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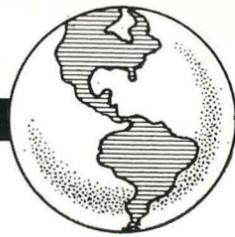
“Hotel Row”

Scores of ocean-side hotels face the Atlantic surf at Miami Beach, Florida, site of the 1967 session of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 30-June 2. At left is the Seville Hotel, one of the two convention headquarters hotels. The other is the Sea Isle.

Shoppers' Delight

A shopping promenade, Lincoln Mall, is located within a few blocks of the meeting place for the 1967 SBC in Miami Beach. The mall is landscaped with flowers, palms, pools and fountains. Electric trains, the only vehicles permitted, make a complete tour of the mall in 15 minutes.





GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

MRS. MARTHA ATKINS WILSON, 53, wife of Dr. E. S. Wilson, died on April 27 at her home in Pineville. Mrs. Wilson was very active in religious and civic affairs. She was the daughter of the late R. R. Atkins, long-time business manager at Georgetown College.

CORRECTION—The dedication service for the Flora Dodson Memorial Marker which will take place in Wayne County will be on May 28 instead of May 8 as previously reported. The *Western Recorder* regrets the mistake in listing the date and would like to call the attention of the many friends of Miss Dodson to this service.

A TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND June 5-26 for Dr. Paul J. Horner, Bible professor at Campbellsville College, and Mrs. Horner was made possible by donations from students, churches and friends. The fund began at Christmas, 1961, when a class at Campbellsville gave Dr. Horner a gift of \$9.65 labeled "Palestine." Since then the fund has risen to an amount adequate to cover the basic expenses of the tour.

NINETEEN PERSONS made decisions for baptism during recent revival services at Muddy Creek Baptist Church near Manchester, instead of four, as previously reported in the *Western Recorder*. A total of 49 decisions of all types was recorded.

THE NEW COMMUNITIES MISSIONARY for Lewis County is Lawrence Ray Shipley. He will serve also as pastor of Oak Ridge and Concord Baptist churches in that county.

T. A. THACKER, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Murray, conducted a revival recently at First Chilhowee Baptist Church, Seymour, Tennessee. A total of 29 persons were added to the membership of the church during the revival.

DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM L. JESTER express their appreciation to the many persons who sent messages of sympathy following the death of their son-in-law, Major Duane F. Denton.

GUY GORDON has resigned as pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, to accept the pastorate of the Marion, Kentucky, Baptist Church, effective June 4.

THREE PERSONS made professions of faith during a revival at First Baptist Church, Cannonsburg, Kentucky. Pastor Lee Gore of First Baptist Church, Louisa, Kentucky, was the evangelist; the Cannonsburg pastor is Charles H. Mitchell.

PASTOR ARTHUR CHRISTMAS of Panther Creek Baptist Church near Owensboro is the author of a prayer, "Search for Oneself," appearing in the book, *Prayers for Everyone*. Authored by Agnes Gibbs Ford, the book was published by Baker Book House.

PASTOR C. E. HANSFORD of Woodstock Baptist Church in Pulaski Association preached during revival services at Hyattsville Baptist Church near Lancaster. A total of 15 persons made decisions for church membership. Parcel Flannery is pastor of the congregation.

DELBERT G. FANN, a 1952 graduate of Georgetown College, will teach a course in the Navajo language at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, this summer. He is a missionary to the Navajo Indians and pastor of an Indian mission in Flagstaff.

JOHN S. GAINES, the new pastor of the Ferguson, Kentucky, Baptist Church, preached during revival services in that congregation. A total of 16 persons made professions of faith, and five decisions were made for church membership.

MISS DEANNA HURT, a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, has joined the staff of Kenwood Baptist Church in that city as youth director. A native of Norfolk, Virginia, she is a graduate of Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

DALE C. HOOD was born May 16 to Pastor Northup L. Hood and Mrs. Hood of Orville Baptist Church in Henry County Association. The new father is a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

THE HISEVILLE, KENTUCKY, BAPTIST CHURCH recently ordained Charlie McCoy and Senator James Newberry as deacons. Guest speakers at the ordination were Ira Singleton, missionary for Liberty Association; Ed Foley, pastor of Horse Cave Baptist Church, and E. Frank Tupper, pastor of Edmonton Baptist Church.

A YOUTH TEAM from Campbellsville College led a week-end revival recently at Knoxes Creek Baptist Church. Pastor William G. Reeder reports a good revival under the leadership of Ralston Crowder, Cecil Campbell, Wanda Sutton, Betsy Flippo, Karen Gibson and Steve Shelton.

MISS DONNA HARDYMAN of Greenup, Kentucky, a student at Indiana University, Bloomington, was recently elected vice-president of the Executive Council of the Indiana Baptist Student Union.

MR. AND MRS. STANLEY CRABB, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Italy, were scheduled to arrive in the United States May 8 for a four-month furlough. They may be addressed at 1965 Norris Place, Louisville. He is a native of Louisville; she is the former Patricia Maddux, of Hopkinsville. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958, he was pastor of the White Plains, Kentucky, Baptist Church.

CHARLES LEWIS of Ashland, Kentucky, began his ministry as pastor of Elsmere Baptist Church, Erlanger, Kentucky, on May 28.

MANDATE TO MINISTER: SBC President's Address

by H. FRANKLIN PASCHALL

Jesus said, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." And again He said, "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." From the mountains of inspiration and worship we go down into the lowlands to serve. Sir Walter Scott observed that the most beautiful scenery in Scotland is where the highlands and lowlands meet.

The Pattern of Ministry in the New Testament

There is a pattern of ministry in the New Testament. It is a ministry under authority. One word translated "minister" means under-rower. It is the picture of a servant rowing the boat under the authority and direction of the captain. In the New Testament, ministry is not optional but mandatory. It is under the authority and direction of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Captain.

There is the liturgy type of ministry, ministering to God in worship. It is public. Luke wrote, "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2). An alive, relevant, spiritual worship service will issue in missionary action. The need today is not to do away with the corporate ministry of worship but to make it vital and productive.

There is the deacon type of ministry. Jesus was a deacon. This type of service predominates in the work of Jesus and His disciples. It is a ministry in little things. The deacons were chosen to care for specific and neglected needs. There may be many volunteers to do big, noteworthy things but where are the volunteers to do the menial, unnoticed tasks. Christian ministry is at its best when credit is not sought for services rendered.

The deacon type of ministry is to persons. Jesus was concerned with the needs of human beings. Christian service is never cold, impersonal and matter-of-fact. It is warm, friendly, compassionate, personal. The organization, the profession, the movement must always be subordinate to human needs. In an age of population explosion and computers, bigger and bigger organizations in Church and State, it is easy to forget the dignity and worth of human beings and personal needs.

The Purpose of New Testament Churches

The ministry of Jesus was passed on to the churches. It was to be a ministry to the saints and to the world. The ministry committed to us is one in source and purpose. We have received "this

ministry," not these ministries. We are the churches of the Word, not words. We are the church of the Truth, not truths. Ministries, words, truths, divide and fragment us. This ministry, the Word and the Truth unite us. This ministry of reconciliation gives us an overarching, overruling, integrating purpose in all that we do.

