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This New Children's Building
Of Hardinsburg Baptist Church
Will Be Dedicated Sunday, June 25

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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

SIX STUDENTS at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, were presented awards for outstanding achievement and meritorious service during the recent commencement exercises at that school. They were Betty Zecchina, honored as the most outstanding woman student in the graduating class; Floyd Price and Donald Mantooth, honored for leadership ability; Jerry Campbell and Sherry Meadors, who received academic scholarships for the 1967-68 school year; and Mary Ellen Wood, presented a home economics award.

RIDGECREST BAPTIST CHURCH in Ohio County Association recorded seven professions of faith and two additions to the church by letter during a recent revival under the direction of evangelist Gardner Burden, pastor of North View Baptist Church, Lexington. Organized in 1964 with 39 charter members, the church is now building a new auditorium, which will have a seating capacity of 400. Jesse Tichenor is pastor of the congregation.

GEORGIA BAPTIST HOSPITAL in Atlanta is one of 13 medical centers selected by the U. S. Public Health Service to train nurses in the specialized care of acute heart victims, according to announcement by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Georgia Baptist is the only Protestant-related hospital in the program. Five of the 13 are Roman Catholic.

MORE THAN 1,000 BAPTIST YOUTH in Denmark have been asked to help the church find its voice and speak out on questions of sex morality, pornographic literature, and abortion, which are topics of wide discussion. The youth conference held its three-day session for 1967 in the fishing community of Frederikshaven.

WAYMAN W. HAYES has resigned as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in eastern Kentucky to accept the call of Northside Baptist Church in Winchester. Hayes will continue his education at one of the area colleges.

K. STEPHEN COMBS, JR., R.A. director for Southern Baptists in Indiana, is the new minister of education-activities at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville. He is a religious education student at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

JOHN LAMBRIDES, a Southern Baptist chaplain serving with the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Baltimore, died May 31 at Laurel, Maryland. A native of Greece, Lambrides was a naturalized citizen and had made Laurel his home for the past five years.

ALBERT GISLER, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensburg, Kentucky, preached during revival services at Buena Vista Baptist Church, Owensboro, where Archie W. Allison is pastor. A total of 15 persons were added to the membership of the church.



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BAPTIST LEADERS from North America will meet in Washington, D. C., November 18-20, hoping to bring about "a greater sense of purpose, a deeper understanding, and a wider fellowship among our people." This is the way V. Carney Hargroves, president of the North American Baptist Fellowship, described what the meeting hoped to achieve.

THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE of the U. S. House of Representatives has approved a bill that would make it a federal crime to publicly burn or otherwise defile or mutilate the American flag. Action came after a judiciary subcommittee voted 6 to 1 for the measure, following several days of hearings.

MR. AND MRS. GERALD McNEELY, missionaries to Spain, will spend their furlough beginning June 30th in Louisville. Through August 31st they can be reached in care of John Hall, 1925 Milburt Drive, Anchorage, Kentucky, and after September 1st they will be at Missionary Apartments of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. Mr. McNeely is a native of Louisville, and Mrs. McNeely is from Stanford.

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION to the Biblical city of Ai co-sponsored by Southern Seminary of Louisville has received special recognition from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Joseph A. Callaway, professor of Biblical archaeology at the seminary, will lead the dig to the Jordan site, which is sponsored in connection with six other schools in the American Schools of Oriental Research.

A NEW DEPARTMENT of survey and special studies for the Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery, will have as its first director an Alabama pastor. He is Billy Nutt, pastor of Millry Baptist Church in Washington County.

FRED E. RICHARDSON has resigned as pastor of New Palestine Baptist Church in Christian County to become associate pastor of Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

H. E. COKER, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Kentucky, since 1959, has resigned to become professor of Bible at Campbellsville College. He has taught courses on a part-time basis at the Baptist school during the past academic year.

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Evangelism in Depth: A New Outreach for Appalachia

by F. ROSS FIGART, JR., Pastor
First Baptist Church, Vanceburg, Ky.

AN EXCITING thing is taking place in Eastern Kentucky! A program of evangelistic endeavor is under way that is crossing all the traditional church lines and will be the most comprehensive effort of its type ever undertaken in our country. It is called "Evangelism in Depth for the Appalachian Region" and is patterned on the Evangelism in Depth programs of Latin America that have had such great ingatherings.

