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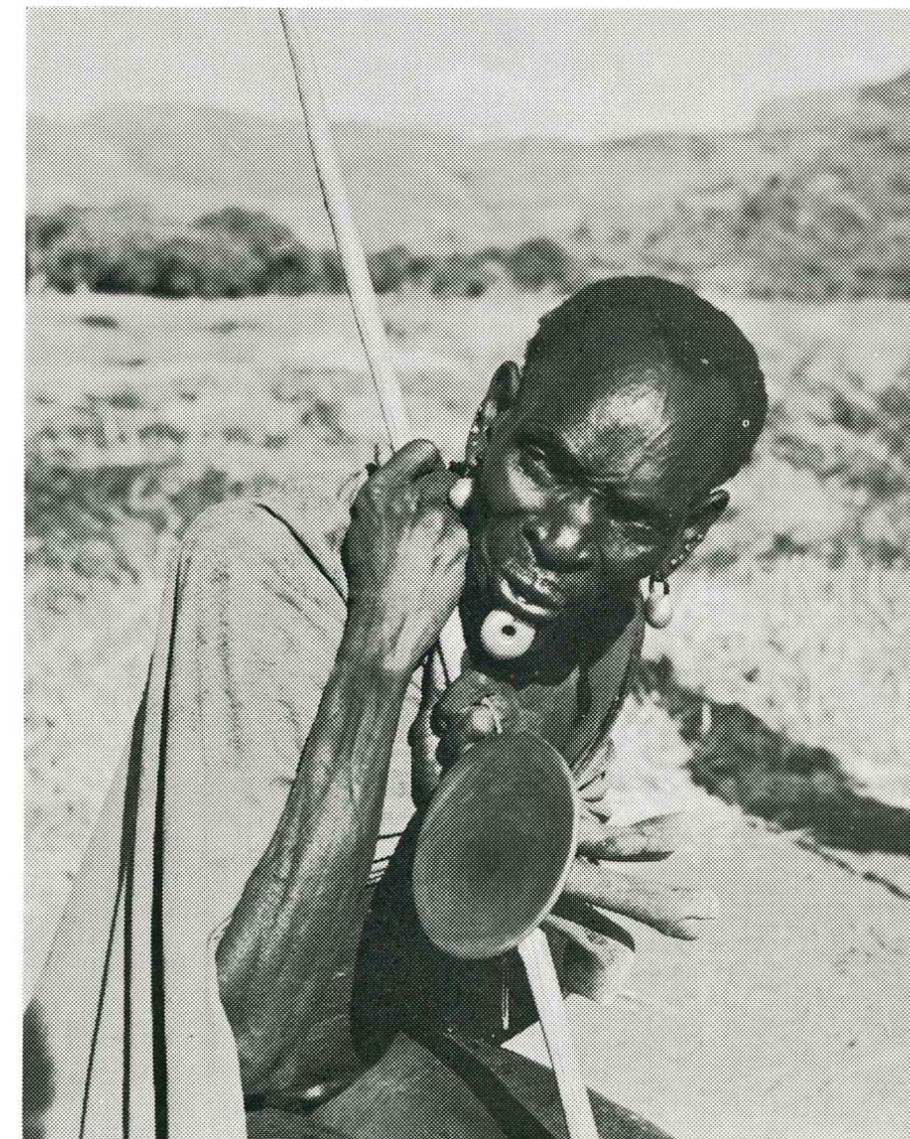
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A KARAMOJA TRIBESMAN pauses by a roadside in Uganda. Baptists of the three East African countries of Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya are banding together for a simultaneous evangelistic crusade to be held in October. It is the first such effort since Southern Baptists began work in East Africa more than 10 years ago. Missionaries have served in Tanzania and Kenya since 1956, in Uganda since 1962.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

JACK SANFORD, pastor of Florence Baptist Church, who is planning the United Airlines charter flight to Miami for the Southern Baptist Convention, reports that \$50 deposit is due and payable for those who want reservations. The absolute deadline is April 1. Reservation requests and the \$50 deposit should be mailed to Convention Plane, 38 Wallace Avenue, Florence, Kentucky.

A TEAM OF YOUNG PEOPLE from Campbellsville College recently conducted a week-end revival at Salem Baptist Church in Taylor County Association, where J. L. McNeal is pastor. Members of the revival group were Betty Bewley, Sue Young, Timothy Best, George Patmore and Barry Broyles.

A CAMPUS PET NAMED CHARLEY, who last year made headlines because he sleeps through classes at Chowan (Baptist) College in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, now is the star performer for the Chowan Players drama group. He plays the lead role in "Mr. Dooley, Jr.," a play now being presented before children's audiences in North Carolina and Virginia.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY at Louisville recently sponsored an inter-denominational rural and small church conference, aimed at making small churches more effective. It is an annual project of the field work program of the seminary and is under the direction of professor Joseph Stiles.

WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH of Atlanta was damaged to the extent of about \$500,000 in a four-alarm fire. Pastor Hugh Brooks said the church was in the midst of a major expansion program when the blaze struck but that most of the damage would be covered by insurance.

A "JUST" OPEN-HOUSING ORDINANCE FOR LOUISVILLE has been supported by the Long Run Baptist Ministers' Conference. In a recent meeting, the group passed a resolution which stated its belief "in the value of human personality. We further believe that discrimination on the basis of race, religion or national origin is sub-Christian and contrary to the teachings of the Scriptures. Therefore, we recognize the moral-influence value of an ordinance supporting open occupancy. We lend our concern for the passage of a just open-occupancy ordinance."

THE EVA J. DURHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND has been established at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, with a gift of \$5,000 from a former court reporter of that city. Her gift will be used for scholarship grants for single women.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST SCHOOL at Pineville held off-campus classes at First Church, Hazard, March 6. Classes in pastoral care and the Book of Acts were taught.

ERNEST J. KELLY, JR., of Atlanta has been elected administrative assistant to Searcy Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention at Atlanta. He has been associate secretary of the Sunday School department of that convention for the past two years.

J. CHESTER DURHAM, secretary of the state student department, and Mrs. Durham have just returned from a two weeks' cruise of the Caribbean. The trip was a gift from the state Executive Board in appreciation for Durham's 25 years in student work in Kentucky. Places the Durhams visited included Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the West Indies, Venezuela and Haiti.

NOLAN ESTES, a Baptist from Texas, has been named to a top level post in the office of education of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Estes will be associate commissioner for elementary and secondary education. Until his new appointment, he was deputy associate commissioner.

L. D. KENNEDY, journalism instructor at Campbellsville College, is the author of an article, "The New Morality of Our Sexy Sixties," appearing in the March issue of *Home Life*. The magazine is published by the family life department of the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville.

KAROL H. SITKO, native of Poland and now chairman of the Word Association of Upper Silesians in the United States, delivered a chapel address at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, March 3. He also spoke in several history classes. Sitko has channeled relief to hundreds of his countrymen in Communist Poland and helped others to come to the United States.

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 12, at 4:00 p.m. is the telecast time for "The Vine," hour-long documentary film on the life of Christ which will be shown by NBC-TV on "The Southern Baptist Hour."

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Christian County Baptist Association adopted resolutions on February 20 reaffirming a positive belief in the separation of church and state and looking with disfavor upon requests for government loans and grants for Kentucky Baptist institutions.

MISS DOROTHA LOTT, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil who formerly served as educational secretary at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, has been selected for inclusion in the 1966 edition of *Outstanding Young Women of America*.

GARLAND R. WILKERSON, missionary for the Enterprise Association of Kentucky, will conduct a revival at First Baptist Church, Wheelwright, Kentucky, from April 16 through April 23. Pastor James E. Casey stated that Bible discussions and prayer meetings will be held the week preceding the revival.

A NEW CHAPEL-STUDENT CENTER was dedicated recently at Chung Yuan Christian College of Science and Engineering at Chungli, Taiwan, where SBC missionary Lois Glass teaches Bible and works with the fellowship organization for Christian students.

A PHYSICIAN'S VIEW OF THE DEATH OF CHRIST: Final Installment

The Spiritual Anguish of Jesus; His Redemptive Death

by TERRELL D. MAYS, M.D.