Our ministry is redemptive. We plead with men to be reconciled to God. The word for "reconcile" means exchange. The old passes away and the new takes its place. There is a marvelous exchange. Once there was the stony heart. Now there is the tender heart. Once there was hate. Now there is love. Once there was the life of the flesh. Now there is the life of the Spirit.

True churches have a place in the purpose of God in Jesus Christ. Institutional churches are under bitter attack today. Some say they are no more than ghettos of Christianity and islands of real estate. Swinburne called the church Christ's leprous bride. Others say that at best the churches are irrelevant and

churches should seek to destroy civilization.

Some say the churches should preserve civilizations. When the Nazi blitzkrieg was at its fury over London, Winston Churchill said: "The battle of Britain is beginning. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization."

A Christian Civilization?

One may ask if there is any such thing as a Christian civilization. But we must confess that our history would have been decidedly different if our forefathers had come from a Moslem or Buddhist or Hindu land. Our cities, rivers, mountains and roads have Bible names. Our Constitution and government reflect the influence of the Gospel. Our way of life is rooted in the Christian tradition. Is it our business as churches to preserve a way of life or support a particular form of government?

When the Gospel is preached and the Christian ministry performed a mighty force is unleashed against all of the evils in civilizations. At the same time, this mighty force is a support to all that is good in civilizations. Then it is an inescapable conclusion that Christianity is independent of civilizations.

Civilizations are mortal. They die. The Roman civilization and Christianity were closely intertwined. Some said that Christianity would fall when the Roman Empire fell. But it survived and proved its independence. Later, Christianity became identified with the institution of feudalism, a civilization that was destined to die. Again Christianity survived and proved its independence. Out of this survival came the Renaissance and Reformation.

Challenge of Science

In modern times there have come the industrial revolution, science and technology and space exploration. This civilization of technocracy too will pass away. The Christian faith will survive and flourish.

The primary purpose of the churches is not to destroy or to preserve civilizations, but to proclaim the reality of the Kingdom of God whatever may be the kingdoms and civilizations of the world. Arnold Toynbee was right when he said that Christianity does not exist for civilization but civilizations exist for Christianity. Jesus and the early Christians used the Greek language, Roman roads and other fruits of civilizations to communicate the Good News of the Kingdom of God. There are many magnificent means in our day which we should

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Southern Baptists Need A Challenge

As Southern Baptists gather in Miami Beach this week, they will hear again the things which have come to be expected at a Southern Baptist Convention. We will look at ourselves and praise the Lord for the favored and greatly blessed people he has made us.

While giving the Lord credit with our lips, we will not hesitate to congratulate each other on how great we really are. More than once we will hear that we are the largest non-Catholic religious group in America, as if sheer numbers mean the favor of God. Some speaker will likely boast that Baptists have not given up the infallibility of the Scriptures as have Presbyterians lately in adopting a new creedal statement. And someone will surely not miss the opportunity to delight his listeners by taking a swipe at the current ecumenical tide and by calling on Southern Baptists to save the world without help from any other religious group.

We have reason to be grateful for our statistical success. We ought to hold to the absolute authority of the Scriptures, and we must never compromise basic convictions however we cooperate with other religious groups. But to boast of our records and to feel self-righteous and superior are sinful. We should recognize whatever greatness there is about us only long enough to thank God and then proceed quickly to confess and repent for not being what we could be.

Self examination and critical evaluation are extremely severe disciplines, but we desperately need these disciplines at this period of our history. There are few signs among us that we feel we are a needy people. Not even our leveling off in growth and actual losses at some points have disturbed us much.

One of the reasons we are still heady is that our coffers are still being supplied with finances. Money is almost the measure of all things, and as long as it comes in we can't feel we are hurting too much. This has been another record year in church contributions though this is about the only place we have shown any increase.

At this point the word of God and history speak a warning. There is something about financial success, strength and power that lulls us into a false sense of security. Success in one's own sight is like the tranquilizer that makes us forget our real maladies. The truth is that a sedative is only a pain reliever, not a cure, and our sickness is still with us.

As Southern Baptists we are too fat for our own

good. Our abundance makes God unneeded, or at least we don't feel a great need for him. Like Israel of old it can be said of us, "But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked; . . . then he forsook God who made him, and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation" (Deuteronomy 32:15).

What this generation of Southern Baptists needs is some great cause or burden which would overwhelm us and send us to God for resources we don't have. It's not good to have to say it, but God has a better opportunity with us when things are not so well. Years ago when the denomination was deep in debt and when we were not yet a status religious group, we seemed to trust in God more than now. We had to have God then, but now we seem to be able to get along fairly well without him.

The Crusade of the Americas could be the kind of challenge to send Southern Baptists to their knees, but so far there are few signs of much concern. For many Baptists, this 1969 project sounds like the same old hat of simultaneous revivals with a plan book to go by which will guarantee success. And this at a time when the effectiveness of the traditional revival is being seriously reevaluated by many pastors and church leaders.

Not only in evangelism but in many areas are challenges great enough to humble and drive us to God. The problem is to feel deeply enough about anything spiritual to send us to the Lord. There is no shortage of causes big enough for Southern Baptists today. The shortage is in humility and concern, without which there is no hope for Southern Baptists.

Do or Die for Kentucky Southern

Kentucky Southern College is facing her ultimate moment of truth. The school's history has been one financial crisis after another, but the one faced presently will determine the destiny of the school.

Finding herself in desperate financial condition earlier this year and seeing no hope of receiving enough support from the Kentucky Baptist Convention to survive, Kentucky Southern requested and received release from the convention. The college proceeded immediately to seek government loans and grants.

The \$500,000 from the convention to Kentucky Southern now and another \$350,000 over the next five years have not proved to be enough to save the school. Another \$500,000 must be found immediately.

The school has turned to Baptists and others in the

Louisville area for this critically-needed help. It is right to expect those who gave birth to the school a few years ago to save her now.

Kentucky Southern is more than worth saving. It is a school of outstanding academic excellence. It is the only non-Catholic religiously-oriented college in the large metropolitan area of Louisville, and its unique approach toward education is desperately needed in American life today. It has experienced one of the most excellent starts of any college in America.

To remain a highly-respected school attracting outstanding faculty members and superior students, Kentucky Southern must satisfy the requirements to receive accreditation this fall. The school has already received the earliest recognition for excellence from the accrediting agency of any college in America. The two major requirements to be met by the zero hour this fall are more buildings under way and financial stability. Money is the only answer to these.

Will friends and believers in Kentucky Southern meet the challenge? It will not be easy. Baptists in Louisville in recent years have already been through two fund-raising campaigns for Kentucky Southern, one of which was highly successful, and one statewide campaign for Christian education. Many are still paying on pledges made in the statewide Christian Education Advance campaign. This means that easily-available contributions have already been received. What is demanded now is sacrifice and nothing less.

An example of the kind of commitment needed to save Kentucky Southern is V. V. Cooke, Sr., long

known for his generosity toward Kentucky Baptist institutions. Mr. Cooke, a sick man, defied family and physician counsel to attend the do-or-die meeting of the friends of Kentucky Southern. He said he reached the conclusion several years ago that in light of the trends of our times, no place could be found as valuable for his money as in Christian education. This conviction led him to make major contributions to Kentucky Southern, including one gift for more than \$1,200,000 to match 2 to 1 the \$600,000-plus raised by Baptists in Louisville in 1932.

