be away from home and when we have need of her services.

We wish for our dear friends and co-laborers a most successful ministry in Paducah.

Stewardship

Stewardship-Foundation Conference, April 6-8

by Michael L. Speer

The fourth annual Stewardship-Foundation Conference has been set for April 6, 7, and 8 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. This conference is jointly sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and the Stewardship and Promotion Department.

Three persons in each association are

specially encouraged to attend—the stewardship chairman, the moderator, and the associational missionary.

For the first time this year, stewardship chairmen from individual churches are being encouraged to attend also. The new materials for 1967-68 stewardship promotion will be presented. Helpful ideas and information for use in promoting a stewardship emphasis in the local church and in the various associations will be presented.

A new emphasis will be presented this year—"A Christian Family Witnessing to Its Faith through Stewardship." This will point up the church's responsibility in developing church families into a new Christian maturity in stewardship.

In addition to this, the ministry of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation will be presented. Refer to James C. Austin's weekly column for more information about this aspect of the conference.

Church Music

New Children's Choirs Being Launched

by Eugene F. Quinn

Pastors and other church leaders are considering the beginning of new children's choirs as never before in Kentucky Baptist churches. Conferences are being held in many associations for pastors and their music leaders to discuss how to get a new children's choir started in their church, regardless of its size.

"We need something to stimulate interest, maybe this is the answer," is the statement of Marion C. Brashear, pastor of Lone Pine Baptist Church in Three Forks Association, in stating his plans to attend a conference in his association to launch new children's choirs.

"Have started group—need help," comments Rescoe Mitchell, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Lynn Camp Association, in indicating his plans to attend a similar conference in his association.

Any pastor or music leader anywhere in the state who wishes to attend a similar conference in his association is invited to drop a card to that effect to E. F. Quinn, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown 40043.

He will not only arrange a conference, but will follow up the conference by providing assistance to the churches beginning new children's choirs.

Church Music Literature Is Really Circulating!

The large extent to which churches are already using the new and older church music literature for their music ministries is indicated in the following report of the circulation of the various periodicals and recordings for October to December of 1966:

Church Music Periodical Circulation October-December, 1966

Music for Primaries	61,073
Children's Music Leader	28,000
The Youth Musician	69,651
The Junior Musician	100,370
The Church Musician—	
October	89,961
November	88,024
December	90,000
Junior Musician Recordings	2,699
Church Musician Recordings	1,800

These materials are ordered regularly on the Church literature order blank of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Woman's Missionary Union

Sunbeam Director Joins WMU Headquarters Staff

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the resignation of Miss Mary Ann Forehand, Sunbeam Band Director of Kentucky WMU to become editor of Sunbeam Band materials for Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.



It is an honor for us and for Miss Forehand that she has been chosen for this responsible position, but we regret to lose her leadership in Kentucky.

She began her work in Kentucky June 15, 1965, and quickly won the admiration and respect of leaders throughout the state for her understanding and devotion to little children and missions.

Our prayers and continuing interest go with her to this larger area of responsibility and greater usefulness.

Mary Ann has proven herself to be a young lady of outstanding ability with a dedicated spirit, and we wish her much success in this new venture. She began her work in Birmingham on February 1.

Annuity Department

Attention—Holders of Life, Health Benefit Certificates

by A. W. Walker

Our Kentucky annuity office at Middletown receives many inquiries about the operation of these plans. As a branch office of the Annuity Board we are glad to give such information as we have—but we are only authorized to give out folders and application forms on these plans. We strongly urge you to carefully study the folder, "HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, Understanding and Using."

Any information in addition to that found in the folders as to the operation and administration of these two plans should be sought by writing: Life and Health Benefits Department, Annuity Board, S.B.C., 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Because of the large group rate, you are able to buy this protection through the Annuity Board at a much lower cost than if you bought this same protection on an individual basis.

These plans can be provided on a tax deferred basis if the employer pays the cost for the employee as a fringe benefit.

Brotherhood

Fourth Service-Aide Certificate Awarded

by Forrest Sawyer

Larry Wynn of the Crittenden Baptist Church is the fourth Ambassador to achieve a Service-Aide certificate.

Marion Belew, R.A. Leader, Counselor Norman Doane, and pastor, Mark Holladay, are understandably proud of their "boys."

The Service-Aide award is the highest achievement in the Royal Ambassador program and is earned by Ambassador age young men only.