There is a tendency on the part of some men to say that Jesus simply bled to death. Some put a great deal of emphasis on the blood of Christ and feel that his death must be explained on this basis. It is certainly true that there is no remission of sin without the shedding of blood. (Heb. 9:22) But how much blood was necessary? The essential fact is that Jesus died as a propitiation for our sins.

The Redeeming Blood of Jesus

If he shed only a cupful of blood, this is just as redeeming and complete as his shedding several quarts. Some who feel that our redemption can be a matter of degree will explain how Jesus bled to death from the wounds of the nails. One writer describes how Jesus suffered from hyperfibrinolysis, a phenomenon which causes dissolution of the blood clots that form to stop a wound from bleeding. It is not a failure of a clot to form when a vessel is broken or disrupted, but once the clot forms, it is quickly dissolved. Under such conditions one would bleed to death from small wounds.

This phenomenon, known to occur in men, is extremely rare and is almost always associated with surgery or trauma of the prostate gland. It is not associated with puncture wounds such as Jesus suffered, and there is no evidence to indicate that Jesus bled in such a manner. His blood was spilled during his crucifixion, and certainly our redemption is complete without measuring the quantity.

Killed by the Spear?

A non-medical writer has written that Jesus was actually killed by the spear wound at the hands of the Roman soldiers. He feels that Jesus was alive when the spear pierced his body and that by this wound Jesus died. The reasoning behind this is that Jesus was a sacrifice for man's sin, and according to Jewish law, "that which died of itself was unclean" and unacceptable as an offering to God. Therefore, Jesus could not die by an act of his own will and serve as man's atonement.

The writer in this interpretation of the death account believes that as Jesus cried, "Eli, Eli lama sabachthami," the legionnaires thought Jesus was calling for help. They became panic-stricken with fear that someone would try to rescue him by force. Thus, to prevent his rescue they immediately pierced him with the spear and ended his life.

In the final analysis of the death of

Jesus, it appears that there were several factors acting against the one vital function of respiration. One factor was the manner in which his body was hanged on the cross so as to hinder or make breathing most difficult.

At the same time, the accumulation of fluid in his chest cavity from the congestive heart failure and the relative collapse of his lungs would further compromise his breathing ability. As this phenomenon, associated with blood and fluid loss, progressed into irreversible shock, Jesus died a cardio-respiratory death, and with his last breath finished God's plan for the ages.

In considering and understanding the death of Christ, we must think not only of his physical suffering but also of his mental anguish and spiritual suffering.

We as human creatures can in some small measure understand and appreciate his physical sufferings. For we often suffer physically ourselves, either through accidents or disease. We have known thirst and pain and perhaps have seen our own blood or the blood of a friend spilled. We can in our feelings sympathize with others who suffer physically because this is a sense that we are fully capable of experiencing. Therefore, we can in a small manner understand the physical torture that Jesus endured prior to dying.

Likewise, we as humans can in a similar manner understand the mental anguish of Jesus. We have at times experienced mental anguish and fear, a sense of impending danger or death.

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Baptist Churches Need "Children"

by SAMUEL G. SHEPARD

EVERY BAPTIST church ought to have children! Every Baptist church ought to have one or more missions! As someone has well said, if the fruit of one Christian ought to be another Christian, even so, the fruit of one Baptist church ought to be another Baptist church.

What happens, however, in the situation where there already seem to be enough Baptist churches in a community? Of course, in reality, there never is a community where more Baptist churches could not be built and filled if all the unchurched Baptists and unsaved people would come to church, but since this is not the case, there are many of the well established communities of many Southern Baptist state conventions where another Baptist church seems superfluous.

On the other hand, there are many regions throughout the rest of the United States where Southern Baptist churches are desperately needed, and where the ones which are there are desperately fighting for survival. Many well trained pastors have to sell shoes or insurance or teach school to make a living, and many of these fledgling churches have the barest minimum of needed sanctuary and educational space.

What can be done to equalize this situation? Why not promote a program wherein every Southern Baptist church of 750 or more members would be encouraged to start a mission in some eastern, midwestern or western area, or "adopt" a small mission already in ex-

istence in one of these areas? Make this an "over and above" what these churches give to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and state missions offerings. Do for this mission in a far-off state what you would do for a mission right in your home town.

For example: mother churches could supplement the pastors' and staff members' salaries of these missions; they could help financially with much needed buildings; they could send their pastor to hold revival meetings in the mission, thereby defraying the cost such missions would have to go to obtain evangelistic help. In turn, he would return to his own church with slides and moving pictures of the mission, and afire with the needs of Southern Baptist work there. In return, the mother church could pay the way for the mission pastor to come and preach to the mother church about his work and the needs spiritually of the region where he serves. Brotherhood men of the mother church could go out to help erect needed buildings or with laymen's revival efforts. The end result of these and other activities would be to generate a tremendous missionary spirit in the mother church as well as helping multitudes of such missions become strong churches on their own.

Our own United States is big with people and big in its growing heathenism. Something "big" must be done to win our homeland to Christ. May the day come soon when more Baptist churches will have more missions, because every Baptist church ought to have children—mission children.

Dr. Shepard is pastor of First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi.

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A Matter of Plain Arithmetic

In all the discussion going on now among Kentucky Baptists concerning our present and future in higher education, the ultimate question is whether we are willing or able to pay the high cost of maintaining four colleges and two other schools. All the oratory and the voicing of convictions and principles don't answer the question of where the money is coming from to stay in higher education, which is becoming more expensive by the hour.

An article in the January 20 issue of the *Louisville Times* was an eye opener for those truly concerned about the future of Baptist higher education. The article had to do with state financial aid to higher education.

Ten years ago Kentuckians supported state colleges by tax revenue to the tune of \$3.66 per capita. Two years ago the expenditures for state-sponsored higher education was \$10.68 for each Kentuckian and this year it will be \$19.95 per capita. The state allocation to higher education has risen in ten years from \$10,500,000 to over \$63,000,000.

What have Kentucky Baptists done for their colleges in the same period? Ten years ago we gave \$445,000 or about \$.75 per Baptist to higher education through the Cooperative Program. Next year we plan to give \$1,000,000 or about \$1.60 per Baptist to higher education. Ten years ago we had only one senior college and three junior colleges and now we have four senior colleges.

Though our increase in the Cooperative Program budget for higher education has been almost phenomenal in comparison to increases for other items, we cannot ignore the plain arithmetic. What is the outlook for Baptist higher education when \$19.95 of our tax money goes to support state colleges and \$1.60 of our church contribution goes to support Baptist colleges? There are more factors involved than per capita contributions, to be sure, but it is not hard to see where the money is going in higher education.

The question is whether we can even stay in the business of higher education. Do we have a lion by the tail that is now beyond our strength?

The truth is we could spend every cent of the Cooperative Program income on our schools, and they would still not have adequate support. Our total Cooperative Program gifts last year in Kentucky were about \$5.00 per capita, and this is a little more than one-fourth of our tax bills per capita for state colleges.

What does all of this mean? It at least means we are in a fast-moving higher education world where traditional attitudes and levels of support to our schools are wholly inadequate. We adjust to change or we perish. This is not a plea to sacrifice principle but a call to reexamine principles and practices in light of our times. If we can't stay in higher education without sacrificing principle, we ought to be honorable enough to say so. If we are not willing to give our schools the necessary financial support for their healthy survival, we ought to free them to seek the necessary support elsewhere.

We Need Each Other

Few experiences in recent years afforded such spiritual blessings as came to this editor in participating in the 23rd Annual Pastors' Conference of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. The whole program was inspiring and the main speaker, Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, is by all standards one of America's greatest pulpiteers.

Born in Mississippi, Kelly Smith defied his given status as a Negro and by now has demonstrated intellect, ability and achievement, which are indeed no respectors of color. He flew to Louisville from Cambridge, where he is attending Harvard Divinity School, to deliver four messages on the theme: The Church Meeting the Challenge of the Modern World. These addresses would have been worthy lectures in any one of our Southern Baptist seminaries, and yet with his amazing ability he put his contents on the level of his least-trained listener.