Mr. Cooke also shared his philosophy of the use of wealth. He said money has no value apart from serving human needs, and bringing none into the world he would take none out of the world. The only wealth a man can take with him, said the Louisville layman, is that which is given for meeting human needs.

Mr. Cooke desperately wants Kentucky Southern to live. He feels that it is time for others to come to the front in support of the school. He is placing \$2,100,000 worth of property in the name of the school now. This full amount will come to the college when \$2,500,000 is raised from all other sources. This seems extremely fair and generous. Mr. Cooke further said that if Kentucky Southern survives, all his assets will ultimately go to the school. This could mean several million more dollars for Kentucky Southern.

What a challenge! Surely believers in Christian higher education in the Louisville area, Baptists and otherwise, will meet such an offer, thus guaranteeing the future of an extremely-needed quality college in Louisville.

Kentucky Southern College Seeks \$500,000 by July 15

Kentucky Southern College in Louisville is seeking \$500,000 in cash and pledges from churches and individuals in the Louisville area by July 15. President Rollin Burhans says the school must have this much by mid-July or face the real possibility of closing.

This announcement was made by the Kentucky Southern president at a meeting of pastors and laymen on the campus on May 23. Another meeting with individuals interested in the college was held May 26. President Burhans also announced a financial campaign which will soon be under way among small businesses in the St. Matthews-Middletown area. Later in the summer a campaign among big businesses in the Louisville area will be resumed which was begun earlier and was discontinued.

President Burhans says a minimum of \$1,500,000 is needed by October of this year, when the school is reviewed for accreditation, and a total goal of \$2,500,000 is sought by next year.

V. V. Cooke, Sr., Louisville Baptist philanthropist and largest contributor to the college, announced that he is put-

ting \$2,100,000 worth of real estate in escrow for the college. The college will have the \$2,100,000 upon receiving \$2,500,000 bona fide pledges from all other sources.

Principal speaker for the meeting was Wayne Dehoney, Walnut Street pastor in Louisville. Dehoney expressed strong convictions for a private, evangelical Baptist college in Louisville. He said he felt the school had taken the right steps so far and pledged his full support to the college. The Walnut Street pastor also expressed the feeling that other evangelical churchmen in Louisville should be interested in supporting Kentucky Southern since it is the only evangelical college in a city which has several Catholic colleges.

Kentucky Southern was separated from the Kentucky Baptist Convention on May 10 of this year upon the request of the trustees. The school is to receive \$500,000 from the convention immediately and will also receive \$77,010 per year for the next five years. The current campaign for \$500,000 from churches and individuals in the Louisville area

is in addition to the funds from the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

President Burhans assured those present at the May 23 meeting that the school would remain Baptist, though not officially supported and operated by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Michigan Native Named Seminary News Director

Bob S. Terry, formerly of Ypsilanti, Michigan, has been named news director of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, effective June 1.

He will direct the school's news bureau and serve as managing editor of *The Tie*, a monthly newsmagazine which circulates in 68 nations. He succeeds Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo, Jr., who was recently named executive assistant to the president.

Terry is a graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist) at Clinton, Mississippi, where he served as news writer for the school's public relations department and was departmental editor of the college newspaper, *The Collegian*.

Kentucky Baptist Schools Announce Spring Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises

Three of the five schools affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention recently announced their spring graduation exercises.

The schools are:

► **CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST SCHOOL**, Pineville—President D. M. Aldridge spoke to the 19 graduates from eight states during graduation exercises May 18. Kentucky was represented in the

National R.A. Congress Set for August of 1968

"World Mission . . . My Mission" will be the theme for the fourth national Royal Ambassador Congress scheduled August 13-15, 1968, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The event is sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee, and the state Brotherhood departments of the Southern Baptist Convention.

All business sessions of the Congress will convene at the Oklahoma state fairgrounds arena in Oklahoma City. The stadium has a seating capacity of 12,000 persons.

Royal Ambassadors will find many points of interest to visit in the city and nearby towns during their free time—the Cowboy Hall of Fame, a museum designed to preserve the state's cowboy and Indian heritage; Frontier City, U.S.A., a replica of an old western frontier town in the late 1800's; and Indian City, U.S.A., at Anadarka, Oklahoma, where authentic replicas of Indian dwellings can be seen.



CONGRESS SYMBOL—Elements depicting the past (Indian headdress) and the present (the metropolis), are combined to form the symbol for the fourth national Royal Ambassador Congress planned for August 13-15 of 1968. More than 8,000 R.A.'s from ages 9-17 are expected to attend the Congress.

class by Gilbert Harmon of Columbia; Everett Longworth of Rockholds, and Bernard and Marilyn Sullivan of Versailles.

► **CUMBERLAND COLLEGE**, Williamsburg—Both commencement and baccalaureate services were held on Sunday, May 27, for the 125 May graduates. Commencement speaker was Howard R. Boozer, a 1942 graduate of Cumberland, who is director of higher education for the North Carolina Board of Higher Education at Raleigh. Elmer S. West, Jr., pastor of the Mars Hill, North Carolina Baptist Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. He is a 1941 alumnus of Cumberland.

► **ONEIDA INSTITUTE**, Oneida—James Bergman, dean of men at Georgetown College, delivered the commencement address at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19. Baccalaureate services were held during the afternoon on the same day with Bob Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, as the speaker. Jones is the current president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Dayton, Ohio, Baptists Schedule Evangelistic Crusade for July

About 1,500 Southern Baptist canvassers have surveyed an estimated three-fourths of the one million people in the Dayton, Ohio, metropolitan area in preparation for an evangelism in-depth crusade in July.

"About 90,000 unchurched individuals were located, and this is a conservative estimate," said William A. Powell of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, who directed the survey.

During the intensive four-day survey, the 1,500 volunteers telephoned about 225,000 families in the greater Dayton area.

Nearly 10,000 of the 225,000 canvassed had no church connection or preference. Another 20,000 included individuals who expressed some preference, but were considered by the surveyors to be "unchurched" families.

Only 5.1% of the families contacted refused to give information about the religious status of the family, said Don Upp, minister of education for First Baptist Church, Kittering, Ohio, who was chairman of the survey committee.

A central stadium revival is scheduled for July 16-22, with W. A. Criswell,

Gordon Retires After 36 Years At Southern Seminary

Edward R. Gordon, a native of Auburn, Kentucky, retired March 31 from the staff of Southern Seminary at Louisville after 36 years as campus engineer and supervisor of maintenance at the seminary.



Gordon

The Seminary faculty and trustees honored Gordon and his wife, Viola, with a farewell gift and an expression of appreciation for his years of service at the annual trustees' meeting during April.

Gordon had been a member of Louisville's Broadway Baptist Church since 1927, four years before he joined the staff of the seminary. He served Broadway church as a deacon and also worked at one time as secretary of the athletic organization of Long Run Association of Baptists.

The long-time seminary staff member and his wife have moved to 725 S. Green Street, Winston Salem, North Carolina, where they will spend their retirement years.

pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, scheduled to preach.

