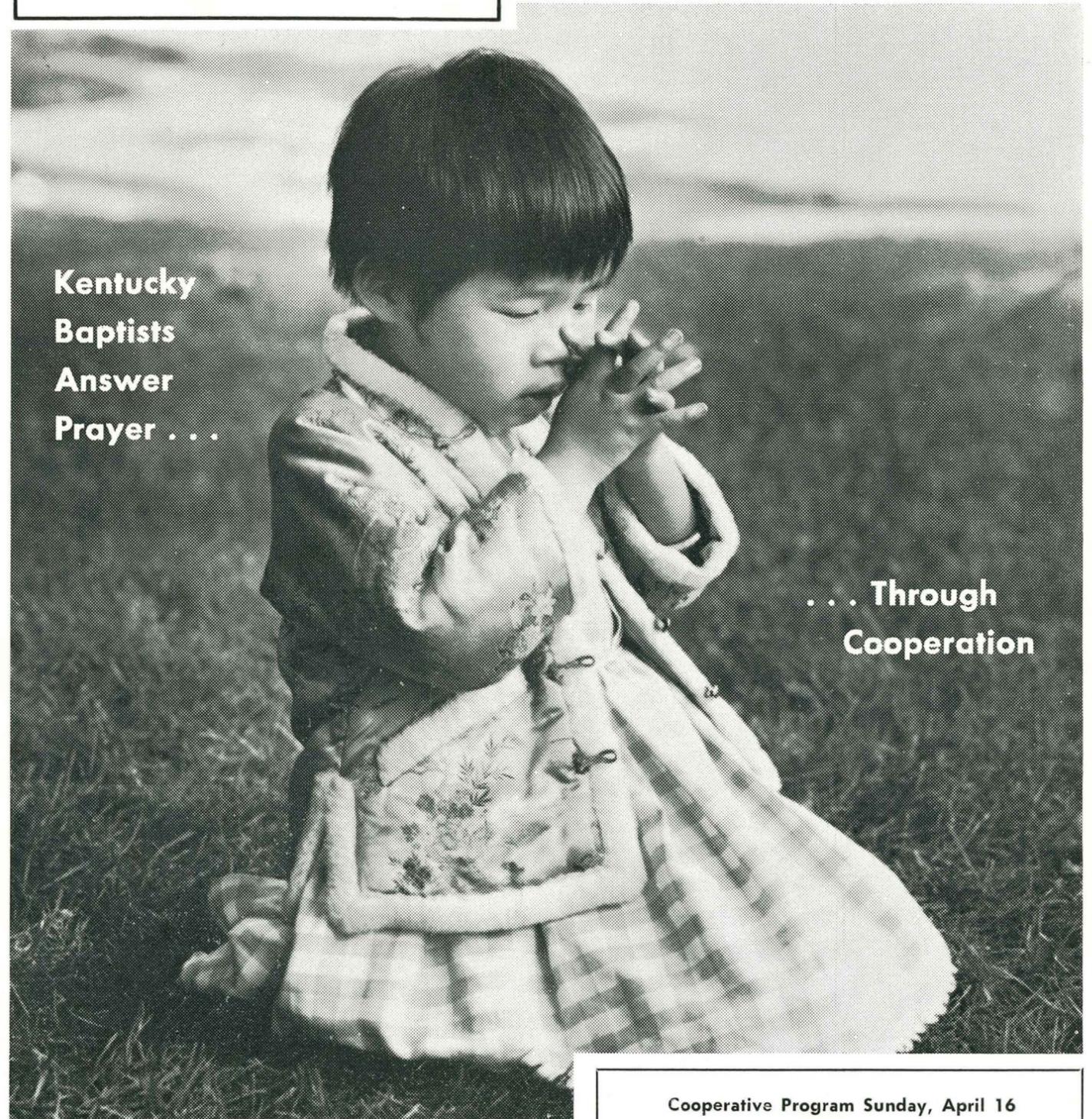


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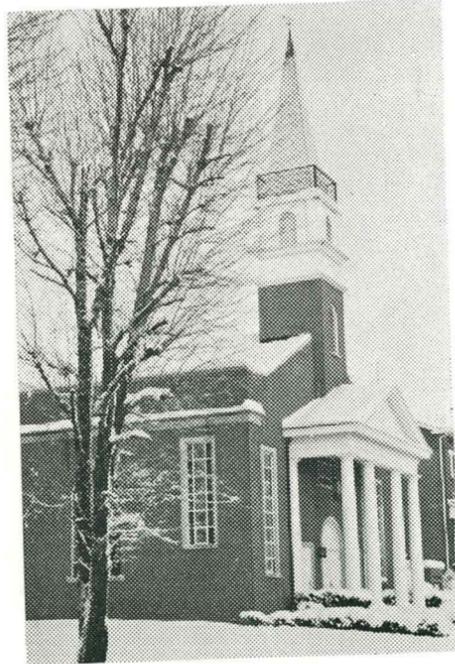
**. . . Through  
Cooperation**



**Cooperative Program Sunday, April 16**

The Cooperative Program is the united effort of all churches associated with the Southern Baptist Convention to support the convention in all of its worldwide activities toward proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to a lost world. It is people in missions—mission-minded people who pray and who give and people in need who are served by it. This special issue of the WESTERN RECORDER contains information concerning many aspects of our Cooperative Program work. It is hoped that new insights and understandings will be gained through a presentation such as this.

# THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM: Those Who Give It . . .



## 25 Percent to Missions

The picture of First Baptist Church, Providence, was taken on March 7th when the town had 14 inches of snow. However, the blanket of cold snow is in direct contrast to the warm spirit of the people.

The Cooperative Program receives 20% and associational missions 5% of all undesignated offerings. Five years ago the church began increasing its gifts to the Cooperative Program 2% each year, and now they have reached their projected goal. The pastor, Warner Bumgardner, writes, "We hope to launch another projected goal of 50% for the Cooperative Program and 50% for local ministries." Our Cooperative Program gifts have gone from \$1,893 in 1964 to \$3,516 in 1966. The Lord has blessed, and we are grateful."

## All Christians Are Missionaries

Mrs. Henry Smith, W.M.U. President in the First Baptist Church, Franklin, states:



"All Christians are missionaries, and the Cooperative Program is the best means I know to help me fulfill my responsibility as a missionary. Through the Cooperative Program I can demonstrate on a world basis the Christian

principle of sharing. Christ's command was to go "into all the world."