Already persons from every major church group in Eastern Kentucky are meeting, praying, planning, and working toward the specific period of the Evangelism in Depth effort which will begin this fall and go through the year of 1968. Included in the program will be a basic emphasis upon many small prayer groups within each church; an effort to use all church members in a witnessing campaign that will reach every home in the area; a period of simultaneous revivals in the churches; special evangelistic efforts toward college students, teenagers, industrial groups, businessmen, government leaders, and others.

The campaign will be climaxed with

city and county revivals with a concluding area-wide emphasis. Wide use of all public relations media is planned to help make the impact even greater.

Baptists are taking a prominent part in the leadership of this movement. The writer has been elected to the position of chairman of the board of directors. J. Edward Cunningham, of our Kentucky Baptist missions department, is chairman of retreats and training. D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek School, is chairman of the local church revival phase. Pastor Ray Cummins of Campton Baptist Church is chairman of the area campaigns.

Other pastors and laymen are serving on the board of directors and on the county committees. Our Kentucky secretary of evangelism, Hicks Shelton, has taken a great interest in the program and is already assisting in various steps of the planning.

There are several reasons why we find the Evangelism in Depth program attractive. First, we like it because it gives us our first significant opportunity to really reach our area for Christ. Even our own Baptist simultaneous revivals have had a limited affect in much of

Eastern Kentucky because it is difficult to make a great impact with one or two small churches to a county. In this effort we can do more than talk about reaching everyone with the Gospel; it is a goal actually within our reach!

In the second place, we like the E.I.D. effort because it is so deeply rooted in prayer. The sense of prayer that has prevailed through two years of preliminary planning and enlistment is remarkable. The emphasis on the prayer groups around each church is one that starts where any true movement for God must start, in prayer.

We also like this program because of its emphasis upon total church involvement. The heart of the program is the prayer and witnessing by the whole church. These two portions of the E.I.D. program will cover almost seven months of the time schedule.

Next, we like E.I.D. for its recognition of the place of the local church. Basically it is a program of local churches coordinating their evangelistic efforts. Even the area and special efforts are designed to magnify the local church.

Finally, to look at the other side of

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The MEANING of Baptism is also Important

by WAYNE E. WARD

ONE OF the hottest debates going on among Baptists at this time centers on the question of receiving into our membership people who have been immersed by some other than Baptists. Those who refuse to take any baptism but Baptist baptism have been castigated as "landmarkers" or followers of J. R. Graves.

Not even Graves argued that the Baptist name was required, because he knew better than to add a requirement that goes beyond the words of the New Testament. This might open up the person to the awful charge of "adding to the words of this book" and bring down the plagues of the book upon his head (Rev. 22:18). However, his narrow restriction of the term "New Testament church" to Baptist churches (and not all of them) did result in a practical limitation of valid scriptural baptism to the Baptist churches as he defined them. Anyone who stands up today and says that valid scriptural baptism can be performed only in the Baptist name or authority is flying in the face of Holy Scripture—and I would hate to be in his place!

However, a practice on the other side is, if possible, even worse. Some church-

es have gone on record in public declaration that they will receive any baptism by immersion so long as it was performed upon a believer. What a travesty upon New Testament baptism! It is certainly important that a person be a believer and that the form be the New Testament form of immersion. But the reason these are important is because they focus upon the most important thing about baptism—its meaning! To leave out the meaning of baptism as interpreted by the Christian community which performs it is to leave out baptism itself!

Baptism is not a private affair. It is a public act in the context of a Christian community of faith. It requires both the valid personal experience of the believer in Christ and the proper public interpretation of its meaning to the community, or it is not valid baptism. The whole teaching of the church about baptism is bound up with the way it is interpreted and practiced in the act of baptism.

Immersion of a believer is not enough. Followers of Alexander Campbell have been immersing believers for a century—to help "save" them. When a person has received that baptism at their hands, he has given an eloquent testimony to a distortion of the New Testa-

ment doctrine of salvation. This is why we should not receive people who say they had private opinions about baptism which contradicted the public interpretation of baptism in their church. We "muddy the waters" and confuse our witness both on salvation and the meaning of baptism.

Now what should we do? We should carefully investigate each case in order to recognize and accept genuine New Testament baptism when it has been performed—and also to perform a proper New Testament baptism when it has not been already performed. If we go around re-baptizing, just to put the Baptist label on it, we are mocking baptism and calling unholy what is sacred before God!

There are some groups which practice and preach baptism in exact accord with the New Testament teaching as Baptists understand it. If we want to keep a clear and scriptural witness on baptism we had better discover these people when they come and receive their scriptural baptism—without adding any private Baptist requirement to mock the word of God. And, if they have been baptized all the way under until they bubble, for the wrong reason—hurry up and baptize them with the right meaning! They have already waited long enough!