The Dayton area Baptist churches have scheduled simultaneous revivals July 23-30, with Texas Baptist preachers, music directors and choirs—volunteers expecting no honorarium—assigned to each church.

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio is being assisted in the Dayton New Life Crusade by the Baptist General Convention of Texas evangelism division, and by the SBC Home Mission Board. (BP)

Baptist Heritage Week Scheduled June 18-24

"Know your denomination historically" is the theme for this year's observance of Baptist Heritage Week, scheduled for the week after the third Sunday in June. That Sunday, June 18, is designated as Religious Liberty Sunday.

The emphasis is sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., and the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

35 Students Register for First Urban Seminar in Washington, D. C.

Thirty-five students will converge on the nation's capital for a month-long Seminar on Urban Studies beginning June 12, according to Raymond Bryan Brown, dean of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

The seminar is sponsored jointly by the seminary, the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is the first project of its kind sponsored by Southern Baptists.

No more enrollments can be received, Brown said. The original limit was set at 32, but the demand was so great that three additional students were included.

The 35 participants will come from such states as California, Mississippi,

New York and North Carolina. The seminar will be composed of students, pastors, missionaries, social workers and representatives from language groups.

Three courses will be taught: (1) Christian dialogue within the international and interfaith community, (2) The church in the secular city, and (3) Resources for the church's community ministry.

The faculty will be E. Luther Copeland, professor of missions, Thomas A. Bland, professor of Christian ethics, both of Southeastern Seminary, and C. Emmanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington. (BP)



Records Microfilmed

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols (left) present a microfilm copy of all the records of First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Kentucky, to church moderator Morgan Marcum. The records cover 123 years of the church's history. The Nichols couple, who are members of the Hodgenville church, have been active in collecting records of Baptist churches in Larue County and financing their preservation through microfilm.

Baptists in Other Nations Report Progress, Challenges

Baptists of Mexico Off To Good Start In Five-Year Advance Plan

In 1966, the first year of a five-year program of evangelistic advance for Baptists of Mexico, Baptists there organized 24 churches, started 85 missions and 135 preaching points and baptized nearly 3,000 new believers (a record for any one year).

This growth was reported at the annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, held recently in Leon, Guanajuato.

The overall goals of the five-year program are the organization of 250 churches, 500 missions and 500 preaching points.

A speaker at the Convention meeting was Rubens Lopes of Brazil, president of the central coordinating committee for the 1969 Crusade of the Americas.

Delegates Are Challenged By French Baptist Leaders

A double-edged challenge to French Baptists—to strengthen their work in France and to consider their world mission responsibility—provided the impetus of the address of French Baptist Federation President Andre Thobois before 200 delegates to the 1967 Congress in Paris.

Reminding his audience that the French language is spoken in 25 nations of the world, Thobois said that mission-

aries recruited from French Baptists should be serving in those countries.

He urged his fellow Baptists to view the "world scene" in spite of a budget deficit, aggravated, in part, by the loss of English-language churches which had served the now-closed U.S. military bases in France.

Before President Charles de Gaulle requested that NATO leave France, there were eight English-language Baptist churches and missions in the country. Now there is one—in Paris.



Blind Irish Pastor

H. Leslie Harris of Dublin, Ireland, doesn't let his blindness prevent him from being an effective pastor of Phibsborough Baptist Church in that Irish capital city. He is assisted in his pastoral duties by Braille publications, tape recordings of Scripture and sermon aids, a good memory and his helpful wife. The church which he serves is one of only two Baptist congregations in the large city of Dublin.

Baptists of Germany Vote To Coordinate Schools

The Union of Evangelical-Free Churches (predominantly Baptist) in Germany voted during its 1967 conference to coordinate three Baptist training institutions in Hamburg into a theological school with one faculty under one administration.

The change is to be completed by August of 1968, at which time Dr. Rudolf Thaut, Union general secretary for the past eight years, will assume direction of the new school.

His immediate responsibility is to plan the new institution, which will have three departments—a seminary for pastors and missionaries, a two-year seminary for women training for church-related careers and a seminary for laymen.

Baptist Missionary Helps With Exhibit in Ghana

Southern Baptist Missionary James B. Annis, who serves in Ghana, Africa, assisted in the planning and supervision of a Christian booth at the recent Ghana International Trade Fair.

The exhibit was an international project which illustrated what churches in Ghana are doing to serve the nation through education, medicine, and agriculture and relief work.

During the trade fair, Christian book stands sold more than \$8,000 worth of Bibles and other religious literature and distributed thousands of tracts.

New Organization for Development Officers Proposed at Cedarmore

The first step toward the formation of a new SBC organization for development officers was taken recently at the second annual Development Officers' Institute May 15-18 at Cedarmore Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky.

A committee of five persons was named to formulate guidelines for membership in the proposed organization and to report at next year's institute, scheduled for May 13 at Cedarmore.

The committee includes three Kentuckians—James C. Austin, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation; Paul Kirkland, director of the Southern Seminary Foundation, Louis-

ville, and President Robert L. Mills of Georgetown College.

Also serving on the committee are Jim Cherry of Greenville, South Carolina, and Lloyd Wagnon of Birmingham, Alabama.

The second annual Development Officers' Institute at Cedarmore was attended by persons from 10 states. Conference director was James Austin of Kentucky.

Highlights of the program included a philanthropy tax institute and a discussion of the logistics of a development program, conducted by Edward B. Cale, president of University and College Associates, Washington, D. C.

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BAPTIST BANNER AND WESTERN PIONEER

Historical Highlights

FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER

10 YEARS AGO May 30, 1957

Woodmar Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, became the 1,000th church north of the Ohio River affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention when it was organized during May. The new church had been a mission of First Baptist Church, Hammond, which was the largest SBC church in the Chicago area at that time.

25 YEARS AGO June 4, 1942

Editor Victor I. Masters criticized a recent statement of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt that the story of Adam and Eve

in the Bible was to be interpreted as allegory.

"Upon what basis can we accept the account of Jesus, if the Old Testament in whole or in part is to be taken as an allegory?", Masters asked. "The same Holy Spirit inspired the record of Genesis, including the Adam and Eve account, who inspired the account of the life of Jesus. We have in the attitude of the wife of the President another example of the effort now being made to discredit the foundation of Christian faith by destroying the inspired record of the Holy Scriptures."

50 YEARS AGO May 31, 1917

First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, led the state in Sunday school attendance on Sunday, May 27, with 719 persons attending. Other Baptist churches having more than 500 persons in Sunday School on that day were Calvary, Lexington; First, Lexington, and First, Paducah.

125 YEARS AGO June 2, 1842

Annual commencement exercises at Georgetown College were scheduled June 30. Services were to be held in the "new Baptist meeting house" in that city. The next session of the school was to begin August 30.



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Baptist Radio Program Broadcast Into India

Southern Baptists have begun broadcasting a 15-minute version of "Master-Control"* in the English language into India from a 15,000-watt radio transmitter located on Male, capital of the Maldivian Islands southwest of India's southern tip.

"As far as we know, there is no Christian broadcasting allowed on the mainland of India. All radio stations are government-owned, and the government has banned Christian programming," said Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, producer of "Master-Control"*.

India is one of the most densely populated nations in the world.

"English is the associate official language in India," said Stevens, "and is spoken by the more educated population." He estimated a potential English listening audience in excess of 75,000,000.