## Committed to World Missions

The historic Sand Spring Baptist Church, near Lawrenceburg, is one of the largest rural churches in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. For many decades this church has been a regular and faithful contributor to and promoter of world missions through the Cooperative Program. The members feel that the Cooperative Program is a God-inspired channel for world-wide witness.

When the Kentucky Baptist Convention met in special session in Louisville and requested that all churches increase their Cooperative Program gifts, this church voted to increase Cooperative Program giving by an additional 20% over its gifts of last year. This church believes in Christian Education and in our world-wide outreach for the unsaved through our world mission program. They enthusiastically and gratefully participate in the Cooperative Program of the Convention. Joseph W. Linkie is pastor of the church.



## "Most Effective Method Devised"

Mr. Everett Lee, proprietor of Edrington Service Station in Campbellsville, is chairman of deacons and Sunday School superintendent at the Campbellsville Baptist Church. Mr. Lee expressed his feelings for the Cooperative Program this way:

"The Cooperative Program is the most effective and efficient method devised to enable people to be world Christians, and have a part in all the aspects of Southern Baptist life. Cooperating, dedicated Christians with a sense of being real stewards of self, time, talent and material possessions, can have a very effective witness for Christ."

Randall Hill, minister of education at the church, says that Mr. Lee is known by the whole city as a hard-working, devoted Christian.

Dr. Chester Badgett, pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church, is also the president of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Pride Baptist Church Shares Its Growth

Pride Baptist Church is experiencing some wonderful growth. Since the pastor, Jimmy Price, came on the field 15 months ago, the church has had ten professions of faith and three additions by letter. They have purchased and paid for new carpeting and a new organ, a study for the pastor, and have organized a youth choir and Woman's Missionary Society.

Price indicates that the church budget has increased and in an effort to have a larger part in world missions the church has increased its gifts through the Cooperative Program from 5% to 10%.



## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The stewardship department is mailing this special issue of the WESTERN RECORDER to all Sunday School, Training Union, WMU and Brotherhood superintendents and presidents. For this reason, those leaders already on the WESTERN RECORDER mailing list will receive two copies of this issue.

## Open Doors and Hungry Hearts

Students gather around the piano and sing at the Baptist Student Center, Taichung, Taiwan. Miss Mary Sampson, playing the piano, is from Louisville, and has been under the appointment of the Foreign Mission Board for 16 years. She began her work in China but moved to Taiwan when our missionaries were forced to leave China.

Miss Sampson recently wrote, "Three were baptized recently, and we thank the Lord for their courage to break the ancient ties of superstition and worship of idols to walk now with the Lord. Please continue to pray for the work here in Taichung . . . and in all Taiwan. There are many open doors and hungry hearts but there are also many high walls and millions in spiritual darkness."

Mrs. Ethel H. Sampson, a cousin of Miss Mary Sampson, serves in the Kentucky Baptist Building as secretary to Dr. Herman Ihley in the department of inter-racial cooperation. Mrs. Sampson says, "Working here at the home base in the Baptist Building, we can see first hand what the Cooperative Program does and means as we Baptists share Christ with the world. It is our privilege to be 'Jerusalem' and from here to extend the blessed Good News to the uttermost parts. We are thankful to God for our small part in His mission program."

# . . . Those Served by It



## Bible Lessons for Mothers

Mrs. Edgar Heathman, a member of First Baptist Church, Nicholasville, drives 30 miles every Tuesday morning to teach Bible lessons to a young Mothers' Club. The club was organized in the fall of 1960 and Mrs. Heathman has taught the class each week since it was organized. "I feel that it is a most worthwhile project," she says, "It is something that I can do that really amounts to something."

Two of the ladies who are members of the club are now teaching Sunday School classes in missions. Several of the mothers have been converted as a result of the Bible studies.

"Reaching these young mothers is one of our finest mission opportunities," Mrs. Heathman said. The Community Center is operated in conjunction with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Direct Missions Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## Answering the Prayers of Children

Under the Board of Child Care, Kentucky Baptists operate three children's homes; Glen Dale located at Glendale, Spring Meadows located at Middletown, and Pine Crest located at Morehead. In addition to group care of these campuses, other services include ministry to unwed mothers, adoption services, foster home care, mother's aid, and a program of higher education for those who graduate from the homes. Last year our Cooperative Program dollars shared in answering the prayers of 715 children through the child care program.



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"Earnestly Contend for the Faith Which was Once for All Delivered to the Saints"  
—Jude 3

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# THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM : Those Who Give It . . .



## Union City Accepts Challenge

"Our people have accepted the challenge of increasing their Cooperative Program gifts each year," writes Mike Watts, pastor of Union City Baptist Church near Richmond. "We have not placed a limit on the percentage that will be our maximum. We were giving almost 12% last year, but after the special appeal given at Louisville last year in June, our church voted to increase by 3%."

"Our church also accepted its goal in the CEA program. This will be our final year on our pledge, but already our church is discussing ways of continuing financial support for our schools and our college-age young people. This church is also a firm believer in Associational missions. We are now supporting the Tates Creek Association with a monthly amount of \$35.00. There are various offerings and gifts to designated mission causes which rounds out our church mission program."

## Conviction Brings Action

William A. Curl, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling writes, "We believe in the Cooperative Program, both in what it stands for and what it is doing. This belief has resulted in our raising our dollar gifts in the past two years by nearly \$4,000. This represents 26% of our budget."

"We increased our percentage again this year. We have no plans to ever cut back this lifeline which enables us to reach from Mt. Sterling into all the world and hope to increase our gifts each year."

## Challenge Greater Than Ever

"The many theories, philosophies, and concepts presented to the world today make the challenge of the Great Commission given by our Lord and Saviour greater than ever before. I am convinced that the Cooperative Program is the best way that we as individuals and as churches can meet this challenge," says Owen Gregory of Henderson, Kentucky.

Mr. Gregory is a real estate broker and is a member of First Baptist Church Henderson. He is completing a third year as an Executive Board Member.

## Stewardship Potential Untapped

"I see a stewardship potential still untapped. The Cooperative Program has just begun to function. The best is still ahead. The idea is as great now as it was in 1925. It remains for Southern Baptists to see the Cooperative Program for what it can be, not what it is at present. The Cooperative Program is the one successful way to share Christ with the entire world."—George W. Schroeder, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee.