Southern Baptist Opinion

Southern Baptists are learning more and more about each other. Through modern survey-taking methods, the research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board is making us more and more aware of how we feel about many matters. Most of these surveys are taken at the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest gathering of Baptists. Surveys at Miami Beach this year reveal some interesting and some surprising information.

For example, men outnumbered women as convention messengers by two to one. The largest age group attending the convention was 40-44, with the ages 35-39 and 45-49 coming in second and third.

This year three out of every four messengers came to Miami by automobile, and 75% brought family members with them. This bears out the impression that it was a family convention, with vacations combined with the convention. Most of the other messengers, about 25%, came by airplane, and this percentage will increase every year. The train, once the favorite mode of transportation, brought only 216 out of 4,654 messengers polled, and only 53 came by bus.

One out of every five messengers was attending the convention for the first time, and 75% said they would leave for home before the Friday night final session.

The messengers chose the first week in June as their favorite week for the convention. This was surprising, at least to this observer, who had thought a later date in June would be the people's choice. The second week in June was the second choice, and the last week in May the third choice.

Almost half of the messengers like the present arrangement of starting the convention on Tuesday, and ending on Friday. One-fourth of those asked would like to begin on Wednesday or Thursday and go through the following Sunday or Monday.

Another opinion sample taken at one of the exhibit booths revealed some interesting views of Southern Baptists. Golf was given as the favorite form of recreation, with fishing and hunting coming in second. Three out of every four asked thought the churches should get involved in the recreation and leisure activities of their members.

On more serious matters, the messengers gave some clue to Baptist popular opinion on several current issues. Asked if Baptist colleges should accept outright

grants from the government, 50% said "no," not under any circumstances. But 33% said "yes" to this question, though some of these qualified their affirmative answers. This is a surprising number in support of government grants for Baptist schools, and reflects a rapid trend in this direction. Only a few years ago, probably not 5% would have expressed such a viewpoint. The percentage was about the same in response to another question on Baptist higher education. A little more than 50% said we should close Baptist schools rather than accept federal aid, but 33% disagreed with this position.

Two out of every three asked said Southern Baptists should not explore the possibility of membership in the National Council of Churches. One out of every four thought we should explore such a possibility, and this is a higher percentage in the affirmative than would have been the case only several years ago.

On the current question of personal evangelism or social action, 50% felt that Baptists could meet today's problems adequately with a strong emphasis on personal evangelism, while 25% disagreed. On a similar question 25% said we should stick to religion and not concern ourselves with social and economic problems, while three-fourths strongly or mildly disagreed. More than one-half of those asked said church leaders should not participate in civil rights demonstrations. But to the statement, "the church has no business becoming involved in civil rights movements," more than one-half disagreed.

These last two matters of federal subsidy for Baptist higher education and involvement in social and economic issues are burning questions for Baptists today. The answers given in Miami this year indicate a growing sentiment for accepting government aid for our schools, and also a growing number of Baptists who feel an involvement in social and economic problems must be added to the strong traditional emphasis on personal evangelism.

Baptist opinion in 1967 is important and interesting. It will be more interesting to see what answers are given to the same questions five years from now.

BEST Expectations

As this week's issue goes to press, the editor is in Nashville for the second national conference of the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST). The study has covered two years, and is to be climaxed with the



publishing in September of its findings. This report is anxiously awaited by all Southern Baptists interested in Christian higher education.

Whatever the results turn out to be, this has been the best planned and most seriously undertaken project I have participated in as a Baptist denominationalist.

The study has involved many hundreds of Baptists in seminars, conferences and discussion groups. Scores of study and background papers have been prepared, and thousands of hours of concentrated discussion have taken place in all Southern Baptist states.

The national conference is composed of about 300 members. These are college presidents, deans, faculty members, trustees, a few students, state executive secretaries, state editors, state convention presidents, and selected pastors, laymen, and denominational leaders. If there is any wisdom among Southern Baptists, it ought to be present in this conference.

The conference has more Baptist educators than any other group. This is understandable since it concerns itself with their specialty. This means a conclusion of the conference will necessarily reflect this predominance of educators, and this should be remembered in evaluating the findings. The matter of Chris-

tian higher education and its problems today is probably the most serious matter that Baptists face in this generation. What is decided at this time will vitally affect the place of Baptists in the world of tomorrow. It, also, is one of those controversial matters among Baptists, and stands to divide us against one another. In Kentucky it is more serious than most any place in the Southern Baptist Convention, because of the ambitious college and school program undertaken, and the limited financial resources available.