This Pastors' Conference of our Negro brethren is but one example of what enrichment could come to all of us with more sharing of such good things. And the prospect is truly bright for mutual enrichment of white and Negro Baptists in Kentucky as a result of the new Department of Interracial Cooperation.

We have so many advantages already in such a venture. There is a fine relationship between many white and Negro pastors in local communities, and so we don't have to build the many bridges which will have to be built where tensions exist. All we need to do is to use our bridges more and more for cooperation and efficiency in doing the work of the Lord to which both groups are committed.

Dr. Herman Ihley, our new leader for this interracial cooperation effort, is committed to a ministry of love, understanding and helpfulness. His deep South

background adds to his ability to understand and perform such a ministry. He is on the job now, and great results are expected in the years ahead.

No doubt Negro and white Baptists will have separate organizations for the foreseeable future. Some congregations might want to be dually-aligned with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association, and this would be welcomed. As one who experienced the warmth of the General Association

Pastors Conference, I could understand reluctance to give up such an experience for the coldness of so many white Baptist services. Maybe we can find ways to combine our special strengths for a mutual enrichment. Sometime out ahead we might find it to be God's will to combine the two conventions. In the meantime, we are offering any and all of our resources, along with ourselves in Christian fellowship, to these fellow Baptists. And they have even bigger souls and more hospitable hearts than we have.



The volume of letters received dictates that we resume discussion of the Church-State separation issue. Since the majority of expressions so far has been against the use of public funds by Baptist institutions, those in favor of their use are especially invited to express themselves.

Principle or Custom?

Dear Editor:

Our minds are confused and our hearts troubled at the number of Kentucky Baptist pastors leading their churches and associations to oppose the utilization of government funds as loans by our Baptist colleges. Throughout the controversy we continue to read the words "Baptist principles." We concur 100% in the belief that principles should not be compromised. We further believe that a clear understanding of principles is needed before we can determine if a compromise is being made. There is no question that subsidy exists if government loans are used with interest rates below those paid to private lenders.

Is this principle or custom? For many years Baptist pastors in Kentucky have accepted housing by their congregation or housing allowances in the form of cash payments. In many cases, perhaps in all, these payments are considered non-taxable income by the pastors, by the churches, and by the federal government. Is this principle or is this custom?

For many years Baptist church property in the form of buildings and land has been exempt from property taxes at local and state levels. Is this principle or is this custom? We believe in a consistent position concerning church and state matters. We do not oppose the housing allowances paid to Kentucky Baptist pastors being free from income taxation. We do not oppose freedom from property tax of Baptist church

buildings and land. We do not oppose the use of loans from the federal government at lower rates by our Baptist institutions.

It is our firm conviction that every Kentucky Baptist pastor who leads his church or his association in opposition to government loans should immediately give up the tax-free status of his housing allowances and immediately place the property of his church on the tax list at 100% valuation. If these pastors are not willing to do these things, we believe they should immediately cease opposition to government loans for our Baptist institutions
Jack W. Buchanan
Winchester, Ky. Wm. R. Spahr, Jr.

Self Preservation Is Our Idol

Dear Editor:

I wish I could share your optimism (editorial, February 23, 1967) when you say our Baptist colleges will never be so foolish as to permit liquor and college girls in boys' dormitories. I think it would be safe to say that we will not permit it in the near future, but to predict beyond this is to be more optimistic than realistic.

We go "the way of all flesh," but it just takes us a little longer. We like to lag behind because we have some good sermons which make for powerful preaching, and then when we see that everyone else is doing it, we throw our sermons away, make an about-face, and then try to show Baptists never did believe like that anyway.

I believe a few years ago you would have said in your editorial, "Baptists believe in the separation of church and state, and though everyone else may violate it, we will stand firm to the end." Self-preservation has become our idol, and expediency our mode of worship. We have put the Southern Baptist Convention and its institutions above the will of God, and we will do what-

ever is expedient to preserve them, even if that includes the loss of God's Spirit and the disunity of our people.

We have watched CEA and other promotional efforts fail and then searched in vain for the answers. We know it was because of apathy on the part of preachers and churches, but we at least pretended not to know what caused the apathy. I think we know the truth but are afraid of it. Every leader in our convention knows that the overwhelming majority of our people in Kentucky would vote down any kind of government loans; but they also know not to accept government aid will ultimately spell the death of some of our "sacred" institutions. Thus, he must also shut his eyes to the sacred principle of "majority rule."

The thinking which has produced tyranny, wars, and great suffering throughout history has been the kind which said, "You don't know what is best for you; we will do your thinking for you." History shows that many leaders were afraid for the masses to think for themselves. Are we afraid of the very thing which made us great?

I honestly believe our major problem is that our people do not trust us anymore. They know that we have lost our one vital ingredient: self-evaluation and criticism. We have become so much a part of the institution we can no longer objectively analyze our situation.

Every Kentucky Baptist should ask the question: "If worse comes to worse, would I rather have a Baptist college that includes drinking and immorality, or would I rather see them go out of existence or become secular institutions? No one knows your answer so answer it honestly. We have been fooling ourselves long enough.
Benton, Ky. William J. Sullivan

Southside, Louisville, Calls New Minister of Education

J. Ralph Hardee, a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, is the new minister of education at Southside Baptist Church in Louisville.

A former minister of education and music at Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, he is a native of Conway, South Carolina.

Southern Baptist Child Care Work Praised by Government Official

An official of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare commended the work Southern Baptist child care institutions are doing with neglected and dependent youngsters.

The praise came from Martin Gula, consultant on group care for the children's bureau of the government agency. Gula was a principal speaker at a meeting of the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists at New Orleans.

The 32 children's homes operated by Southern Baptists are currently giving services to about 6,000 boys and girls, most of whom come from homes broken by reasons other than death, the executives reported.

Gula told the group that church groups are ready to minister to children and families in need, even though since the Great Depression there has been a tremendous expansion in state and local welfare care.

The commitment of churches to the task reflect the dignity of the family and children in the sight of God, he said.

"There is need for the Christian leaven in the public family and child welfare loaf," he declared.

Gula cautioned agencies operated by church groups against accepting any child they are not equipped to serve. He told the administrators that "the mildly, moderately disturbed child is the one you are best equipped to serve," and added that public and research agencies should serve the rest.

Boards of trustees of nine institutions represented at the meeting have voted to accept for care children from minority groups. Gula was told that a tenth

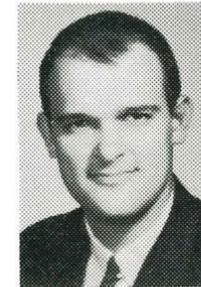
institution is currently studying the matter.

W. R. Wagoner, Thomasville, North Carolina, who served as president of the Child Care Executives during 1966-67, stressed that child care institutions must plan and move with the changing times in order to adequately perform their assigned tasks.

R. C. Campbell, president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas, Texas, reported on how his institution is seeking to aid children who cannot function in a public school program because of scholastic difficulties, retardation or emotional disturbances. (BP)

Randall Hill Joins Staff Of Campbellsville Church

F. Randall Hill of Louisville has accepted a call to serve as minister of education at the Campbellsville, Kentucky Baptist Church.

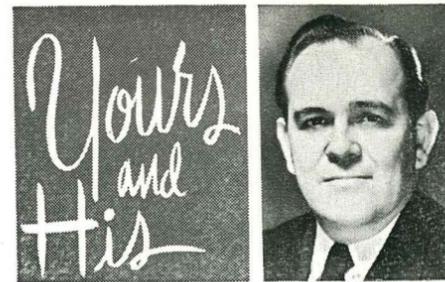


Hill

A native of Oklahoma, he received the M.R.E. degree from Southern Seminary and has done some work on the graduate specialist in religious education degree.

While in seminary, he served as minister of education at Kenwood Baptist Church in Louisville. He has worked also with Francis Baptist Church of Francis, Oklahoma.

He is married to the former Phyllis Jean Cannon of Oklahoma.



Let's Will and Give

Now is the time for all good Baptists to come to the aid of our Baptist colleges and schools and student centers! I would put it in that order, too. They must have money, lots of it, good Baptist money, to meet the challenge of today and the opportunities of tomorrow.