Georgetown College Alumni Association Honors Five Persons

Four Georgetown College alumni and a former employee of the school recently received alumni achievement awards given annually by the Alumni Association to outstanding graduates and friends at commencement time.

The recipients were John Baker, a deacon of the Nicholasville, Kentucky, Baptist Church; J. Lindsey Nunn, retired Lexington, Kentucky, businessman; Miss Faith Snuggs, a Baptist missionary stationed in Kowloon, Hong Kong; Dr. Herbert Anderson, a Los Angeles, California, physician; and Miss Alice Mabel Scott of Lexington.

A plaque of special appreciation was awarded by the alumni to Miss Scott, who was assistant treasurer at Georgetown for a quarter of a century before her retirement last August.

Virginia Pastor Is Named Mountain Minister of Year

L. G. Herndon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Honaker, Virginia, was named Mountain Minister of the Year for 1967 by Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. He was presented a plaque and citation by D. M. Aldridge, president of the school, during recent graduation exercises at Clear Creek.

The honor, known as the A. S. Petrey Award, is presented annually by the Bible institute to the man chosen as the outstanding preacher in the SBC. Candidates for the award are recommended by the executive secretaries in the mountain states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The citation recognizes Herndon for "his faithfulness in the discharge of his ministerial calling and the exercises of special talents and gifts to lead his church to a well-deserved recognition . . . so marked as to become a worthy pattern and example for the mountain churches of Virginia and of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Kentuckians to Receive Degrees at Southern Seminary

Eleven students from Kentucky are among the 122 scheduled to receive degrees June 4 from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

Jerry Stubblefield of Paducah will receive the doctor of religious education degree. He earned the B.A. degree from Belmont College and the M.A. from Peabody College, both in Tennessee, and the bachelor of divinity and master of religious education degrees from Southern Seminary. He is to return to the faculty of Norman College in Georgia following graduation.

Six students will be awarded the bachelor of divinity degree. They are:

Larry L. Adams of Hopkinsville, pastor of South Fork Baptist Church in Hodgenville; Ernest Anderson of Maceo, pastor of Yelvington Baptist Church; Charles B. Bissell of Loyall, pastor of Thixton Lane Baptist Church, Louisville; Elvis Marcum of Greensburg, pastor of Graceland Baptist Church of New Albany, Indiana; G. K. Sharp of Rockholds, a school teacher; and Paul S. Smith of Tompkinsville, also a teacher.

William Carroll Logan of Louisville, minister of music at Eastern Parkway Baptist Church in that city, will receive the master of church music degree.

Three who will be awarded the master of religious education degree are Glenn Armstrong, social worker with the Jefferson County Welfare Department and at Spring Street Baptist Church in Louisville; Carrie Sue Gay, a public school music teacher; and Norman K. Wallace, pastor of Dry Valley Baptist Church in Lodiburg.

Both Armstrong, who is from Murray, and Wallace, a native of Paducah, have already earned the B.D. degree from the seminary.

One of the highlights of the commencement will be the awarding of the seminary's 10,000th degree.

A Kentucky Baptist pastor, Franklin P. Owen of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, will deliver the commencement address. A graduate of Southern Seminary, Owen is a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He has been on the seminary's board of trustees for the past several years and is a former chairman of the board.



Owen



Adams

Anderson

Armstrong

Bissell



Wallace

Stubblefield

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Marcum

Logan

Miss Gay

West Named New Superintendent Of Missions for Long Run Baptists

Kentucky's largest Baptist association has named a Nashville, Tennessee, Baptist pastor as its new superintendent of missions, effective July 1.

G. Allen West, Jr., pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville for the past 25 years, was named to the post by the executive board of the Louisville-area Long Run association during a meeting on May 8.

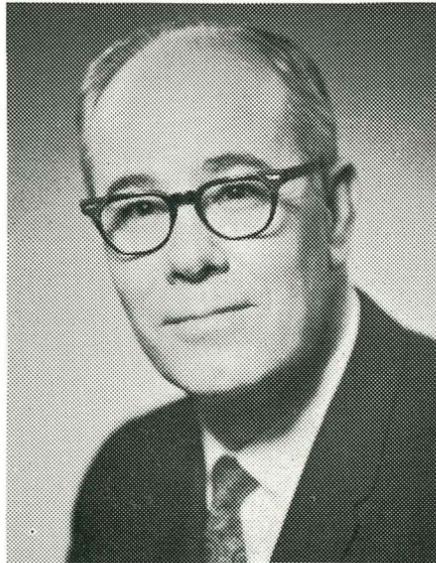
West earned Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary at Louisville in 1939 and 1942, respectively. While a seminary student, he served as pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Sturgis, Kentucky, and the Bagdad, Kentucky, Baptist Church.

A native of Waycross, Georgia, West has served on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and as a member of several other standing and special committees of the SBC. He was president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention during 1965 and 1966.

The new Long Run missions superintendent is the author of a book of missionary sermons, *Christ for the World*, published by Broadman Press in 1967.

He is married to the former Katherine Bugg of Louisville. They are the parents of two children.

West succeeds Ben Mitchell, who served as Long Run's missions superintendent for 14 years before his retirement January 1. Mitchell is now serving as pastor of Clifton Heights Baptist Church in Louisville.



G. Allen West

55,000 Conversions Reported In Last Year's Bible Schools

Southern Baptists spent an average of only 17 cents a day on each of the 55,578 boys and girls who made professions during vacation Bible schools in Southern Baptist churches during 1966.

The professions of faith were made in 18,316 Bible schools throughout the SBC.

It was an average of 2.2 professions of faith per five-day Bible school, and 4.2 professions per 10-day school.

These figures are given in a report of the 1966 Southern Baptist Convention-wide vacation Bible schools, issued recently by the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The report shows that in 16,818 schools, 180,453 juniors were reported unsaved, and in 9,279 schools the number of unsaved intermediates was 18,316.

The total enrollment of boys and girls was 3,388,924 in 30,348 schools with an average attendance of 2,817,826. Among the 30,348 total were 2,419 mission Bible Schools.

Of the 34,222 churches in 1,189 associations, 27,116 (79.2%) had a school and 7,106 (20.8%) had no school. Only three associations failed to report at least one school.

Based on the 2,817,826 attendance, there was a school average attendance of 93 pupils. The percentage of enrollment present daily was 83.1%. The average length of a school was 6.8 days with an average of 2.9 hours.

Kentucky Authors Featured In Broadman Press Exhibit

Two Kentucky Baptists are included among the 12 Southern Baptist authors who will be featured in a "meet the author" program at the 1967 session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at Miami Beach, Florida, May 20-June 2.

The authors of Broadman Press books will be in the convention book store to greet messengers who visit the Broadman Press exhibit.

Kentuckians participating are Mrs. Billie McMurry Emmons, a member of First Baptist Church, Ashland, author of *Letters from Mother*, and Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, author of *African Diary*, *Homemade Happiness*, *Challenges to the Cross* and the forthcoming *Disciples in Uniform*.

Bellevue Church To Build Memorial Garden For Lee

Dedication services have been slated by Bellevue Baptist Church at Memphis, Tennessee, for a Memorial Garden in honor of Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor-emeritus of the Bellevue church, and famed Baptist pulpiteer.