The two-year BEST study will not come up with all the answers. This would be too much to expect. Indeed, there are no answers that would fit every Baptist college and every Baptist state. The most to hope for is a thorough statement of the problems, identification of the causes, and suggestions as to solutions. Each state which sponsors Baptist schools, and the colleges themselves, will have to take it from there and work out their own salvation.

The gravity of the Christian higher education situation is realized by many Baptists and has been a top priority for prayer by some. It should have such a priority on the prayer list of all Baptists. The first report of the results of the second national conference on education by Southern Baptists will come in next week's issue.

BAPTIST FORUM



Chinese Baptist Dies In Richmond, Virginia

Sim Lee Chin, a Chinese Baptist in Richmond, Virginia, died June 3. Chin, who came to the United States 44 years ago from Canton, China, was a member of Richmond's Grove Avenue Baptist Church, which regularly sponsors services for Chinese people. Leaders in this ministry to the Chinese have included the late Mrs. M. Theron Rankin, whose husband was executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board from 1945 until his death in 1953, and Eugene L. Hill, the Board's secretary for education and promotion. Chin was the founder of the Joy Garden Restaurant, remembered by many Southern Baptist missionaries around the world as a place they were entertained when they came to Richmond for appointment and orientation.

Leaping Over Issues

The 110th session of the Southern Baptist Convention is history. The men and women of the press and mass communications have written "30" or tuned us out for another year. What did they see or hear in Miami? Each year as I study the resolutions, it seems we succeed in sound decisions—all sound. I continue to hope for resolutions with teeth.

It could be this all important committee is like the woman whose husband wrote Abby. His letter was, "Dear Abby: I am up in years but still enjoy staying out late. I don't do anything illegal or immoral, but to keep me at home my wife hides my teeth. Do you think she has this right (signed) Nighthawk." Her reply was, "Dear Hawk: You should not feel so hard toward your wife. She is merely trying to keep you from biting off more than you can chew."

Has the committee hidden our teeth? Even with the discussion on the Vietnam crisis and the amendment (which I opposed) to the Christian Life Commission report, there was not an expression of a definite stand given in the resolution pertaining to the war.

I might disagree with a resolution, but I prefer it to say something which is close to the feeling of the majority of the 15,000 messengers than to be a statement so general it says nothing.

Perhaps our convention has become like the character in blue tights and red cape who believes in "truth, justice and the American way." It seems the resolutions committee has helped us leap over tremendous issues with a single bound. James Britt Bowling Green, Ky.

Missionaries Leave Nigeria's Eastern Region

Thirteen Southern Baptist missionaries and dependents have left the eastern region of Nigeria and settled temporarily in Lagos, that African nation's federal capital, after the eastern region declared itself an independent nation.

Although there is no immediate danger to missionaries and their families, the whole eastern region is in a state of political unrest and "uneasy calm," said H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa of the Foreign Mission Board.

No fighting has broken out in Nigeria (as of press time), but federal forces have been mobilized in an effort to crush the secession. However, the U. S. State Department has advised dependents of Americans living in Nigeria's eastern region to leave.

Seventeen Southern Baptist missionaries were at work in the area when it broke with the rest of the country. Six now remain at their posts.

Through Trial to Triumph

by THE EDITOR

The Hardinsburg Baptist Church is a good example of churches that are the most prominent and attractive buildings in a community. Those traveling from Louisville to Owensboro are always impressed by the beautiful sanctuary, the adjoining Children's Building and the pastorium that stands side by side along Highway 60, the main thoroughfare through Hardinsburg.

But it has not always been so good for Baptists in this county seat of Breckinridge County. The story behind these buildings and the church they house is one of hardship and struggles. Some of these difficult days will be recalled by older members when the Children's Building is dedicated on June 25.

This day of dedication will be a special event in the life of the congregation. It will also be something of a homecoming for the congregation which will be 126 years old this year. Among those returning for the occasion will be former pastor Robert Wayne, who will deliver the dedication message. Wayne is now directing the education ministries for Southern Baptists in Indiana.

One of the happiest men next to Pastor Raymond Farrar on June 25th will be Mr. R. T. Dowell, a Hardinsburg funeral director and churchman *par excellence*. His life spans 60 years of the 20th century history of Hardinsburg Baptist Church. Though 82 years old now, Mr. Dowell is as progressive as any youth and was the leader in most of the improvements for the church.