We need large gifts, too—from Baptists who have the money, who have property, stocks and bonds to give our Baptist colleges now. We need endowment, but we also need current cash—for teachers' salaries, for buildings and equipment now. We need people to put our schools and student centers in their wills. If you have to have your income from your money while you live, then take out an annuity through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation for any school or agency, or the Cooperative Program—which will aid everything we do.

Cooperative Program

Every church every Baptist can strengthen our total mission program—including Baptist schools and student centers—through the Cooperative Program and CEA. Our churches need to break through the 10% barrier—that is, we are averaging giving 10% of all church income through the Cooperative Program—we must have faithful pastors, daring budget members, noble members to stand up and say: "Let's share more of God's tithes with a needy world through the Cooperative Program!" Some happy surprises are in store for those who dare to share more! Your church will flourish. Your evangelistic passion will warm up. Your bright but disinterested members will come alive to the fact that your church is meeting world need in Christ's name!

\$1,000 A Day—CEA

Do you know that several hundred people and a few churches are so interested in Baptist higher education, schools and student centers and missionary camps that together they are sending about \$1,000 a day to my office for CEA? More than \$30,000 in January! Keep it up—or start—or increase your sharing through CEA.

"Only Believe"

"All things are possible, only believe!" Our Baptist schools do not need to die—but they can if you do not believe and give!

Speakers Urge Baptists to Cooperate with Other Groups

Four major speakers at the Southern Baptist Press Association meeting at Mobile urged Southern Baptists to find ways to cooperate with other Christians in the ecumenical movement.

"We are under God required, in every way we can without compromising our beliefs and principles, to develop closer relationships with other Christians," declared Wayne Ward, professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

"And I do not draw the line at Roman Catholics," Ward quickly added. He was one of four major speakers at the annual meeting of state Baptist paper editors advocating similar ideas.

None, however, said he approved of Southern Baptist membership in the World or National Council of Churches.

Ward said he rejected SBC affiliation with the councils of churches because Southern Baptists would have to join as an authoritarian church structure, which he said is directly opposed to what most Baptists believe concerning the meaning of "the church."

The seminary professor said an invitation many years ago to join the World Council of Churches was addressed to "The Southern Baptist Church" rather than to the "Southern Baptist Convention," and it was rejected because Baptists believe that "the church" is a local congregation or fellowship, not a national denomination.

Ward strongly advocated, however, Southern Baptist participation in the ecumenical movement as "observers" or "fraternal Christian participants," so

that Baptists can have fellowship and theological debate with other Christians.

In a later address, the executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, Arthur Rutledge of Atlanta, presented statistics showing the magnitude of the task Southern Baptists face in seeking to reach a changing America, and concluded by saying that the task is too large for any one religious body to handle alone.

Rutledge said that the Home Mission Board in December adopted 14 long-range guidelines, including two which said that the board would welcome and initiate communication and cooperation with other denominations, when there is "no sacrifice of principles or weakening of basic beliefs and practices."

In another address, W. Farry Garrett of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs told the editors that Baptists cannot afford to be ignorant, misinformed, or prejudiced against the ecumenical movement and developments in the Christian world.

"Whether Baptists participate or refuse to participate in the ecumenical movement, they cannot remain unaffected by it," Garrett said.

Earlier, during a joint banquet for the Baptist editors and the executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions, Southern Seminary President Duke K. McCall said that the younger generation of Baptists believes Christian unity is more important than the differences between denominations.

McCall predicted that by 1970 more

than half of the American population will be under 25 years of age, and that a great tidal wave of these young people are coming into our churches, believing that Christian unity is more important than denominational differences.

"We can't assume that the way we've been thinking in the past is the way we are going to keep on thinking," McCall said. (BP)

Cumberland to Add New Wing to Science Building

Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, has let a contract for the construction of the second wing of a new three-wing science building. The first wing of the building was completed in 1963.

The new second unit of the building will be devoted mostly to chemistry classes and laboratory facilities. The entire cost of the unit, approximately \$475,000, will be financed by a six percent loan from private sources.

Approximately 18,500 square feet of floor space will be contained in the new unit. It is scheduled for completion by late fall or early winter of 1967.

When the three-wing science building is completed, it will contain about 50,000 square feet of floor space and will have a total construction cost of about \$1,250,000. Equipping the building with science facilities will bring its value to about \$3,500,000.

Regional Camp Announces Summer Schedule

Camp Joy, southern regional Baptist Camp in Brownsville, Kentucky, has announced its schedule for the summer of 1967. Weeks have been reserved for R.A. and G.A. camps, a junior music week and a teen-age youth retreat.

The regional camp is located on a beautiful wooded site overlooking the Green River in Edmonson County. Baptist churches in the southern region of the state contribute to its financial support.

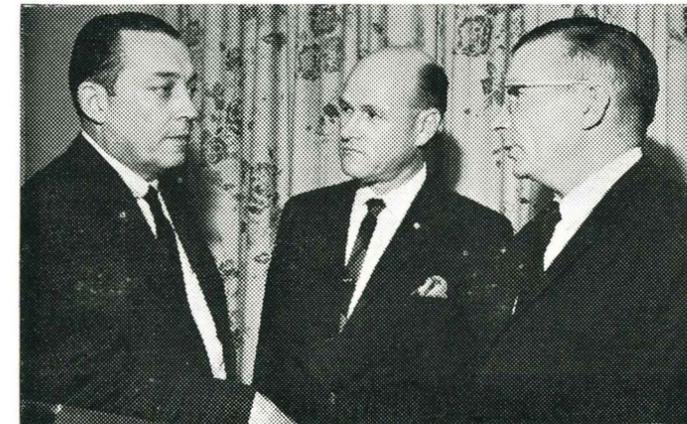
During past summers young people from Baptist churches in the counties of Allen, Barren, Butler, Cumberland, Clinton, Edmonson, Grayson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, Todd

and Warren have attended sessions at the camp.

The 1967 summer schedule:

June 19-23	-----	Intermediate G.A. Week
June 26-30	-----	Junior G.A. Week
July 3-7	-----	Junior G.A. Week
July 10-14	-----	All Junior G.A. Week
July 17-21	-----	Pioneer-Ambassador R.A. Week
July 24-28	-----	Crusader R.A. Week
August 7-11	-----	Junior Music Week
August 17, 18, 19	-----	Teen-age Youth Retreat

Frank McKinney, business manager for Camp Joy, advises that all reservations for the R.A. and G.A. weeks should be sent to Mrs. R. H. Glazier, 1704 East 19th Street, Bowling Green, while reservations for the junior music week should be forwarded to Mr. Jack Duvall at First Baptist Church in Bowling Green.



New Officers of Baptist Press Association

James Cole (left) editor of The Baptist Message of Louisiana, was elected president of the Baptist Press Association during the annual meeting of editors in Mobile. Other officers are O. L. Bayless (not pictured), vice-president, and editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist in Colorado; and Don McGregor (center), secretary, and associate editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas. At right is Editor C. R. Daley of the Western Recorder, outgoing president who planned the program for the Mobile meeting.



State Secretaries Elect Harding

The executive secretaries of 29 Baptist state conventions, meeting at Mobile, Alabama, elected Earl O. Harding as their president. Harding (left) is executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Elected vice-president was E. Harmon Moore (center), executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana; and named secretary was Glen Graswell, executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

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Historical Highlights

FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER

10 YEARS AGO March 14, 1957

Okolona Baptist Church in south Louisville announced it held special services during February to lay the cornerstone for its new building on Preston Highway. Ground for the new building was purchased in 1955, and construction on the new facilities began in January, 1956. Pastor John E. Carter addressed the congregation during cornerstone-laying ceremonies.

Ray Roberts, general secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and former pastor at Danville, asked Baptist people of the South to provide names of Southern Baptists who had moved to New York City as prospects for an SBC church which was about to be started there.

25 YEARS AGO March 12, 1942

Baptist pastors of Greenup Association protested the recent preaching mission of Dr. E. Stanley Jones at Ashland under the auspices of the Ashland Ministerial Association. The Baptists objected to what they called Jones' "modernistic preaching" as well as his connection with the old Federal Council of Churches.