## Unlimited Accomplishments

A pharmacist-businessman, Mr. James Arnold, is a member of the Third Baptist Church, Owensboro and serves the church as a deacon. Concerning the Cooperative Program he says, "I personally think that it is every Baptist's concern to definitely support our Cooperative Program. As individuals we can do only so much toward mission work, but collectively through the Cooperative Program with everyone's support our goals are relatively unlimited."

## Cooperative Support Gives Each A Part

Mr. Homer Jennings, who owns and operates Jennings Auto Parts in Berea, recently stated, "The Cooperative Program is the best means I know of to carry out the Great Commission—beginning at home and reaching to the ends of the earth. By working together, we each can have a part in all the work that Southern Baptists support, rather than concentrating on one particular ministry."

As Sunday School superintendent of Berea Baptist Church, Mr. Jennings is interested in all phases of the church program.



## Indians Baptized

Baptist Indians in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, have taken the gospel to members of their tribe who live in the neighboring state of Minas Gerais. "The chief and two others have been baptized, and local authorities say the whole tribe has changed," reports Southern Baptist Missionary Harold E. Renfrow, executive secretary of the Rio Baptist state convention. Mr. Renfrow is going to hold an evangelistic meeting among the Minas Gerais Indians in April. "The Indians have had a dream that I am to help," says Mr. Renfrow.

## The Cedarmore Ministry

Throughout the years many missionaries, pastors, teachers and other denominational leaders have testified that they first felt called to a church-related vocation while attending a camp or assembly. Cedarmore Baptist Assembly and Camps are providing such a year-round conference and missionary camp center for Kentucky Baptists. A part of our Cooperative Program dollars helps provide and maintain the very best obtainable in training, inspiration, worship and fellowship for all who come.

Many churches and associations, as well as the regular departments of state work, gather here for training retreats, inspiration and fellowship. The Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention holds its semi-annual meetings here. Cooperative Program allocations provide these facilities for training Baptists to serve God around the world.



Mrs. William L. Jester, another native Kentuckian, serves as a missionary nurse in the Ogbomosh Baptist Hospital. Here she is in the women's ward, talking with a mother holding her baby.



## The Cooperative Program Healing

Dr. and Mrs. Truman Mays were appointed to service at the Baptist Medical Center in Ogbomosh, Nigeria, last fall. Dr. Mays is a native of Kentucky, and both are graduates of Georgetown College. As they serve and as we help send them, it is another example of Kentucky Baptists cooperating to answer the prayers of a world in need.

Medical missionary, Dr. L. C. Smith, wrote the following account of the work at the Ogbomosh Baptist Hospital. "A young married woman was brought to the hospital by stretcher because she had been paralyzed for about a week. She had tuberculosis of the spine with pressure on the spinal chord.

"An operation was performed, and the following day the feeling in her legs began to return and in a short time she was able to move again. While in the hospital she heard the Christian gospel on several occasions, and she became a Christian. She is now walking even though there is some deformity in her back.

"The Cooperative Program plays a big part in making this type of medical work possible. The Cooperative Program is the financial backbone of our mission work," concluded Dr. Smith.

We also operate three hospitals in Kentucky: Western Baptist, Paducah; Central Baptist, Lexington; Kentucky Baptist, Louisville.

## Overseas Koreans

Donald H. Rose, Southern Baptist missionary associate, has begun a Bible class for Koreans who live in the Mainz area of Germany. Twenty persons are enrolled in the class, which uses Baptist Sunday School literature prepared in Korea and Korean-language Bibles furnished by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

# THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM: Those Who Give It . . .

The "Collective" Ministry of the Cooperative Program



Owner of food stores in London and Manchester, Mr. Dyche Jones, had the following to say about the Cooperative Program:

"Christ gave us the Commission to go, teach and train. He also taught us to serve our fellowman. By serving others we show our love for Him. We have a time-proven way through the Cooperative Program, whereby we as individuals, as churches and as Kentucky Baptists can collectively go, teach and serve to a greater extent and far more successfully than we can individually or by churches only.

## Good Design

One of the deacons of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Elbert C. Ray, is a design engineer. "Ten years experience as a consulting engineer has instilled in me an appreciation for good design," Ray says. "The designer must continually strive to achieve the maximum efficiency at least cost.

"The past success of the Cooperative Program has been due largely to its good design. Its design allows all Baptists to participate materially in all activities of the SBC—regardless of the size of the gift.

"God designed man to be a giver, not because God needs his gifts but because man becomes more like God when he maintains an attitude of giving."

## Scriptural and Systematic

Mrs. E. H. Barksdale is a deacon's wife and a homemaker. She is active in Lone Oak Baptist Church of Paducah through the W.M.U., Training Union and Sunday School. Recently she said, "I have faithfully supported the Cooperative Program and encouraged others to do so, as I believe it is a Scriptural plan. The systematic division of the Cooperative Program dollar is the most effective way to give each individual an opportunity to share in sending the gospel to the ends of the earth."



"I am happy our Baptist leaders saw this need years ago. I wholeheartedly endorse the Cooperative Program—our lifeline to the world for missions, education, evangelism and benevolence in Christ's name.

"God has provided abundantly. Let's use God's plan with 'Every Baptist a Tither,' and by budgeting a more substantial percentage of those tithes to our Cooperative Program."

Mr. Jones is a member of First Baptist Church, London, where he is a dea-



con, adult Sunday school superintendent, sings in the choir and is active in other parts of church life. His wife shares his feelings for the Cooperative Program. She is a Sunday school teacher and is active in the choir, Training Union and the W.M.U.

The minister of music and education, Mr. James Morrison, says that the Joneses really believe in the Cooperative Program and are faithful with that which belongs to the Lord. Winn T. Barr is pastor of the church.

## Those Served By It:

### Ministering at the Middle of the World

Quito, Ecuador, lies just a bare ten miles south of the Equator. Baptist work is manned by three missionary families. As I reflect upon the question, "What the Cooperative Program means to us in our work," I immediately reply, "everything," writes Stanley D. Stamps, Ecuador.

As mission treasurer and city missionary, I have seen the Cooperative Program come to life and work in many ways. It means funds to help supplement pastors' salaries in struggling new churches, whose members scarcely gain a subsistence income. It is money designated to offset the expenses of a Baptist Primary School teaching 180 children Bible and Christian truths. It means supplies, equipment and maintenance for churches and missions which are proclaiming the Gospel.