The garden, called the Lee Memorial Garden, is to be dedicated during the Tennessee Baptist Convention when it meets at Bellevue Baptist Church November 15.

The garden is to include a bronze bas-relief memorial plaque on a marble base, and a memento-trophy-library building where Lee's personal effects will be kept. The garden is to be filled with trees, shrubs, meditation spots, and fountains.

At a cost of \$50,000 a special committee of the church is planning and organizing the construction and financing of the memorial garden.

Lee, now 80, continues to preach frequently. He retired from the 8,100-member church in 1960 at the age of 73. (BP)

'Tired of Bull Sessions', Edge Does Something About Church Renewal

"I just got tired of bull sessions where people groaned and generalized about the problems of the modern church . . . and this is what resulted."

The speaker is Findley B. Edge—Basil Manly, Jr., professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. "This" is the unusual series of church renewal conferences which he co-ordinates at the seminary.

Edge became interested in the problem of institutionalism in the church during his student days and wrote his thesis on what religious education could do to help. After he joined the seminary faculty he began to struggle for a more permanent solution to a growing problem—the decline of "vital religion" in America.

A lecture trip to Canada gave birth to Edge's popular book, *A Quest for Vitality in Religion*, which deals with "the people of God in the modern world." From there, he made a continuing study of the renewal movements in Europe. After a sabbatical study leave which he spent observing Germany's institutes, he envisioned an adaptation for Christian groups in this country.

"It occurred to me that several things were needed for a meaningful conference," the professor said. "First, there must be isolation from daily worries, adequate time to give an opportunity for depth discussion and spiritual experience; then the renewal plan must include both pastor and layman to really be effective."

From One Conference to Four

Starting with one conference on the seminary campus in 1964, Edge's renewal movement has grown to four conferences this year, all of which are filled to capacity with laymen and clergymen from all types of churches.

Current resource leaders for the conferences have included Claxton Monro, an Episcopal minister from Houston; Gordon Cosby, whose Church of the Saviour in Washington, D. C., has attracted national attention; Robert Raines, Methodist pastor-author from Pennsylvania; and Keith Miller, formerly direc-

tor of "Laity Lodge," a Christian retreat center in Texas. Southern Baptist Seminary professors William Hull, Dale Moody, Wayne Oates and Kenneth Chafin are also among the 1967 conference leaders.

Future renewal meetings—all by invitation—are planned for November, 1967, and March and April, 1968.

Both the pastor and three laymen from a single church are encouraged to attend together. This way, the pastor is not alone in his attempt to stimulate renewal in the local situation when he returns.

Each conference is limited in size to permit the maximum use of personal dialogue, and attendance is by invitation only to insure a wide distribution of representation.

This is only the beginning, the professor says: "We need at least two renewal centers in every state, close enough for interested pastors and laymen to drive to them."



Edge

Dehoney and Hull Are Named Speakers For Baptist Hour

Wayne Dehoney and William E. Hull, both of Louisville have been named guest speakers for "The Baptist Hour" during the summer months, the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission has announced.

Dehoney, president of the Southern Convention from 1964-66, will be the speaker for six weeks beginning July 2. Dehoney is pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Hull, associate professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, will be the speaker for seven weeks beginning August 31.

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Radio-TV Commission, said it has been the custom in recent years to invite "outstanding Baptist preachers, teachers and missionaries to be guest speakers on 'The Baptist Hour' during June, July and August while Herschel H. Hobbs, the permanent speaker, is on vacation from the program."

Hobbs is pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. He will return as "The Baptist Hour" speaker in October.

Brazilians Discuss Theological Education

Fifty-two persons, representing 13 schools and various agencies of the Brazilian Convention, met in the historic city of Salvador for the first Brazilian Baptist conference on theological education, April 28-May 1.

Papers on seven subjects were presented and discussed. Among recommendations to be submitted to the Convention at its annual meeting next January is the creation of a national association of Baptist theological institutions.

Formal theological education in Brazil began with the founding of the seminary in Recife in 1902. Six years later the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary was begun in Rio de Janeiro. A few years ago a third school, in Belem, was raised from institute status to become the Equatorial Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition to seminaries, Brazilian Baptists sponsor several other schools.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



(These Lessons for June 11, 1967)

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

PETER AND THE GENTILES

Acts 11:1-18

Peter was chosen by the Lord to open the door of salvation to the Gentiles. But he was so bound by Jewish traditions that he needed God's special dealing before he was really prepared to evangelize them. It was not easy for Peter to overcome his race prejudice and be willing for Gentiles to share in all the riches of Christ's wonderful salvation.

I. The Vision (Acts 11:1-6)

Peter's preparation for being a messenger to the Gentiles came through a vision. While waiting for the meal to be prepared, "Peter went up on the housetop to pray." Both his soul and his body were in a craving state; his soul craving for communications from God, and his body for sustaining food. Soon after reaching the housetop Peter fell into a trance, a state in which his senses were sealed to all surrounding objects. In that state he had a vision in which he beheld a sheet let down from heaven. To his utter disgust and horror, within its folds were all kinds of wild and revolting animals, creeping things and fowls of the air. Everything within him recoiled from such a ghastly sight. The purpose of the vision was to convince Peter that the Gentiles, whom the Jews had esteemed unclean and profane were as admissible to the privileges of Christianity as the Hebrew people.

Awakening from his trance, Peter was in doubt as to the real meaning of the vision. Still reluctant to have any dealings with the pagan Gentiles, the Holy Spirit spoke to him saying "Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them." Then Peter saw clearly what he should do. He accompanied the men to the house of Cornelius, where many were awaiting his arrival. He frankly told them of his former prejudices toward the Gentiles, and then added, "God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean."

II. The Voice (Acts 11:7-10)

Upon hearing that the Gentiles had re-

ceived the Word of God through the instrumentality of Peter in the house of Cornelius, the prejudices of the leaders of the church and the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem were greatly stirred. It is hardly conceivable that such glorious tidings should have given rise to dissatisfaction, but they did. When Peter returned to Jerusalem to explain what had taken place, there was a complaint that he visited and ate with the uncircumcised.

Peter made it clear, however, that he learned that the purpose of his vision was to bring about right relationship manward. He revealed that it took both a vision and a command from God to convince him that all restrictions differentiating Jews and Gentiles regarding the plan of salvation were abolished and that the gospel of Christ is to be preached to all men.

Note that when the divine command came to Peter: "Arise, Peter; slay and eat," it aroused a protest in him. Having been a loyal Jew, the command was repulsive and abhorrent to him. Even though it may cut across our ideas and prejudices to do so, as is often the case, we should always give heed to the Lord's commands whatever they may be.

In response to God's command, "Arise, Peter; slay and eat," the Apostle protested, "Not so, Lord." What a strange combination of words! In them is an odd

jumble of self-will and reverence. Whoever says "Not so," meaning in no wise, should not say, "Lord." No Christian is ever justified in saying, "Not so, Lord." If one is going to give Christ His title, he should never deny Him His rights. If He is our Lord, we should obey when He commands and follow when He designates the way. We do not have any right to call Him "Lord," and then disprove it by our daily walk.