50 YEARS AGO March 15, 1917

Students at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville gave President E. Y. Mullins a standing ovation in chapel services following his return from a two-month rest and vacation period in Florida. On the students' insistence, he led chapel services that day and made

an informal talk on how to take a vacation and enjoy it.

The seminary reporter responded editorially to Dr. Mullins' remarks: "If we can just forget it [the advice on how to take a vacation] during the approaching examination period and then recall it afterward, the advice will be well worth while."

Former Baylor Professor Writes on Church-State

M. L. Fergeson, emeritus professor of religion at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, recently completed the third volume of a three-volume set of books dealing with problems of church and state.

Volume three, entitled *The Church-State Problem and the American Principle of Separation*, is companion to *The Church-State Problem to the Protestant Reformation* and *The Church-State Problem and the Protestant Reformation*.

The books are the culmination of 20 years of research on the subject. Fergeson taught church-state separation for 17 years at Baylor.

Robert Oldham Accepts Michigan Pastorate

Robert Oldham, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church for 3½ years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Bethany Church in Lansing, Michigan.

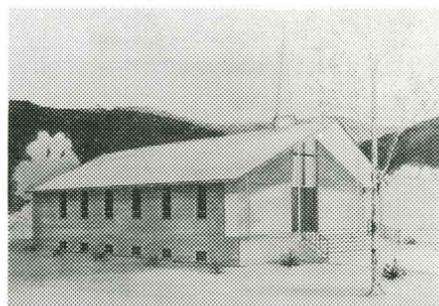
The twelve-year-old, nearly 700-member Bethany Church, is located near the 37,000-student Michigan State University.

Kentucky Southern Requests Special Meeting of The Executive Board

A special meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board has been requested by and granted to the president and trustees of Kentucky Southern College. The meeting has been scheduled for Friday, March 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Cedarmore's Boone Lodge.

The purpose of the meeting, according to the announcement sent to the Executive Board members, is for the presentation of "important information and requests vital to the continuation of the life and ministry of this Baptist college."

A joint meeting of the Executive Board's Christian Education Committee and its Finance Committee was held at Cedarmore on March 3 to study this vital matter prior to the full Board meeting on March 10.



NEW GEORGETOWN SCIENCE CENTER—Construction will begin immediately on this new \$1,500,000 sciences learning center for Georgetown College. The air-conditioned building, which should be completed by fall of 1968, will provide classrooms for chemistry, physics, biology and mathematics in its 52,750 square feet of floor space. It is the second of three major buildings in the Baptist school's five-year plan for developing its academic plant. The first building was the Lee E. Cralle Student Center completed in 1965, and the third construction project will be a fine arts center.

New Building of Airport Gardens Chapel Dedicated

The congregation of Airport Gardens Baptist Chapel, Hazard, recently dedicated their new \$27,000 building, which includes a sanctuary with seating space for 170 persons, a study, a kitchen, 11 classrooms and restroom facilities.

The chapel was started on August 12, 1962, as a mission of First Baptist Church, Hazard. The group met in a block building until completion of the new structure in the fall of 1966. The work has grown from an original enrollment of 31 to a membership of 68 and a Sunday School enrollment of 140.

Kentucky Baptists are contributing to this work in the mountains by supplementing the pastor's salary. The Co-operative Program also provided \$3,500 toward the purchase of the property and the construction of the new building.

William Nichols is pastor of the Airport Gardens chapel.

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Pastors' Conference Program Set

C. A. Roberts, president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, announces that the theme for the 1967 conference at Miami Beach, Florida, will be "Mandate to Minister." The program will illustrate how the Christian witness can be borne to every area of society.

Outstanding speakers for the conference include ex-alcoholic Gert Behanna; Anita Bryant, actress and recording star; James Jeffrey, executive director of the National Fellowship of Christian Athletes; champion golfer Gary Player.

George Schweitzer, professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee; Samuel Proctor, president of the Institute for Services to Education, Washington, D. C.; and Charles Wellborn, chaplain at Florida State University.

W. A. Criswell will bring the closing address Tuesday afternoon on "A Heart to Care and a Spirit to Try."

A special feature of this year's conference will be a dinner-dialogue session to be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, at the Deauville Hotel, Roberts said. Foy Valentine, Kenneth Chafin and George Schweitzer will each make a brief statement on "The Church—Its Present Status and Future Prospect," followed by discussion.

A registration fee of \$10.00 per per-

son will be charged to cover the cost of food, location and materials for the dialogue, Roberts said. A limited amount of space is available. Pastors who wish to attend this special session should send their checks to Pastors' Conference Dialogue, P. O. Box 1017, Tallahassee, Florida.

Shelbiana Church Sponsors New Mission Work

John Pinson is serving as pastor of the recently-established Robinson Creek Baptist Mission. The work was begun in November of last year following a survey of the Robinson Creek area by Grace Baptist Church of East Shelbiana, Kentucky.

Robert Jones, missionary for Pike Association, preached the sermon at dedication services for the building in which the mission is meeting.

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Cedar Creek Church Celebrates 175 Years

This year, 1967, is the 175th anniversary year for Cedar Creek Baptist Church on Bardston Road just outside the city limits of Louisville.

Several special events have been planned throughout the year to emphasize the historical accomplishments of the church. The second week of June has been designated as anniversary week. It will feature services conducted by several former pastors and a historical pageant written and directed by Mrs. Robert B. Gilfert.

The year 1967 is also the 20th anniversary year of William D. Martin as pastor. He will be honored during a special service and reception at the church on March 19.

Cedar Creek Baptist Church was constituted June 16, 1792, as Chenoweth Run Baptist Church. Several persons left the membership of Brashears Creek Baptist Church in Shelby County and Cedar Creek Church in Nelson County to form the new congregation.

The present sanctuary of the church, completed in 1962 at a cost of \$185,000, is the fifth church building in which the congregation has met. Organized with a membership of 20 persons, the church now has about 1,100 members.

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Church Where SBC Organized Plans Sesquicentennial Celebration

Evangelist Billy Graham will speak during a week-long celebration in observance of the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia.

The historic church, organized on March 25, 1817, is where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

Dates for the 150th anniversary celebration are March 24-April 2. R. Jack Robinson is pastor of the 3,600-member church, which was started as the Baptist Praying Society of Augusta with 18 charter members.

Begins March 25

Robinson said the sesquicentennial celebration will begin March 25 when deacons of the church, dressed in costumes of the 1817 era, will ride horses from Kiokee to Augusta, simulating rides of Daniel Marshall. Kiokee is the oldest Baptist church in the state, and Marshall was the first Baptist preacher in Georgia.

They will arrive at the church in time for a period of prayer and presentation of a new history of the church and a fellowship hour honoring senior members.

Robinson will speak at morning service that day and evening services will feature a musical presentation.

On March 27, H. Franklin Paschall, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak at a special service honoring former pastors and staff members, plus missionaries who have gone out from the church.

On March 29, a historical pageant entitled, "Establish Thou the Work of Thy Hands," will be presented at Bell

Auditorium. Over 400 people will be involved in the production.

On March 31, Graham will speak at Bell Auditorium in a special service of consecration. Also on the program will be Cliff Barrows and Grady Wilson. A 300-voice choir will sing.

On Sunday morning, April 2, the church's first homecoming will be held at Bell Auditorium. An old-fashioned dinner-on-the-grounds will be served, and a note representing termination of all church indebtedness will be burned at an afternoon service.

That night, a special "Dedication to the Future" service will conclude the week. Robert C. Norman, chairman of the long-range planning committee, will present proposals for the future. (BP)

Parkland to Dedicate New Buildings on March 19

Parkland Baptist Church of Louisville will dedicate its new chapel and educational building on Sunday, March 19, at 3:00 p.m. Nolan P. Howington, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Seminary, will be the guest speaker.

The new buildings were completed during last December, and the first services were held in them on New Year's Day, January 1, 1967.

Parkland Baptist Church moved from downtown Louisville to its new location at 7206 Old Shepherdsville Road about 17 months ago. The chapel and educational plant are the first two units of a four-unit complex.

Donald L. Zuberer is pastor of the Parkland church.



Best Study

BEEST — "Baptist Education Study Task"—is in its second year of study in Kentucky and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The second and final national meeting will be in June.