The Cooperative Program is at work on the airwaves as radio and TV programs provided by the Radio and Television Commission are transmitted to an unseen but responsive audience. It provides New Testaments and other Christian literature for those who call or write asking for help. It comes to life in the Baptist Book Store as a customer buys a book, published in our Spanish

Baptist Publishing House with Cooperative Program funds, at a price the national believers can afford. It is millions of tracts distributed to the countless lost, by youth, pastors and church workers.

It is the source which provides a library and recreation center in a church ministering to students of a nearby Central University. It offers camps and retreats for young and old alike who want to learn to be better Christian witnesses. It provides Seminary and Theological Institute training to those who have responded to the call of Christian vocational service.

I have felt the Cooperative Program at work as I sat down to talk with a person about his soul, or counsel with a church about a problem. Perhaps the best way to tell it is: in a recent baptismal service I had the privilege of baptizing ten new believers, one a former student for the Catholic priesthood, another my own son, all the results of missionary efforts made possible through the Cooperative Program. And finally, speaking personally, it means missionary support to maintain the home and health of the missionary families. This is what the Cooperative Program means and MUCH MORE!

## DALEY OBSERVATIONS



### A Day Not to Miss

A never-ending task of Baptists is informing and educating millions of church members who respond best only when they know the facts. The task is everlasting for at least two reasons. We never have succeeded in informing all Baptists of any one generation concerning what we're doing all over the world. And, even if we reached the last person with the information today, by tomorrow we would have a new generation to educate.

This makes April 16 one of the most important days on the church calendar. This is the time for a special spotlighting of the Cooperative Program. No wise pastor would wait for one Sunday to talk about the Cooperative Program, but he would welcome an opportunity to give special recognition on one day to a plan so greatly blessed by the Lord and so effectively used by the Lord's people.

While Baptists disagree on many issues, there is little debate about the value of the Cooperative Program. We believe all we do should have scriptural support, but we no longer have to dig for proof texts for the Cooperative Program. The example of cooperation between local churches in the New Testament and even a combined offering from the churches to meet a special need assure us that we are in the New Testament spirit when we give through the Cooperative Program.

This does not mean the Cooperative Program is perfect. Far from it. Many of us would change some of the percentages now used in the division formula. All Baptists will never likely agree on the same priorities in our mission endeavors, but we accept the conclusion of the majority after prayerfully considering all our responsibilities and expressing our convictions.

This year, of all years, is one for Kentucky Baptist churches to emphasize the merits of the Cooperative Program. We have set out to reach an ambitious goal by August 31, and right now we are slightly behind that goal. The last several years have been the best in all Kentucky Baptist history in Cooperative Program giving and should encourage and inspire us to extra effort between now and the end of August.

For churches and pastors planning a special emphasis for April 16, there is no scarcity of material available. This issue of the *Western Recorder*, which has been prepared mainly through the efforts of Stewardship Promotion Secretary Mike Speer and *Western Recorder* Assistant Editor George Knight, is devoted to a Cooperative Program emphasis. Mr. Speer has

also prepared for wide distribution one of the most attractive Cooperative Program brochures ever produced. The *Sunday School Builder* and the *Training Union Magazine* also have materials for this purpose.

The Cooperative Program blesses us every day of every year. Let us honor it on one day, April 16. The highest honor for it is to tell its story to every last Baptist in Kentucky.

### An Event Not to Miss

About the first of May we will have an issue of the *Western Recorder* which highlights the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, May 30-June 2.

In the meantime, the churches should see to it that the pastors and some laymen, if possible, are making plans to attend the convention. Of all Baptist get-togethers this is one which Baptists should not miss. The success and even the survival of any democratic organization depend upon participation by the constituents, and far too few Southern Baptists take part in determining the direction of our denomination.

The weather is wonderful this time of the year in Florida; and attractions other than the convention are numerous. Many families will use the 1967 convention for their annual vacation. Many more would do so if the convention was not at such an unsuitable time.

When will we get around to changing the convention dates to suit the messengers? This year, as usual, it conflicts with the end of many schools. This makes it impossible for some families to make satisfactory arrangements.

The convention should have top priority on the denominational calendar and should come when convenient for most Southern Baptists. The present unsuitable date has been discussed often and was even mentioned last year on the convention floor. Responsible committees and persons seem to be dragging their feet on this matter, and if they continue to do so, they could be embarrassed and inconvenienced by having the date of the convention changed on the floor of one of the sessions.

Many churches now provide convention expenses for the pastor. This is proper, and those who do not should do so. This is not an expense without return but really is an investment in a pastor whose leadership ability is enhanced by attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

## New Department of Inter-racial Cooperation Under Way

Dr. Herman Ihley, who began his work as secretary of the newly-formed department of inter-racial cooperation on March 1, has the program will under way. Dr. Ihley served for the past ten years as secretary of the Sunday School department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention. His appointment by the Home Mission Board and call to work in Kentucky means the Home Mission Board program of work with National Baptists is now giving special attention to leadership training in 27 states, in which approximately 18,000,-



**DR. IHLEY** goes over plans for the Vacation Bible School program for this summer with Rev. W. H. Goatley, Director of the Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville and Superintendent of Missions for the Central District Baptist Association.



**ANOTHER PART** of the joint work is shown here at the Baptist Community Center in Lexington. Mary Poe, a US-2 worker appointed by the home mission board, tells Juniors how to carry out their craft projects.

000 Negroes reside. This work is supported by Cooperative Program giving.

The basic purpose of the department is to provide continuous and comprehensive leadership in all areas of fellowship and work with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, and other racial groups. Dr. Ihley has already met with numerous leaders of

the General Association of Baptists to discuss plans for working together. Discussions of the coordination of work have been held with J. B. Porterfield, superintendent of missions for the General Association of Baptists. A plan to expand the curriculum at Simmons University has been discussed with E. L. McCall. McCall is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is a professor at Simmons. Several leaders from the General Association will attend the Stewardship-Foundation Conference to be held at Cedarmore, April 6-8. Other areas of cooperation are in the process of being developed.