Dowell is a pastor's friend, says Pastor Farrar, and often lends needed encouragement when the going is rough. He and Fred Shultz started the old B.Y.P.U., which he recalls began with eight boys and girls. Sometimes he was the only one present, but he never gave up. He now regards the Children's Building as one of the finest assets of the Church. He taught a Sunday School class of boys for many years, and is especially proud of the preachers that came out of the Sunday School class.

The Hardinsburg Church almost went under during the 1928 financial crisis and depression. Mr. Dowell remembers this experience vividly. A loan of \$45,000 for the new building was a tremendous obligation for those days, and the congregation went through extreme difficulties, selling pencils and almost everything else to try to raise a little money to save the building.

The oldest member of the Hardinsburg congregation hopes she can attend on June 25. She is 91 year-old Mrs. Lula Hendricks. She was faithful in at-

tendance until a year ago when arthritis, the first sickness of her life, struck her, and now she finds it very difficult to attend the services. Mama Hendricks, as she is called, professed faith at the age of 12 in a school house revival with a Methodist evangelist. Her parents were Presbyterian, and so she waited several years before choosing a church. She says she is a Baptist because she read the Bible a long time before she joined a church.

Mama Hendricks thinks the missionary program is the greatest thing about Baptists. She was involved in the missionary activities of her church as long as she could go. Now she mostly stays close to home and "praises the Lord for doing so much for her when she has done so little for Him," as she puts it. "He's always here when I need Him," she says.

Typical of the dedicated and trained church leadership of this Hardinsburg Baptist generation is the James Maddox family. This family came to the church in 1954 from Princeton. Jim is a member of the famous Baptist Maddox family of Western Kentucky. He is director of the Future Farmers of America Training Center at Hardinsburg and supervisor for agricultural education in ten Kentucky counties.

Jim is not one of those who believes the youth of today are gone to the dogs.



The Beautiful Parsonage of Hardinsburg Baptist Church

Rather he is optimistic about today's young people, but is concerned that many of them are using their talents in 4-H Clubs and other organizations but not in church.

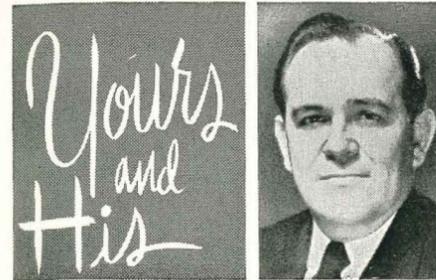
Now serving as moderator for the church, he has been greatly interested in the construction of the Children's Building. He regards it as very important for the youth and their workers.

Mrs. Maddox probably appreciates the new building more than anyone. As Beginner Coordinator, she is one of the best trained and most effective elementary workers in Kentucky.

June 25 will be a big day for Hardinsburg Baptist, and especially for Bob Lyons, chairman of the building committee, and for Raymond Farrar, the pastor. Many friends and former members will return for the occasion and rejoice with the congregation.



PASTOR AND EDITOR—Raymond Farrar (right), pastor of Hardinsburg Baptist Church, talks with Editor C. R. Daley of the WESTERN RECORDER about the church's history and the new Children's Building, which will be dedicated June 25.



Come Up Closer

I wish I could sit down with each of the readers of this column and talk face to face. I meet so many of you in your church or some gathering of Baptists—and you say "Yes, I read your column every week—I know you."

But I want to know you as well as you know me from reading this column each week. I hope you will take every possible chance to talk with me personally in your church, association, Cedarmore, or come by the office in Middletown. Help me! You may want to talk with me but can't—then write or phone collect!

You Should Be Good to Yourself

You should be good to yourself! I mean this. More people neglect themselves than pamper themselves. More people provide for their children, for their pastor, for others—than for themselves. This is admirable, this is "otherly," but you who give out so much need to "take in" more! So why not attend some "infilling" meetings with Baptist leaders? Such as—

World Missions Conference, July 31-August 4, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky? Foreign, Home and State (associational, etc) missionaries will be there. Great mission-loving leaders of the W.M.U. and Brotherhood of Kentucky will be there. All mission-minded leaders who can take off will be there! And, with their whole families! Yes, babies, little children (under 8) and youth will be cared for at the Assembly, and boys and girls of the RA and GA ages will register for the RA and GA Camps held nearby, same dates!