The Kentucky Seminar, headed by Robert L. Mills, met January 17 and February 9—the final meeting was February 28 in the Baptist Building.

The main topics of discussion in this seminar series are: (1) denomination and college relationships, and (2) financing Christian education. Certainly, assuming the necessity of the Baptist college, the most pertinent aspects of the study are these. Some of the most able and dedicated men of our convention are seeking answers to our school problems. Pray for them. Support your colleges.

Cooperative Program

Kentucky Baptists gave \$331,000 to world missions through the Cooperative program for the month ending January 25—this is the largest "January" in our history. It is about \$40,000 over the average monthly budget, but we are still \$169,666 under the budget for September-January. We have given \$67,836 more during these five months than during the same months last year. Only our Lord knows what the churches will do to meet the large budget this year, but there are good signs.

R. H. Mincey, Chapel Park, Long Run Association, "we plan to give \$1,034.97 more."

Jack Palmer, Guthrie Baptist, Bethel Association: "In our new budget we will give one percent or \$489 more for the Cooperative Program."

Robert L. Palmer, First Williamsburg, Mt. Zion Association, "We plan to give 1½% or \$1,000 more this year."

W. E. Miller, Fordsville, Ohio County, "In our new budget we will give 25% or more to the Cooperative Program."

Warner Bumgardner, First Church, Providence, Ohio Valley, "We plan to give 20% or \$4,000 to world missions through the Cooperative Program."

David V. Tydings, Clarkson Church, Twin Lakes Association, "We will give eight percent to world missions through the Cooperative Program."

Bob Agee, Shively Heights, Long Run Association: "We will increase our C.P. gifts from seven percent to nine percent this year, and increase ¼% each month until we are giving 25% to missions."

Your heart strengthened?

Erosion of Convictions on Church-State Occurring, Says Valentine

A steady erosion of convictions relating to the principle of separation of church and state has been taking place in recent years, a top Southern Baptist leader, Foy D. Valentine, said at Los Angeles.

Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, spoke to about 150 ministers attending a Clergyman's Conference held in conjunction with the 19th National Conference on Church and State sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Saying "Freedom is harder to hold than it is to acquire," Valentine called "conviction" the key plank in freedom's platform.

He said the steady erosion of conviction concerning church-state separation has not been of the "gully-type—obvious and dramatic.

"It has been sheet erosion in which infinitesimal amounts of precious topsoil

are washed away by the showers of benevolent government and blown away by the winds of religious compromise," Valentine said.

"We cannot keep the church-state separation principle alive if we do not discipline ourselves to comprehend it, accept its rigorous demands, flog its detractors, and support its proponents with the full measure of convinced minds and dedicated wills," he said.

The president of a Baptist college in California later told the full national conference that he believes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 has the effect of "an undeclared establishment of religion."

Loyed R. Simmons, president of California Baptist College in Riverside, said that if the act is allowed to stand, we will "no longer have in America the separation of church and state as envisioned by (Thomas) Jefferson and as guaranteed by the Constitution." (BP)

CONVENTION CONSTITUTION NOT VIOLATED—

Arkansas Judge Tosses Out Law Suit Against Baptist Medical Center

An effort to nullify the vote of the Arkansas Baptist Convention to release ownership of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center was tossed out of a chancery court at Little Rock.

Chancellor Kay L. Matthews ruled that the convention had not violated its constitution in determining by a majority vote last November to relinquish the hospital to a private corporation.

Three Arkansas Baptist pastors had filed the suit, claiming that the convention did not vote to amend its constitution to provide for transfer of the

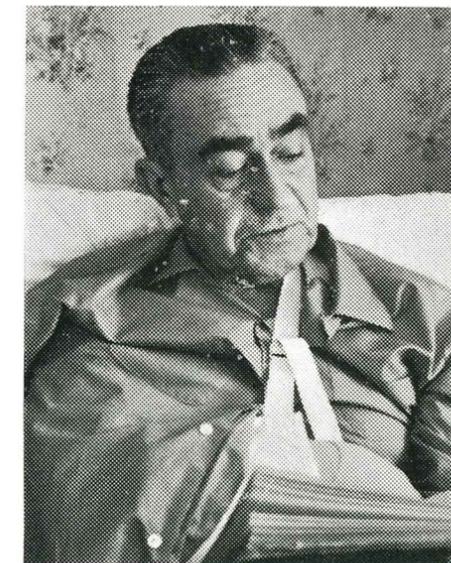
hospital property, and that the convention action was thus null and void.

The convention voted 601 to 435 to release control and ownership of the hospital to a private corporation, with common knowledge that the hospital would seek government grants and loans once the ownership transfer had been completed.

The three plaintiffs in the case did not immediately indicate if they would appeal the chancery court ruling. If they do not appeal, the ruling is final.

Plaintiffs in the case were J. T. Summers, pastor of Denison Street Baptist Church in Little Rock; R. F. Weeks, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas; and Ralph Cadwell, pastor of Cole Ridge Baptist Church, Blytheville, Arkansas.

One month before Chancellor Matthews ruled in favor of the defendants, he had overruled motions from the defendants' attorneys asking for dismissal of the case on the grounds that the medical center and the convention are both corporations and any suit against them would have to be filed against the corporations, not against individuals connected with the corporations. (BP)



HISTORIC MINUTES PRESERVED—J. W. Singer, clerk of the historic Stamping Ground, Kentucky, Baptist Church, looks over one of the old minute books of the church which he has in his possession. The church is one of the few which has complete records from its founding to the present time. Located near Georgetown, the Stamping Ground church was founded in 1785. The library of the University of Kentucky recently microfilmed the records, free of charge, in order to include them in its holdings as historic documents.

Fire Destroys Cumberland College Music Building

The music building of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, was completely destroyed during February by a fire that originated, apparently, in the furnace room.

The building housed 12 practice rooms, four studios, five offices, a band and choir room and two classrooms. Destroyed in the blaze was equipment worth more than \$30,000, including 17 pianos, an organ, and band instruments.

Temporary arrangements have been made to take care of the music classes. President J. M. Boswell of Cumberland estimated that more than \$300,000 would be required to replace the building.

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President Edmunds of Stetson Resigns

The president of Stetson University at DeLand, Florida, J. Ollie Edmunds, has submitted his resignation after 20 years as top executive of the private Baptist university.

The Stetson board of trustees almost immediately created the position of chancellor of the university, and asked Edmunds to fill the post when a new president is selected.

Nigerian Art Display Sponsored by Georgetown

David Jester, who is serving as assistant to the president of Georgetown College this year while on furlough as a missionary to Nigeria, is displaying an exhibit of Nigerian art and artifacts at the college from March 5-18.

At the opening of the exhibit March 5, the Nigerian Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable O. S. Coker, spoke, and a reception in his honor was held in the art gallery.

Works from the following collections are included in Jester's exhibit: The University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Southern Baptist Seminary, President and Mrs. Robert L. Mills of Georgetown, Dr. and Mrs. William Gavanta, Dr. and Mrs. William L. Jester, Mr. and Mrs. N. Claxon, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Congdon, Mr. and Mrs. John Laoye and Dr. and Mrs. David L. Jester.

The art gallery is located on Mulberry Street in Georgetown. Hours are from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. daily, except Sunday or by special appointment by calling the college art department.

His resignation as president would be effective when a new president of the university is elected and installed by the board of trustees.

In a letter of resignation to the chairman of the board, Edmunds cited the challenge of the future in higher education, saying that Stetson must have administrative leadership that can devote uninterrupted attention to every available opportunity of service and all sources of support.

"Unfortunately, I cannot continue to offer that sort of aggressive leadership," Edmunds said in the letter of resignation to board chairman Doyle E. Carlton, former governor of Florida. Edmunds also said he needed to spend more time in the management of timber holdings in California, in fairness to the families of two business associates who have looked after his business affairs in California while he devoted his time to college affairs in Florida.

Edmunds did not mention the recent controversy between Stetson and the Florida Baptist Convention which developed last year when Stetson accepted two government grants.

Although the school is not owned by the convention but rather is controlled by a private self-perpetuating board nominated by the convention, many Florida Baptists strongly opposed the federal grants.