LARRY WYNN

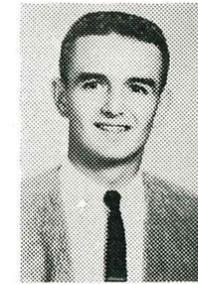
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Student Work

BSU at Southeast Community College

by Dan Yeary

Scuttheast Community College, Cumberland, Kentucky, boasts the newest Baptist Student Union in the state. During the fall of 1966,



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this campus of 400 students.

During the first month of existence, this ESU involved over 25 students in developing a Christian witness in the academic environment. A weekly worship program has been established by the executive council. Participation in a youth-led revival was the major activity during the organization's first month of activity.

Hovey Creech, a freshman education major, is Southeast Center's first BSU president. While leading the Baptist students in campus evangelism he also serves as music director for Cumberland's Central Baptist Church. He also teaches a junior boys' Sunday School class.

Mack Pressley, associational missionary, has led the local association to realize the need for the Baptist student ministry. The WMU has been a staunch supporter of this new campus witness. Harold Patterson, a young, capable teacher is serving as the volunteer BSU Director.

Southeast Center is typical of the opportunity afforded Kentucky Baptists for an outreaching ministry. A \$600,000 construction program has been adopted by the University of Kentucky to meet the projected enrollment needs of this Community College. By 1970 there will be over 600 students enrolled and clearly one-half will state "no-church-preference" on their registration cards.

Through the BSU the witness of every church in the Upper Cumberland Association will reach the student body on this mountain campus. Evangelistic opportunities of this nature are rarely found in such quantity, and rarely do our churches receive such an opportunity for dialogue with those who need the gospel witness.

This new Baptist Student Union has dedicated itself to the task of sharing Christ with their campus. What greater ministry do we have?

Training Union

Plan Now for Church Member Training Week

by Eldon Boone

One of the most important annual training projects in many churches is church member training week.

This year's theme, "So That All May Learn," is correlated with the special emphasis of the year on one of the major functions of the church—to educate.

The suggested date is April 17-24, 1967. If for any reason this date is not acceptable, the church may reschedule this project. It is urgent that each church schedule this event, according to its needs. A church may use an alternate approach to the study of these books. The important thing is to make this study available to all church members.

New books have been written for juniors, intermediates, young people, and adults. Special units are available for use with nursery, beginner, and primary boys and girls.

These books will be available during the month of February, 1967, and may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

Adults—*Adults Continuing to Learn*, Ernest J. Loessner

Young People—*Learning for Living*, Walton Connelly, Jr.

Intermediates—*Intermediates in the Learning Fellowship*, Harold Bailey

Juniors—*My Church Helps Me Learn*, Roddy Stinson, Jr.

Primaries—*God Wants Me to Learn*, Evone Wood Capell.

Beginners—*God's Care in Spring and Summer*, Maurice and Jane Ireland Williams

Nursery—*Daytime and Nighttime*, W. O. Thomason and Alma May Scarborough

A free tract and wall posters are available upon request from your Kentucky Baptist Training Union Department.

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Tour Director and President, Campbellsville College

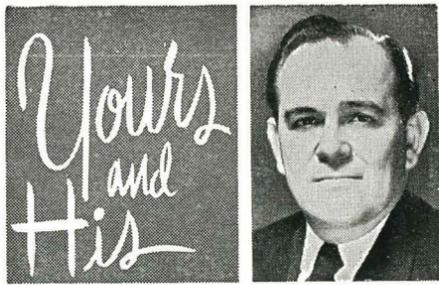
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Share More for Missions

Each week we are sharing with you the hopes and dreams and plans of the churches of the Convention to pray more, give more, and encourage others to share more for world missions through the Cooperative Program. Here are some more excerpts from the cards coming from the pastors:

W. E. Newbolt, treasurer and (Leon Morris, pastor), Berea Church, Tates Creek Association: "in new budget we will give 20% of the collections for the general fund—or \$7,592."

Bob Collins, Smithland First, Ohio River Association: "We plan to give two percent more or \$500 more to world missions through the C.P."

August Peters, Carlisle Baptist, Bracken Association: "We plan to give 1.75% or \$300 more" than last year in the C.P."

W. K. Sisk, Jr., Bethany Baptist in Ohio Valley and Dixon First Church in Little Bethel Association, "We plan to give 12% more—both churches" to world missions through the C.P."

William F. Barnard, Wilmington Church Campbell County, "... to an increase in dollars but not percent."

William J. Nichols, Airport Gardens Chapel (of First Church Hazard, T. H. Harding pastor): "We plan to give one percent more."