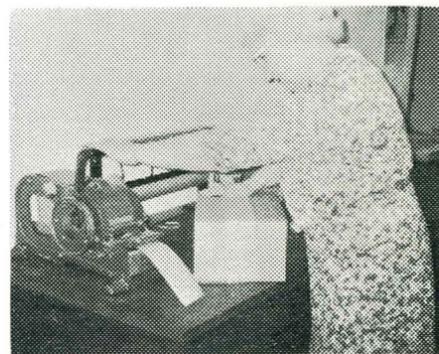
**THE FACULTY** for the Vacation Bible School Clinic at the Baptist Fellowship Center meets with Dr. Ihley.

## Tract Services Offer Help to Churches

The Kentucky Baptist Building's Tract Service offers an assortment of printed material designed to provide information on almost every conceivable subject of interest to various church organizations and individual members. Over a million pieces of printed material are distributed free to churches throughout the state annually.

Tracts, leaflets, maps, booklets, and folders are available ranging through the total program of Baptist work. Materials are channeled to the churches from the Sunday School Board, various Commissions of the SBC, and the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, in addition to other specialized informational pieces.

Churches or individuals may order tracts via mail or telephone as well as personally selecting your own from the many shelves at the Baptist Building. Tracts relating to a department of work such as Sunday School or Training Union, should be ordered directly from the department. Orders for other materials should be sent to Mrs. Elizabeth Dillon, Tract Room, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40043.



WESTERN RECORDER

## Religious News Program is Kentucky Baptist Service



Michael L. Speer confers with his secretary, Mrs. Shirley Tucker, at the Baptist Building in Middletown about news items for the weekly radio program. His copy is compiled and air-mailed to the Radio-TV Commission each Friday.

At the headquarters of the SBC agency in Fort Worth, Texas, announcer Don Sturgis goes over the copy to familiarize himself with its contents, then records the program on a single master tape.

Another part of the Cooperative Program ministry of Kentucky Baptists is the weekly radio news program now carried by 22 radio stations in the state. Inaugurated last year, the service is a joint program of the promotion department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the SBC Radio-TV Commission at Fort Worth, Texas. This ministry is a public service and is offered free of charge to stations which wish to use the program.

Copy for the news program is compiled and edited each week by Michael L. Speer, secretary of the stewardship-promotion department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, before being sent to the Radio-TV Commission for recording. These pictures tell the story of the production of the radio program each week.



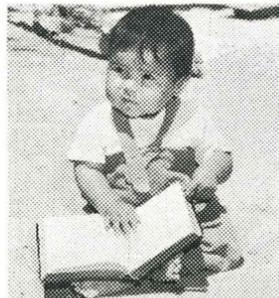
By 4:00 p.m. on the day when the original copy is received, the tapes leave the Radio-TV Commission. They are rushed by air mail to all participating radio stations in Kentucky.

Mrs. Margie Laird duplicates the tapes at the rate of 25 per five minutes. She also places the tapes in the "Kentucky News Scope" boxes.



The tapes are "sacked" for safe mailing by the distribution department of the Radio-TV Commission.

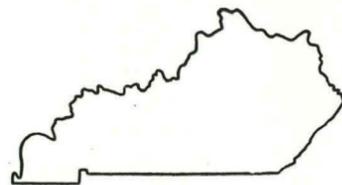




# Cooperative Program Budget 1966-67 \$3,500,000



## Cooperative Work



## within Kentucky

Christian Education .....	\$ 925,638 (26.45%)	Ministers' Retirement Plan .....	185,000 ( 5.29%)
State Missions .....	569,488 (16.27%)	Children's Homes .....	100,000 ( 2.86%)
<b>Departmental Allocations</b>		Baptist Hospitals .....	80,000 ( 2.29%)
Annuity (1/2 paid		Other Causes .....	285,310 ( 8.15%)
by Annuity Board) .....	\$ 19,041	W.M.U. Operating Budget.....	\$ 72,822
Brotherhood .....	48,090	W.M.U. Space Allocation.....	2,678
Church Music .....	29,793	Western Recorder .....	26,920
Direct Missions .....	328,574	Western Recorder	
Evangelism .....	23,676	Space Allocation .....	14,712
Foundation .....	25,463	Building and Improvement	
Inter-racial Cooperation .....	32,319	Loans Repayment:	
Stewardship .....	34,418	BSU Centers .....	12,000
Student Union .....	121,116	Kentucky Baptist Building	19,800
Sunday School .....	68,594	Cedarmore .....	49,238
Training Union .....	67,029	Camps and Assemblies	
Administration and Promotion .....	217,064 ( 6.20%)	Services .....	83,016
<b>Administration Allocations</b>		Church Building Assistance..	45,000
Executive Office .....	\$ 47,680	Schools and Colleges:	
Promotion .....	34,940	Operating Expenses .....	655,023
Coop. Program Promotion	10,000	Capital Needs .....	28,065
Business Management .....	97,718	Schools and Student Centers	
Central Services .....	24,310	Loan Repayment .....	300,000
Central Purchasing .....	8,340	Pioneer Work in	
		West Virginia .....	2,400
		TOTAL .....	\$2,703,573
		Income from Non-Cooperative Program	
		Sources .....	-341,075
		TOTAL INSIDE-KENTUCKY COOPERATIVE	
		PROGRAM BUDGET .....	\$2,362,500 (67.50%)

## Cooperative Work



## into all the World

Foreign Mission Board .....	\$ 553,735 (15.82%)	Brotherhood Commission .....	12,530
Home Mission Board .....	231,700 ( 6.62%)	Christian Life Commission ..	4,655
Six Seminaries .....	218,968 ( 6.25%)	Education Comm'ssion .....	4,445
Other Causes .....	133,097 ( 3.80%)	Historical Commission .....	4,200
Annuity Board .....	\$ 11,725	Radio-TV Commission .....	55,720
Southern Baptist Foundation	2,975	Stewardship Commission .....	3,850
Southern Baptist Hospital...	1,715	Public Affairs Committee...	17,640
American Seminary		Convention Operating Budg.	9,450
Commission .....	4,208	TOTAL OUTSIDE KENTUCKY .....	\$1,137,500 (32.50%)

## Georgetown Prof. Named To Honorary Fraternities

Clyde Bates, assistant professor of economics at Georgetown College and a graduate student at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, has been selected for membership in two national honor scholastic fraternities at the University.

The fraternities are Beta Gamma Sigma, national commerce and business honorary, and Omicron Delta Epsilon, national economics honorary.

Bates, who is in the upper third of his class, has a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 in his graduate work.

A native of Scott County, Kentucky, he has both the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Kentucky and has fulfilled most of the requirements for the Ph.D.