III. The Victory (Acts 11:11-18)

Appreciating the perplexity of the leaders in the church at Jerusalem, Peter recited the events which had brought them so much disquietude. He did not conceal from them the fact that when he went into the house of Cornelius, the Gentile, he found himself in a very delicate situation. Had he consulted his personal inclinations and prejudices, he certainly would not have gone there, but he had no choice in the matter inasmuch as he was controlled by the inescapable will of God. As Peter was speaking to those who were assembled in the house of Cornelius, God vindicated the proclamation of His message by sending the Holy Spirit to convict his hearers and to open their hearts for the reception of the gospel of Christ. Believing the message which they heard and accepting Christ as their personal Saviour, they were happily saved.

When the Jewish leaders at Jerusalem heard Peter's explanation, they did not have any further complaint. They glorified God when they came to see that the gospel of Christ was meant to be taken to all.

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THE CHURCH IN THE ETERNAL PLAN

Ephesians 3:1-12

Paul's imprisonment in Rome was due to the hatred and persecution of the Jews which was caused by his public proclamation that the gospel of Christ was intended for all the world, that Christ was ready to save Jews and Gentiles alike, and that God had called him

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to minister to the Gentiles. When he declared that the Jews and Gentiles had equal rights and privileges in the Christian faith, the Jews said, "Away with such a fellow. It is not fit that he should live."

Paul never ceased to marvel at the fact that God had chosen him for the high and holy task of preaching His gospel of grace to the Gentiles. He readily acknowledged his stewardship of God's grace and was loyal to his commission, as was evidenced by his imprisonment. That Paul became a minister of Christ was a very extraordinary

fact. He had not only rejected the gospel message, but he had also persecuted the followers of Christ. Then, at a given time and place he was saved, and he later became a great minister.

A mystery, according to Paul's use of the word, was not something which was difficult to understand or that could not be known. It was a truth once hidden or hitherto withheld, and later revealed. A mystery is something that is undiscoverable apart from divine revelation. The mystery which God revealed to Paul concerned Christ and centered in Him and the relationship which He desired to have with the Gentiles.

The mystery which Paul disclosed was that God in Christ was able to reconcile to Himself those who were estranged from Him, and also to make the Gentiles, who were estranged from the Jews, fellow-heirs of the promises in Christ through the gospel. Christ made known His hitherto hidden purpose to save both Jew and Gentile and make them His very own for eternity, but someone had

to go and tell the Gentiles; otherwise they would have lived in ignorance of it.

Paul said that the source of his ministry was the gift of God's grace and the working of His supernatural power. He readily and gratefully acknowledged that all the power of his ministry came from God. As to his spirit, Paul was completely overwhelmed by the sense of his personal unworthiness. His humility was the direct and immediate product of the grace of God in his heart. Thinking of himself as "the chief of sinners," because of the way in which he had persecuted the children of God, he expressed his humility of spirit by coupling a comparative with a superlative in referring to himself as "the less than the least of all the saints."

"The unsearchable riches of Christ" constituted the message which Paul delivered, and the one which Christians today must proclaim. These words convey the idea of something precious being exceedingly abundant, which is not usually the case. Paul mentioned the

riches of Christ's goodness (Romans 2:4), the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:7 and 2:7), the riches of His gifts (1 Timothy 6:7 and Romans 10:12), and the riches of His glory (Ephesians 3:16). The riches of Christ, or the boundless resources in Him, must not be hoarded in miserly fashion, but they must be distributed freely and cheerfully to all.

The intent or purpose of Paul's ministry was set forth in verses nine to twelve. It remains the responsibility of every Christian to carry out the Lord's purpose by making known the gospel of Christ to those who have not heard this message or received salvation from Him.

Of course, it has ever been the purpose of God that His manifold or many-tinted wisdom shall be made known by His children in and through His churches. The grace and strength which are needed for this important service are made available to us through Christ, the One Who has made it possible for us to have free and unrestricted access to God the Father.

Bennett Named by Church Group

G. Willis Bennett of Louisville, associate professor of Christian ethics at Southern Seminary, has been named head of an interim advisory committee to direct planning for a 14-denomination attempt at re-training leaders and "finding new forms of ministry."

Bennett was one of 30 representatives from 14 denominations attending a recent meeting at Nashville, which was designed to map initial planning for the organization.

The new agency will be called the Association for Christian Training and Service (ACTS). Its purpose will be to find "new forms of ministry," said William A. Jones, a Memphis Episcopal clergyman who is research director of the Association.

Each denomination represented will nominate a representative to the board of directors of the organization in October.



AWARD OF APPRECIATION—Ollie S. Allen, pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church, congratulates Mrs. Mary Insko, who has been a member of the Germantown congregation for 60 years. Mrs. Insko also received a token of appreciation from the Germantown congregation, which was formerly known as the Two-Lick Baptist Church.

South Carolina Pastor Joins Sunday School Board

Chester Floyd Russell, pastor of Remount Baptist Church, North Charleston, South Carolina, will join the staff of the Sunday School Board at Nashville on June 15.

He will be general Sunday School administration consultant in the Sunday School department of the Board, where he will develop and implement new approaches in Bible teaching, including Bible conferences.

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ber to plan details of the program. A staff of five persons with a budget of \$125,000 is envisioned for the group.

"We do not envision that this will become theologically-oriented toward church union," Bennett said. "It is rooted in an attempt to see our problems together—to see the role of the church in the cities and the South, the nature of our problems and resources, and to discover ways whereby we can supplement and help each other." (BP)

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Training Union

First Church, Somerset Leads State in Study Course Awards

by Eldon Boone

The October through March report for total study course awards earned during this six-month period reveals 30 Kentucky churches earning 100 or more awards in all 21 categories. First Baptist Church, Somerset, in Pulaski County Association leads with a total of 366 awards.

Association — Church	Awards
Pulaski County—Somerset, First	366
Severns Valley—Severns Valley Baptist	357
South District—Gethsemane	236
West Union—Oaklawn	224
West Union—Trinity	185
Long Run—Walnut Street	166
Elkhorn—Nicholasville, First	161
North Bend—Walton, First	156
Long Run—Eastern Parkway	153
Long Run—Ralph Avenue	153
West Union—Twelfth Street	146
Long Run—Ninth and O	140
Simpson—Franklin, First	138
Long Run—Beth Haven	137
Warren—Eastwood	137
Franklin—Frankfort, First	137
Long Run—Kosmosdale	136
Ohio Valley—Clay, First	133
Long Run—Carlisle Avenue	131
Pike—Pikeville	129
Long Run—Clifton Heights	121
Elkhorn—Mt. Vernon	119
Warren—Bowling Green, First	114
Bell—Middlesboro, First	111
Wayne—Monticello	111
West Union—East Baptist	110
Pike—E. Williamson	109
Mercer—Harrodsburg	106
Wayne—Immanuel	103
Mount Zion—Central Baptist	103

Church Music

Kentucky Leads Convention In Music Awards Earned

by Eugene F. Quinn

Again this month, Kentucky leads all other states in the total number of music awards earned since last October 1. A comparison by states is as follows:

State	Music Awards Earned
Kentucky	682
Georgia	667
Alabama	629
Texas	574
New Mexico	498
Florida	435
North Carolina	428
Tennessee	401

The leaders among the 25 Kentucky associations which helped us to attain this outstanding position are as follows:

Associations	Music Awards Earned
Long Run	228

Severns Valley	82
Elkhorn	56
Christian County	54

Start A Children's Choir

Why start a children's choir? Many unsaved persons are brought to Christ through enrolling them in choral participation.