William G. Humphrey, Lancaster Church, South District Association: "We plan to give \$420 more to world missions."

Truett Miller, First Church Middleboro, Bell County, "We plan to give two percent or \$1,800 more to world missions through the C.P."

Clarence Jones, Lynch Baptist, Upper Cumberland Association: "We plan to give 56% or \$45 per month more than last year."

James E. Casey, Jr., First Wheelwright, Enterprise Association: "We give five percent of the gross income to the Cooperative Program."

Jack R. Doom, New Bethel Church, Blood River Association: "We plan to give \$2,200 to world missions through the C.P."

Jerry W. Alexander, Graham Church, Muhlenburg Association. "Same — \$50 per month for world missions through the C.P."

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THIS MONTH'S DISCOUNT SPECIALS!

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AZALEAS 79¢ CHRISTMAS CHEER...deep red & Crimson CORAL BELLS...bellshaped, pink flowers SALMON BEAUTY...lush salmon, pink PINK PEARL...large, pink shaded white HINO-CRIMSON...brilliant scarlet flowers Prices on blooming size Azaleas: 79¢ ea., 3 for \$2.29, 6 for \$4.49.	MINIATURE ROSES 98¢ Buds no bigger than finger nails... blooms no larger than a dime. These little roses grow to about 8 in. high. Can furnish in RED, PINK, YELLOW, 2-TONE and WHITE. SPECIFY COLOR. Price each 98¢; 3 for \$2.85. These roses are 1 or 2 yrs. old. Blooming size.	

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PINK WEIGELA; pure pink... 15 .71 *PINK SPIREA; pink... 16 .77 HYDRANGEA P. G.; pinkish white... 23 1.09 RED WEIGELA; d. red... 29 \$1.39 FORSYTHIA; yellow... 19 .90 DEUTZIA; snow white... 19 .89 MOCK ORANGE; white... 19 .89 ALTHEA DOUBLE; red, pink, white... 19 .89 PUSSY WILLOW; bears catkins... 39 1.89 RED BUSH HONEYSUCKLE; red... 29 1.39 ALTHEA ROSE OF SHARON; mixed... 09 .41 CREPE MYRTLE; colors, red or pink... 59 2.89 SPIREA VAN HOUTTEI; white flwr... 29 1.39 RED OZIER DOGWOOD; red bark... 19 .89 CYDONIA JAPONICA; red flowers... 39 1.89 *SNOWBALL; huge, white flowers... 49 2.39 WISTERIA VINE; purple flowers... 29 1.39 PINK BUSH HONEYSUCKLE; pink... 29 1.39 FLOWERING ALMOND; pink flower... 69 3.29 *PINK AZALEA; pink... 39 1.89 FLOWERING CRABS; red or pink... 89 4.29 *SMOKE TREE; 1-2 ft... 79 3.79 (Above SHRUBS, 1 to 2 ft. tall, 1-2 yrs. old)	LOMBARDY POPLAR; 3 to 4 ft... 15 \$.43 *TULIP TREES; 3 1/2 to 5 ft... 39 1.09 MIMOSA; 1 to 2 ft... 19 .54 CHINESE ELM; 2 1/2 to 4 ft. tall... 19 .55 CHINESE ELM; 5 1/2 to 7 ft. tall... 79 2.29 RED OAK; 1-2 ft... 49 1.39 LOMBARDY PLR.; 5 1/2-7 ft... 79 2.29 SILVER MAPLE; 1-2 ft... 19 .55 SILVER MAPLE; 5 1/2-7 ft... 79 2.29 SYCAMORE; 3 1/2-5 ft... 59 1.69 WEEP WILLOW; 4 1/2-6 ft... 69 1.98 *RED BUD; 5 1/2 to 7 ft. tall... 89 2.59 PINK FL. MIMOSA; 2 1/2 to 4 ft... 39 1.09 PINK FL. MIMOSA; 4 1/2 to 6 ft... 79 2.29 *WHITE FL. DOGWOOD; 2 1/2-4 ft... 39 1.09 PINK FL. DOGWOOD; 1-2 ft... 1.98 5.75 RED FLOW. PEACH; 2 1/2-4 ft... 89 2.59 PINK FLOW. PEACH; 2 1/2-4 ft... 89 2.59 LIVE OAK; 1-2 ft... 49 1.39 *TREE OF HEAVEN; 3 1/2-5 ft... 59 1.69 PURPLE LEAF PLUM; 1-2 ft... 89 2.59 (All above TREES 1 to 2 yrs. old)

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