## SBC Business Officers Unite in Organization

The business officers of Southern Baptist agencies and Baptist state conventions voted at Dallas, Texas, to meet together beginning in 1968 as the Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference.

The business officers closed their two-day meeting at the Southern Baptist Annuity Board building in a joint session to elect officers and to hear an address by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville.

William G. Kersh, business officer for Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami, Oklahoma, was elected chairman of the organization.

Three vice-chairmen were also elected. They are W. Dean Willis of Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas; R. Leigh Pergus of Judson College (Baptist), Marion, Alabama; and Leon Spencer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh.

The two groups previously had met in separate meetings, except for one session. (BP)

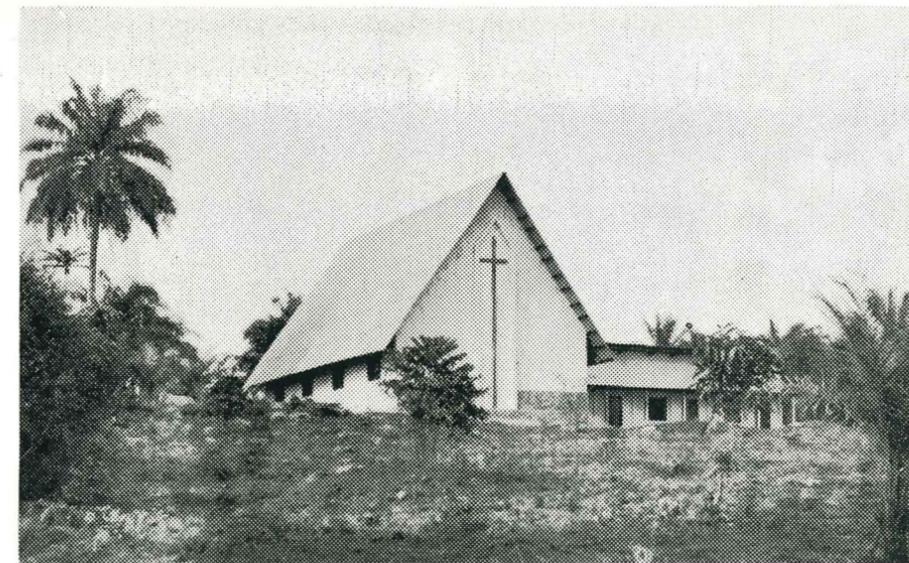
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## Georgia Baptist Board Turns Thumbs Down On Special Session Idea

The Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention vetoed a request for a called convention session to consider the "financial crisis" facing Georgia Baptist Colleges.

The Executive Committee approved instead a special study of the problem this fall after the nation-wide Baptist Education Study Task findings are reported.

In a quarterly session at Georgia Baptist Assembly at Toccoa, the Executive Committee said "No" to a plea from Mercer University, a Baptist school in Macon, Georgia, asking that a special committee study college financing and that the committee make its report to a called session of the convention.

Instead, the Executive Committee instructed its education and administration committees, along with the Georgia Baptist Education Commission, to make special studies of the final reports of the Baptist Education Study Task, and arrange for a depth study of the college financial problems when the Executive Committee meets again in September.

The Southern Baptist Convention-wide Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) is due to make its final report sometime this summer following the second National Study Conference in Nashville, June 12-15.

The Georgia Baptist Executive Committee did approve administrative plans for handling any special monies designated for Christian education, and gave its endorsement to an idea called "Operation Over and Above," which several Georgia Baptist churches have begun in recent months. (BP)

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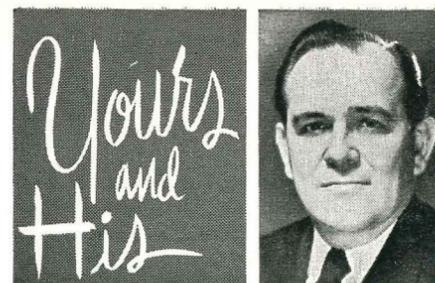
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#### This Dedicated Issue of W. R.

About 12 pages of this issue of the *Western Recorder* are dedicated to our world task through the Cooperative Program. You should read every word of this issue, including the excellent editorial by Dr. Daley. We are grateful for the services of George Knight, assistant editor, in preparing this issue to inform and inspire thousands of Kentucky Baptists concerning that for which God planned, Christ died and rose again, and the Holy Spirit makes his primary work in the world—the saving of souls and the commitment of saved-souls to the mission task.

#### Ky. Baptists Answer Prayer

Every pastor and leader has received a copy of the illustrated brochure entitled "Kentucky Baptists Answer Prayer Through Cooperation." This material, prepared by Michael Speer, Stewardship Promotion Secretary, highlights the broad approaches to the task of "sharing Christ with the whole world" through the Cooperative Program. Other materials, in abundance, appear in the denomination's leadership periodicals; and materials are being shipped to pastors who request them.

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## Herndon to Remain With Spring Meadows

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Herndon

Kentucky Baptist Convention, has announced that J. D. Herndon has reconsidered and will be staying on as superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home at Middletown.

It had been announced earlier that Herndon was leaving the Spring Meadows post to become superintendent of missions for Kentucky's Green Valley Association.

### Baptists of Russia Issue Call for World Peace

Russian Baptists have issued a "Jubilee Message To All the Christians of the World," calling for Christian unity for world peace and for opposition to nuclear war.

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### Peak Ordained by Davis Memorial, Louisville

Paul R. Peak, minister of education and youth at Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, and a student at Southern Seminary, was ordained to the ministry by the Davis Memorial congregation on Sunday, March 26.

Dr. Findley Edge, professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered the ordination sermon and the charge to the candidate. C. Earl Leininger, pastor of the church, led in the ordination prayer, and the laying on of the hands followed with the deacons of the church participating.

Peak

A B.A. graduate of Belmont College, Nashville, Peak will receive the M.R.E. degree from Southern Seminary in June. He also served Louisville's West Broadway Baptist Church as minister of music.

His wife, Suzie, has worked at the Kentucky Baptist Building at Middletown for the past two years as secretary to *Western Recorder* Editor C. R. Daley.

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## Saylor Becomes New Pastor Of First Church, Walton

Charles T. Saylor, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church in Jeffersonton, Kentucky, for the past four years, is the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Walton, Kentucky.



A native of Corbin, Kentucky, he is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville.