The following questions are frequently asked: What churches can have a children's choir program? When can a church have a children's choir? When should a new choir be organized? Any church with a children's department in Sunday School has a potential for a children's choir. The children's choir benefits all members of the church through the inspirational music they sing, the added support they give to the congregational singing, and the training in musical skills and knowledge they provide.

Every church with children and adult members can have two choirs. Many churches with no choirs actually have the resources for several choirs. Many churches with two or three established choirs can have several more choirs, depending on the size of the church, and the availability of leaders.

The children of Sunday School and Training Union are the prospective children's choir members. A leader for the choir, elected and supported by the church leaders, begins a weekly rehearsal with the children, and grows from that point. Ample help is available for that new leader. Contact the church music department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, for aid.

Returned Musician Teaches At Youth Music Assembly



Cowen

A former Kentucky minister of music returned to the state, will teach at the Youth Music Assembly, July 24-28, at Cedarmore. His class will be entitled "Mastering Music Reading." Formerly the minister of music at Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, Louisville and recently minister of music at First Baptist Church, Paris, Tennessee, Roger Cowen became minister of music at First Baptist Church, Owensboro, earlier this year.

Annuity

Serving Those Who Serve by A. W. Walker

"To a few people, the Annuity Board represents high finances and big statistics, but to thousands of others, the



Walker

Board is the agency which provides a variety of services to help them prepare for a 'needy' day.

These services include: the Protection Program, in which benefits can be built for retirement, disability and family protection; a savings plan, in which money can be put aside and earn interest for a 'rainy' day; the Life Benefit Plan; the Health Benefit Plan, which provides hospital-surgical - major - medical coverage; gift annuities and memorial gifts. In addition, the Board administers the relief program. Money for relief comes from the denomination's Cooperative Program and is given to aged ministers or their widows who are in need.

"The magnitude of these service ministries is readily seen by the amount of money which the Board paid just during the first quarter of 1967. Almost \$1,625,000 was disbursed. The largest portion, \$1,337,833, was sent to retired, disabled and widow recipients. Another \$157,690 went to such accounts as savings, lump sum payments, and education, convention or agency reimbursements to persons leaving Baptist employment. Some \$33,437 was given for relief. Six claims for Life Benefit Plan amounted to another \$95,800.

"Also, it is gratifying to note a continued increase in the number of persons who are taking advantage of these services. For example, new certificates issued during the first quarter, 1967, in the various plans numbered 2,812 as compared with 1,636 in the first quarter of 1966."

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MANDATE TO MINISTER: SBC President's Address

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use for the furtherance of the Gospel. Paul declared, "All things are yours in Christ." Tennyson in the prologue to "In Memoriam" said:

"Our little systems have their day,
They have their day and cease to be;
They are but broken lights of thee,
And thou, O Lord, art more than they."

The Practice of This Ministry in Today's World

We must continue to give primary emphasis to man's relationship to God. Our persistent plea should be "Be ye reconciled to God." If man is not in right relationship to God he cannot really be in right relationship to man. If one does not believe that God loves him he cannot really believe that man loves him. Faith in God gives sanctity and meaning to human relationships. It is imperative that we seek to win men one by one to faith in God and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

We must practice an evangelism that is concerned with the whole man. Jesus ministered to the body and the soul. Evangelism and ethics should not be divorced. It is our responsibility to win men to Christ and to minister to them so that they may all come to "the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the full grown Christ." Every ministry of a church should make Christians more like Jesus. A changed heart means a changed life and as John Wesley said, "A changed man will change his environment."

Concern for the Whole Man

We must demonstrate concern for all of the problems of modern man whether they be personal or social. And there are many problems: war, poverty, racial tension, population explosion, breakdown of homes, alcoholism, dope addiction, gambling, immorality and crime, only to mention a few. Jesus did not heal all of the sick people of His day, but He healed enough of them to prove to the world that He was concerned about physical diseases. He did not solve all of the social, political and economic problems of His day, but He did enough in word and deed to identify Himself and His cause with the righteousness of the Kingdom of God.

Some think God is doing more through government than He is doing through the churches. Admittedly, God is working through the powers that be, but He is doing something through the churches which He will not accomplish through government. The approach and emphasis of churches are different from that of government. Jesus did not say to gov-

ernment, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Government is concerned with symptoms; churches are concerned with di-

Brotherhood

Intermediate Conference Features Settembrini

by Forrest Sawyer

Gioele Settembrini, director of the youth division for Protestants and other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State with offices in Washington, D. C., will be one of the featured personalities for the Intermediate Conference scheduled for June 19-23 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

Settembrini was born in Italy. He came to the United States in 1954 and was educated at the Bari Bible Institute, Italy, Washington Bible College, Washington, D. C., and American University.

He is a talented singer with a rich tenor voice and in addition to directing the music for the conference will give a concert following the banquet on Monday evening, June 19.

This conference will feature an emphasis upon Baptist beliefs and upon vocational considerations.

In addition to Mr. Settembrini, program personalities will include Charles C. Maples, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, William R. Cromer of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and conference leaders, Raymond Cosby from Valley Station, Ted Fuson, Louisville, Roger Harrington, Louisville, Randall Hill, Campbellsville, David Boaz, Hodgenville and Robert Easterly of Harrodsburg.



Gioele Settembrini

sease. Government seeks to change man by changing his environment; churches seek to change man by changing his heart.

It is not wise or necessary for churches to be identified with a particular political party or program. The church is not an it or a tool to be used by government. But the church is a voice crying in the wilderness and saying, "Make the paths straight." It is the duty of churches to be identified with the principles of justice and truth. Individual Christians in the churches can and should be identified with particular parties and programs which under God they feel will serve the best interest of the whole man, the whole nation and the whole world. So those who are committed to the ministry of evangelism—saving the individual—and those who are committed to a ministry of social action—providing for the general welfare of people—can and should be one in Jesus Christ and one in "this ministry" of reconciliation.

Magnify Local Church

We must magnify the local church (This emphasis need not militate against fellowship in our denomination or in the larger Christian community.) Many are so taken by the universal, unassembled church that they neglect, ignore and sometimes disparage the local church. Others seem to think that Christians can serve best on their own in "splendid isolation." Surveys reveal that more and more young preachers prefer to minister to a captive audience or in a controlled situation. The faults, foibles and failures of the institutional church have been so emphasized and exaggerated that our young people are deciding that they want no part of it. It is a frontier situation where soul-winning, worship, education, training and service should be at their best.

Material Sharing Insufficient

The distribution of our material wealth will not in itself change men. The "haves" should help the "have nots." But a mere sharing of our material wealth is not enough. Let us not forget that Jesus put emphasis on preaching the Gospel to the poor. Many are trying to help the poor in every way except by giving them the Gospel.

Let us preach out, teach out, and live out, the Gospel before all men. Let us proclaim the present reality of the Kingdom of God. Let us lead men in this temporal situation to experience the Eternal. Let us live in two worlds at the same time as we pray, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

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