At the convention in November, Stetson's budget allocation was reduced, and a motion was adopted saying all budget support would be dropped from any Baptist institution which accepted federal grants in the future. (BP)



ASHBY LANE BUILDING PLANNED—Pastor Raymond E. Cosby (center) of Ashby Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, talks with Robert Crabtree (left), chairman of the deacons, and Wallace Mattingly, deacon and Training Union director, about the new church building now under construction.

Ashby Lane, Louisville, Enters Building Program

Construction was begun recently on a new \$68,000 sanctuary-educational building for Ashby Lane Baptist Church off Dixie Highway in Valley Station, Kentucky.

The new building will be erected in a booming section of Jefferson County on an eight-acre site which the church purchased in 1959. The congregation was started only one year previous to that as Friendship Baptist Chapel. David Weaver served as the first pastor.

Raymond E. Cosby, the current pastor, reported that the church's present building would be utilized as educational space after the new building is finished. Target date for completion is late May or early June. The new building will bring the total value of church property to about \$110,000.

During the past two years the congregation has experienced a doubling of membership to its present total of 234.

Workshop for Writers Held in Quito, Ecuador

A poet, a newspaper reporter, a university student, a shoemaker, an evangelical pastor, and two former students for the Roman Catholic priesthood were among the more than 25 persons who participated in an institute for Christian writers held in Quito, Ecuador, February 13-16.

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By H. C. Chiles



THE COMPASSIONATE SAVIOUR

(This Lesson for March 19, 1967)

This lesson directs our attention to Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane on a slope of the Mount of Olives, and on the cross on a skull-shaped hill outside the city of Jerusalem. In both of these places Christ faced the most agonizing physical and mental torture of His entire life. With the greatest compassion possible, Christ died on the cross for the sins of men, and provided a way of salvation for them.

Luke 22:39-42

In the darkness of the night, after the institution of the Lord's Supper in the upper room, Christ went to the Garden of Gethsemane, accompanied by His disciples. Knowing that during that very night He would be betrayed, arrested and carried away for a trial, and feeling a special need for human companionship, Christ left eight of the disciples at the entrance to the Garden and took with Him into the inner recesses the three most intimate ones—Peter, James and John. Knowing that the hour of temptation was at hand for them, Christ admonished the disciples to watch and pray that they might not yield to temptation and sin.

Christ withdrew from His disciples approximately as far as one could throw a stone, and there He knelt and prayed. The last thing which Christ did before He permitted Himself to be arrested was to engage in earnest prayer. The entire submission which He expressed in that prayer makes it the most spiritual speech in language.

The "cup" to which Christ referred was that of death. He was not asking to be turned back from death on the cross at Calvary. That was the thing for which He had come into this world, and He was ever steadfast in His purpose of going to the cross, and there paying the penalty for the sins of men. He had even sternly rebuked Peter for trying to turn Him aside from the cross.

He fully and completely yielded Himself to the doing of the will of the heavenly Father. From Him He obtained the assurance that He would receive all of the strength which He would need for the accomplishment of God's will. Our knowledge of this fact should encourage

us to strive to follow Christ in complete devotion to the will of God. Doing His will is right, possible, and best for us. It is both our duty and our privilege. Let us join our Lord in praying, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

Luke 23:33-34a

When the procession arrived at the top of that skull-shaped hill overlooking the city of Jerusalem, which was the common execution ground for felons and the vilest offenders, the executioners laid Christ on His back on the cross which was lying on the ground. They drove the cruel spikes through the palms of His hands, fastening them to the two ends of the cross-piece, and they nailed His feet to the upright piece. While the blood was flowing, a hole was prepared in the ground, the cross was lited on end and dropped into the hole with a thud, leaving Him to suffer a lingering and painful death as the blood dripped from His head, His hands and His feet.

Two others, who were malefactors and participants in crime, were crucified with Christ. Both of them had sinned against God and broken the laws of the land, and were suffering the consequences thereof. These criminals were crucified with Christ, the guiltless One, in an effort to dishonor and disgrace Him. Unconsciously these wicked men were making possible the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah, who penned the statement: "He was numbered with the transgressors" (53:12). In their effort to portray Christ as being the worst of the three, they crucified Him between the two robbers. Of all the methods of putting people to death, crucifixion was the most horrible and shameful.

No other statement by a religious leader ever had in it such words of tenderness and love as the words of Christ in His prayer, "Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do." It was customary for those who were

being crucified to curse and revile their executioners, but praying for them was such an advanced idea that the world has never ceased to wonder at Christ's amazing prayer. In asking forgiveness for His murderers, our Lord was requesting the best thing possible for them.

Luke 23:39-46

At first, both of these robbers showed the baseness of their character by jeering at and reviling Christ. As the day wore along, one of them observed the wondrous bearing of the Saviour and listened to His matchless words. The perfect innocence of Christ touched this robber very deeply. He ceased to rail at Him, and a new look came over his distorted features, while the other robber went on reviling Christ. Meanwhile, to His partner in crime, this robber said, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou are in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss."

This penitent robber thus acknowledged that he had sinned, confessed that he deserved to suffer for his sins, repented of his sins, and received Christ as his Saviour. When this man cast himself upon the mercy of the Lord and received Christ, he was happily forgiven and gloriously saved by Him. His prayer, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom," was a marvelous expression of faith in the person, power and mercy of Christ. Our Lord gave him the blessed assurance of the fact that He had saved him in the words, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Just as Christ had committed His spirit into the hands of His Father throughout His life, He committed it into His hands in death, now that His mission on earth had been accomplished. When our Lord cried with a loud voice, in order that all might know that He was laying down His life willingly, He was in possession of all His powers, and of His own accord was giving up His life for our redemption and salvation. He despoiled His spirit in the hands of the Father until three days later when it would return to His body and He would rise as the victor over death and the grave.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Brotherhood

Kentucky Churches Observe Baptist Men's Day

by Forrest Sawyer

The last week in January was men's week at Buena Vista Baptist Church in Owensboro.

Pastor Archie W. Allison reports a meeting attracting 51 men on Tuesday night, an increase in attendance on Wednesday night, 69 men present for an 8:00 a.m. breakfast at the church on Sunday morning, 42 men singing in the men's chorus, and that visitation during the week resulted in an increased attendance by men on Sunday when there were five professions of faith and one addition by letter.

Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah, had 30 men present for an early morning breakfast as they began their observance of Baptist Men's Day on January 22.

Pastor Charles H. Chandler reports that the early fellowship period "created an atmosphere of prayer and worship which was prevalent throughout the day."

The men filled the choir loft for the morning worship hour. A quartet provided special music.

Mr. Kenneth Sonnenbaum was the message bearer for the morning service and spoke of "Men of Power." Mr. T. J. Long brought the evening message on the theme "There was a Man Sent from God."

Paul C. Lawson, pastor of Stanford Baptist Church, reports his church's observance of Baptist Men's Day on January 29, which began with "a wonderful prayer fellowship at 7:30 a.m. This was a good day and a blessing to all; had the best response ever from our men."

The pastor brought the morning message. The evening messages were delivered by Malvin Rogers, Ezra Whitehouse, Russell Martin and Glen Burton.

Maurice Davis, Brotherhood director, Lancaster Baptist Church, and William G. Humphrey, pastor, have been planning the church's observance of Baptist Men's Day on January 22.

The Sunday morning service found J. B. Land and Buddy Arnold, two of the laymen of the church, bringing messages on Mission Study and Mission Action.

Billy Estes was the speaker for the evening service. Men filled the choir

at both services. One profession of faith and one transfer of church letter was evidenced in the evening service. Mr. Sam Whittaker, the Minister of Music for the church, directed the choir.

Men other than those already mentioned who had part in the activities of the day included Tommy Arnold, Harmon Baker, Joe Dean and George Cain.

The Cropper Baptist Church in Shelby County, C. H. Johnston, pastor, had services on Friday and Saturday evenings prior to their observance of Baptist Men's Day on January 15.

Fred Purnell, Jr., was the featured speaker on Friday evening. Jimmy Richardson was the speaker for Saturday evening.