## Hawkins named President Of Student Workers Group

Aubrey L. Hawkins, secretary of the department of student work for the Georgia Baptist Convention, was elected recently as president of the Association of State Directors of Baptist Student Work.

In their annual meeting at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the state Baptist student work secretaries elected Keith H. Harris of the Baptist Convention of Maryland as secretary-treasurer.

## Princeton Church Commends New For Faithful Service

First Baptist Church of Princeton, Kentucky, has passed a resolution of appreciation for Hugh New, who served that congregation as a deacon for several years before resigning recently in order to move to Louisville.

New is now working in the Western Recorder print shop at Middletown as a printer and make-up man.

The resolution commended New and his family "for their devoted service to Christ, faithful service in the church and Christian example."

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# SBC Foundation Votes to Appoint Advisory Council of Ex-members

The Southern Baptist Foundation meeting at Nashville elected a new president and authorized appointment of an advisory committee in order to utilize the experience and talent of members who are rotating off the board.

New chairman elected by the Foundation board is L. B. Stevens, owner of an investments company based in Nashville. Stevens succeeds Stirton Oman, owner of a world-wide construction company with offices in Nashville, who has been president of the Foundation board for 11 years, and also has served as chairman of the board's executive committee.

Peyton Brown of Raleigh, North Carolina, proposed the appointment of an advisory committee to utilize the talents and experience of such men as Oman. The committee would have no authority or voting rights, but would advise the Foundation's executive committee in the area of investments and operations.

### Valuable Experience Saved

"In this way," explained Brown, "we will not lose the valuable experience of these men over a period of years."

Brown also praised the service of J. W. Storer, executive secretary of the Foundation for 11 years who announced plans to retire during the board meeting. Storer was elected executive secretary-treasurer emeritus, effective upon selection of his successor.

In his annual report to the Foundation board, Storer said he believed the Foundation "is on the very fringe of its greatest service for God and Southern Baptists."

Storer predicted that the greatest days of service and accomplishment by the Foundation in its history are the days that lie ahead.

The annual report also disclosed that funds held in trust earned more than \$380,000 for Baptist causes during the 1966 fiscal year.

The total trust funds held and invested by the Foundation during 1966 was \$8,614,788, a slight decrease from the

1965 total of \$8,737,000, caused by depreciation and decline in the stock market.

The average rate of return on the general investment fund handled by the Foundation was 5.11% during 1966, compared to a 1965 average rate of return of 5.01%.

Average rate of return on the Foundation's annuity funds was 5.79%, adequate to pay all annuitants, with a total of \$61,000 in annuity benefits issued during the year.

The Baptist Foundation invests reserves, endowments, and trusts for all Southern Baptist Convention agencies, and for the Baptist World Alliance and the convention's Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary.

The Foundation in other action voted to change its bylaws to provide for an annual meeting on the first Wednesday of December each year, because of a proposed change in the Foundation's fiscal year from the current calendar year basis, to a September 30 ending date for the Foundation's proposed new fiscal year. (BP).

## Henderson Baptist Writes Books on Famous Mothers

Elmer R. Hughes, lay preacher of Henderson, Kentucky, is the author of a second volume on famous mothers.



Hughes

His latest book, *More Famous Mothers*, published by Exposition Press, was preceded by *Famous Mothers*, published in 1963.

Hughes, reared as the son of a tobacco sharecropper in western Kentucky, knew hardship as a boy. He got his education the best way he could. He credits his mother's strong moral and religious influence with the incentive he has to serve the Lord and to honor motherhood.

He attended Clear Creek School in Pineville for three years. He is a painter by trade.

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### PETER'S SERMON AT PENTECOST

(This Lesson for April 16, 1967)

Amazed and perplexed at the startling phenomenon of hearing the comparatively uneducated Galileans preaching in various languages, a group of the Jews wanted to know what this meant. Some even accused the disciples of being drunk. In defense of those who were thus falsely accused, Peter declared that what the mockers had observed was the result of the work of the Holy Spirit, and not a drunken stupor. He explained that it was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel, and then he proceeded to preach Christ.

#### Acts 2:22-24

Whereas Peter was formerly timid and cowardly, he now was bold and brave. This was due to the fact that he was filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit is in control of any life, there is not any room for cowardice and fear. When a Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit, he is bold and courageous in speaking for Christ.

Peter's sermon at Pentecost was truly a masterpiece. And the fact that it was a reclaimed backslider who preached it is abundant proof that God can take a wayward man and use him mightily, provided that man will yield himself completely to Him. Peter's sermon was scriptural, logical, practical, pointed, personal, convincing, persuasive and effective.

In his sermon Peter emphasized the manhood, Messiahship, miracles and manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ. To prove to the people that Jesus of Nazareth was in reality the promised Messiah, Peter reminded his hearers

that He had been "approved of God" among them. This approval was evident in the "miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him," in their very midst. Those manifestations of divine power had been foretold by the Old Testament prophets. Peter declared that Christ had fulfilled so completely these prophecies that, beyond the shadow of a doubt, He was the promised Messiah. He proclaimed Him as the redeeming, risen and reigning Messiah.

Peter made much of the crucifixion of Christ. He knew that if the crucifixion were left out, with its stupendous message of the innocent suffering the punishment which the guilty deserved, then the sermon would not bear the credentials of Christianity. Preaching, which is worthy of the name, magnifies the crucifixion of Christ and sets Him forth as the One Who bore our sin in His body on the cross. Any preacher or Sunday School teacher who fails to emphasize the vicarious death of Christ is a very poor one.

Christ's death was certainly not a surprise to God. Rather, it was by God's determinate counsel and foreknowledge that the Son was delivered up to die for the sin of the world. Christ's death was in fulfillment of God's decree, and the manner of His death, "by wicked hands," was foreknown and foretold. In the light of this truth, Peter declared the complete moral responsibility of those who put Him to death.

The fact that the cross was in the eternal plan of God did not justify those who slew Christ. They acted as free moral agents fully responsible for their wicked deeds. Peter was careful to make it clear to the Jews that they were guilty of two things—they rejected Christ and they nailed Him to the cross.

Moreover, God had shown His approval of Christ in that He had raised Him from among the dead. Men had done everything within their power to prevent His resurrection. They had rolled a big stone in front of the door of the tomb, put a Roman seal on the stone, and then placed a guard of soldiers around the tomb as a final precaution. But, as Peter said, "It was not possible that He should be holden of death."

#### Acts 2:32-39

No fact in history is better attested than that of the resurrection of Christ from the dead. At least 120 persons bore witness to that fact.

When Peter preached his memorable sermon on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit used it to make those who heard it deeply conscious of their terrible guilt. His hearers were convinced of the truth of his message, convicted of the truth of his message, convicted of their guilt, and so filled with fear of the wrath of God that they cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter commanded them to repent and to be baptized in the name of Christ. To these Jews repentance meant to change their minds about Christ, to admit their guilt in rejecting Him and to believe on Him as their personal Saviour.

Having been cleansed from their sins on account of their repentance and faith, they were to express that cleansing symbolically by being baptized. After Christ had saved them, they gladly submitted to baptism as an evidence of their faith in Him and as an act of loving obedience to Him. "For the remission of sins" simply means on the basis of the remission of sins.

God's obedient children are baptized because they have been forgiven and saved already on the ground of their repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism is meaningless unless one's sins have been forgiven. Because Christ saved us when we believed on Him, we gladly submitted to baptism as an act of loving obedience to Him.

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Faculty for the session includes Ralph L. Smith, professor of Old Testament; Robert A. Eaker, professor of church history; Milton Ferguson, professor of philosophy of religion; and C. W. Brister, professor of pastoral ministry.

Each professor will have a specific seminar but at various times the seminars will be rotated and combined for dialogue, seminary officials said.

Common area of study for each of the four fields will be the chronological period from 1648 to the present. The seminar will feature lectures by the professors, reading, strong bibliographical orientation, dialogue, and limited research in assigned areas.

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*AMERICAN HOLLY; 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . .19	\$ .54
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WAX LEAF LIGUSTRUM; 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . .29	.83
MAGNOLIA; 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . .59	1.69
PFITZER JUNIPER; low spreading, 1 ft. . . . .89	2.59
CHINESE FIR; 1 ft. . . . .89	2.59
JAP YEW; 1/2-1 ft. . . . .59	1.69
PHOTINIA; 1/2-1 ft. . . . .59	1.69
PITTISPORUM; 1/2-1 ft. . . . .79	2.29
*RHODODENDRON; 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . .69	1.98
COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE; 1/2-1 ft. . . . .59	1.69
HETZI JUNIPER; sprd., 1/2-1 ft. . . . .89	2.59
NANDINAS; fiery red ones, 1 ft. . . . .59	1.69
*MOUNTAIN LAUREL; 1 ft. . . . .39	1.09
R. BERRY PYRACANTHA; 1/2-1 ft. . . . .89	2.49
GARDENIA; white blms, 1-1 1/2 ft. . . . .59	1.69
BOXWOOD (Dwarf); 1 yr., 1/2-1 ft. . . . .49	1.39
CAMELLIA SASANQUA; 1 ft. . . . .89	2.59
BURFORDI HOLLY; 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . .69	1.98
ABELLA; glossy leaves, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . .39	1.09
IRISH JUNIPER; 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . .79	2.29
*AMERICAN HOLLY; r. b.; 1/2-1 ft. . . . .39	1.09
(Above EVERGREENS are 1 or 2 yrs. old)	

<b>BULBS &amp; PERENNIALS</b>	EACH 5 for
PAMPAS GRASS . . . . .25	\$1.19
CANNA BULBS; red, pink, yellow . . .15	.71
PEONIES; red, pink, white . . . . .59	2.89
IRIS; blue, white, purple, yellow . . . . .09	.39
HOLLYHOCKS; mixed colors, roots . . .25	1.19
RED CARNATION; red . . . . .25	1.19
*VIOLETS; hardy, blue . . . . .19	.90
HIBISCUS; giant blooms . . . . .09	.39
(All PERENNIALS & BULBS are 1 yr. or older)	
<b>HEDGE PLANTS</b>	(1 to 2 ft.)
100 SOUTH PRIVET HEDGE . . . . .	\$1.89
50 SOUTH PRIVET EVERGR. HEDGE for 1.19	
25 MULTIFLORA FENCE ROSES for 2.49	
25 LOMBARDY POPLAR FOR HEDGE for 2.79	
(All HEDGE 1 to 2 ft. tall, 1 to 2 yrs. old)	

<b>SHADE TREES &amp; FLOWERING TREES</b>	Each 3 for
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. . . . .19	.55
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)	

<b>FRUIT TREES</b>	
PEACHES; Varieties: Elberta, J. H. Hale, Red Haven, Golden Jubilee, Belle Georgia, Hale Haven, Dixie Red. Prices: 1 to 2 ft.—39¢ ea.; 2 to 3 ft.—49¢ ea.; 3 1/2 to 5 ft.—89¢ ea.	
PLUMS; Varieties: Burbank, Marianna, American, Golden. Prices: 1 to 2 ft.—59¢ ea.; 2 to 3 ft.—89¢ ea.; 3 1/2 to 5 ft.—1.19 ea.	
APPLE TREES; Varieties: Red Delicious, Red Stayman, Early Harvest, Yellow Delicious. Prices: 1 to 2 ft.—59¢ ea.; 2 to 3 ft.—69¢ ea.; 3 1/2 to 5 ft.—1.19 ea.	
PEARS; Varieties: Keiffer, Bartlett. Prices: 2 to 3 ft.—\$1.19 ea.; 3 1/2 to 5 ft.—\$1.49 ea.	
APRICOT TREES; Varieties: Early Golden, Moorpark. Prices: 2 to 3 ft.—89¢ ea.; 3 1/2 to 5 ft.—\$1.49 ea.	
CHERRY TREES; Variety: Montmorency. Prices: 2 to 3 ft.—\$1.29 ea.; 3 to 4 ft.—\$1.69 ea.	
HARDY PECAN; 1/2-1 ft.—98¢ ea.; 1-2—\$1.29 ea.	

(All above TREES 1 or 2 yrs. old)

GRAPE VINES; Varieties: Concord, Carmen, Fredonia. Price: 1 yr., 1/2 to 1 ft. tall—59¢ ea. BLACKBERRY; 1 yr. plants, 1/2 to 1 ft. 23¢ ea. DEWBERRY; 1 yr. plants, 1/2 to 1 ft. 23¢ ea. FIGS; Magnolia; 1 yr., 1 to 2 ft. 1.39 ea. RASBERRY; 1 yr., red or black 39¢ ea. BOYSENBERRY; 1 yr. 23¢ ea.

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