Charles Chatham was the message bearer for the Sunday morning service and J. W. Roberts, Jr., was the speaker for the evening service.

James Edwards is the Brotherhood Director for the Cropper Church. He is also Shelby County Associational Brotherhood Director. Mr. Edwards states that during the four meetings, about 15 men were used. He reports that the series of services provided a "spiritual uplift, highly rewarding—not only for the men, but also for the whole church."

Woman's Missionary Union

State Meeting Speakers

by Mrs. George Ferguson



Dr. Hughley



Dr. Porter

John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, will represent the Board and speak to the annual meeting of Kentucky WMU on Thursday morning, April 6, at First Baptist Church, Ashland.

Hughey has part in the ministries of 200 missionaries, assigned to 17 countries, stretching from the foggy fjords of Iceland (where a couple works with

an English-language church composed largely of American military personnel) to the deserts of Yemen at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, where the only Christian missionaries in the country are those related to Southern Baptist medical mission work.

He maintains close contact with the missionaries through frequent overseas trips, correspondence, and conferences when they are in the States. He keeps the Board informed of progress, needs and emergencies in the mission program and interprets the Board's objectives, policies and limitations to the missionaries.

His message will be informative and challenging.

Nathan Porter is an associate secretary for missionary personnel for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and will represent that Board when he speaks to our annual meeting on Wednesday night.

In his present position he recruits young people for every phase of missions service and is therefore familiar with the needs of our entire mission program.

He is a son of the Paul C. Porters, missionaries of our Foreign Mission Board in Brazil. He was born and reared in Brazil and feels keenly the challenge of our world missions task. He speaks with enthusiasm and conviction.

A graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary, he served in the mission program at Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, during his student days at the Seminary.

Watch this column for more program news.

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Stewardship

Plan for Cooperative Program Sunday, April 16

by Michael L. Speer

Kentucky Baptist churches will join churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention in observing Coopera-

tive Program Sunday on April 16, this year. The emphasis will follow the theme "Kentucky Baptists Answer Prayer Through Cooperation." Kentucky Baptists have a history of cooperation. This cooperation has led to our reaching into all the world with the gospel of Christ. This has been an answer to prayer to those in need.

Held annually, Cooperative Program Sunday is primarily an educational emphasis. It is a time of information and inspiration. It is a day of looking again at the thousands of ways that each of us can go into all the world every week as we are faithful with tithes and offerings and our churches are faithful with their gifts through the Cooperative Program.

A sample packet of materials will be mailed to each pastor training union director, Sunday school superintendent, Brotherhood president, W.M.U. president, and music director.

Church Music

State Youth Choir Festival Is Changed

by Eugene F. Quinn

The annual State Youth Choir Festival has been moved from its original date and location as found in the Baptist diary. The new date and location, which



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should be entered into the 1967 Baptist diary, is May 20 at Elizabethtown at 11:00 a.m.

Professor W. Wayne Johnson of Georgetown College will direct the combined choirs in a rehearsal clinic, which will be concluded with a recording of the performance for radio broadcast.

The schedule for the festival is as follows:
11:00 a.m.—Individual choir performance

12:15 p.m.—Lunch

1:00 p.m.—Clinic-rehearsal with W. Wayne Johnson

2:00 p.m.—Recording for radio broadcast

Any youth choir which receives a superior rating in the Regional Festival's during this spring will be eligible to register for the State Youth Choir Festival.

Jesus' Redemptive Death

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Everyone has experienced disappointment and headache and perhaps the desertion of family or friends. We have gone through mental anguish and sorrow in the death of a close relative or friend.

Therefore, by careful and sincere reflection we can begin to appreciate the mental suffering that Jesus endured in Gethsemane and at Calvary. There must have been mental apprehension on the part of Jesus as he thought of the end of his physical life and the turning over to frail, sinful men his church and the work he had begun.

In spite of all this, on that fateful day, perhaps the most agonizing, the most difficult, the most excruciating pain was his spiritual anguish. For now Jesus was experiencing in his mind, body and soul the punishment of all the sinfulness of all generations. He was experiencing our shame and separation from God for our sins of pride, lasciviousness, thievery, untruthfulness, and omission. As God the father turned his face from him, Jesus' suffering became humanly indescribable. This is true because we, not having any semblance of a spiritual nature or character, are totally unable in the least to understand or comprehend this type of anguish.

The terrible spiritual loneliness and desolation that Jesus endured in that last hour has never been humanly experienced before. For only Jesus could suffer so; for only Jesus was uniquely God and man.

Training Union

Sword Drill Certificates Available

This diploma is available for all intermediates who participated in their church Intermediate Sword Drill. A seal is granted as the intermediate takes part in the associational or regional drills and the state selection tournament.

This year the church may have a number of intermediates to take part in each of the various drills. New procedures have been written which removes the big emphasis on being the fastest participant.

Regional drills will be held in various parts of the state from March 9-17. Each participant should be present at 6:15 local time, with the drills and events beginning at 6:45. Diplomas will be sent by the Training Union department to those churches which send the names of individuals who participated in the church drill.

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PLANNING FOR PASTORAL CARE INSTITUTE—Four Paducah-area ministers make plans for a pastoral care institute in mental health for ministers of western Kentucky and southern Illinois, planned for March 16-17 at Kentucky Ken Bar Inn near Gilbertsville. Pictured left to right are Wallace Baggett, director of the Mental Health Center at Paducah; Charles H. Chandler, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle; Chaplain Harley Dixon of Western Baptist Hospital; and Cas Robinson, pastor of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church and president of the local ministerial fellowship. Western Baptist Hospital and the Baptist Hospital Association are two Baptist agencies working with several other groups in sponsoring the institute.

Powersville Church Pays Off All Indebtedness

Powersville Baptist Church, Brooksville, Kentucky, recently held a note-burning service to celebrate the completion of payment of the debt on its educational building and a trailer for their pastor.

Since 1960 the congregation has retired a debt of almost \$24,000 on these two items, while meeting its commitments to the Cooperative Program and other mission efforts.

Persons participating in the note-burning ceremony were Clyde McKibben, chairman of the building committee; Richard Bielski, pastor; Jim Richardson, former pastor; W. L. Crumpler, missionary for Union Association; and Douglas Bosse, member of the church.

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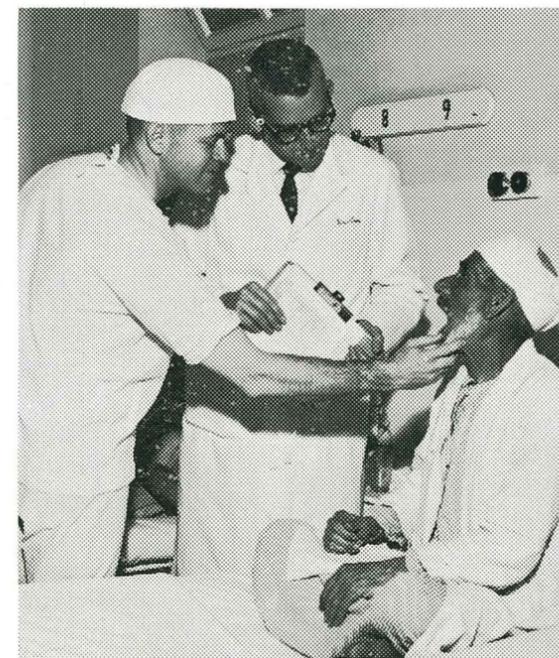
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Missionaries David C. Dorr and Merrill D. Moore, make their rounds in the Baptist Hospital in Ghana, Africa.



Daily rounds are also made in the three Kentucky Baptist hospitals and other Baptist hospitals around the world. These hospitals function as the healing arm of our Baptist churches—answering prayer through cooperation. Services are made available to all people, regardless of race, creed or color. Every opportunity is taken to bring men into a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Chaplains are employed to further this spiritual ministry.

Enlisting and teaching those called to the healing arts is another vital hospital ministry. This involves training doctors, nurses, technologists and others in total ministry skills. Through Cooperative Program gifts each Kentucky Baptist has a share in this ministry of physical and spiritual healing. Kentucky Baptists answer prayer through cooperation.

Observe Cooperative Program Sunday April 16