"That The World May Know Him"

Yes, that's the World Missions Conference theme! So, be good to yourself and your family. Make it a vacation. A re-creation, a re-fueling of your spirit! For yourself and family, write Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky, and make reservations at the normal prices. If you have RA or GA kids, write either to the Brotherhood Department (RA's) or Kentucky WMU, (GA's) Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky, and make those reservations while you appreciate yourself enough!

HAROLD G. SANDERS

Catholic Newspaper in Tennessee Calls for Dialogue with Baptists

An editorial in *The Tennessee Register*, official newspaper of the Roman Catholic diocese of Nashville, commended the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami Beach and urged Catholics not to remain aloof from Baptists but to talk with them.

The editorial, written by J. E. Eiselein, commended the election of two Tennesseans, H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville and Gerald Martin of Memphis, to top SBC positions, and also commended a speech by New Orleans Pastor J. D. Grey, who urged Baptists to be more involved with other Christians on a local level.

"We, as Catholics, as 'other Christians and men of good will' cannot remain aloof," replied the Catholic editorial in response to Grey's quotes. We must see that ecumenism is a two-way street," the Catholic editorial said.

"As Catholics we see in the Baptists, our brothers, that they, too, have 'hawks' and 'doves' as we do. There is no easy

answer to Vietnam, the Middle East, peace in the world," the editorial continued.

"So we must talk with them, meet with them, relate the words of our leader, Pope Paul, in his repeated pleas for peace," Eiselein said. "The pope's pleas become more and more specific regarding North and South Vietnam.

"It is not just a question," wrote Eiselein, "of 'hawks' and 'doves' among the Baptists any more than it is among Catholics. It is the matter of Christians concerning themselves, as Dr. Paschall proclaimed. '... the church must concern itself with all the problems of modern man, whether they be personal or social.'"

Then the editorial asked: "Is there a day near at hand that more and more Catholics and Baptists will be kneeling, standing, sitting, singing, praying side by side for peace in God's world?"

"These are exciting, challenging times for us all," the editorial concluded. (BP)

BSU Members Receive Top Honors At Henderson Community College

Members of the Baptist Student Union at Henderson Community College received some of the top honors and awards during the recent annual honors night program at the college.



Miss Gardner was presented the Business and Professional Women's award for leadership and awarded a \$500.00 scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

Other members of the BSU who received academic honors were:

►TIMMY M. MARTIN, evangelism chairman, who received the faculty award for leadership and was named to the academic honors list.

►JAMES GREGORY MOORE—annual service award of the faculty and annual award of the music department.

►SARAH RICH HADLEY, BSU worship chairman—honored for excellence by the English department.

►SARAH SHIVER, new BSU officer—sophomore scholarship winner.

►NANCY HICKS, new BSU officer—sophomore scholarship winner.

►GLENDA KELLEN, newly-elected BSU president—named to the academic honors list.

Five members of the BSU were among the 32 students at the college who were named to the dean's list—an honor reserved for those who maintain a B+ average or better in their academic work. Sharing this honor with Miss Gardner were Janet Kay Gardner, Sarah Hadley, Douglas Mays and Sharon Sowards.

Several Henderson BSU'ers rendered double service this past year by serving on the student council in addition to working in Baptist Student Union. Awarded service awards for student council leadership were Pam Gardner, Tim Martin, Sharon Sowards, Brenda Culley, Kay Gardner and Doug Mays.

During the past year, the Henderson BSU had an average attendance at weekly dialogue and worship sessions of more than 40 students. The students contributed more than \$450.00 to student summer missions and conducted special youth evangelistic services in the Henderson area.

Mac Grace, enlistment chairman for the Henderson BSU, is serving this summer as a missionary to Appalachia.

Spanish Baptist Leaders Say Laws Would Restrict Religious Freedom

Nine Spanish Baptist leaders, meeting in Barcelona, have issued a statement manifesting their concern about proposed legislation by the Spanish government which they say would, in effect, restrict religious freedom.

The special committee of the Spanish Baptist Union claimed there was violation of historic Baptist principles of separation of church and state, religious freedom, the congregational form of church government, and the autonomy of the local churches.

The committee's declaration, addressed to the churches of the Spanish Baptist Union, reads as follows:

"FIRST: That the actual proposed legislation does not harmonize with our Baptist principles and, therefore, if it is promulgated as law, we recommend that the churches and their ministers abstain from registering themselves as legal entities, according to Articles 13 and 33, until the evolution of this new situation provides us with practical results as to the application of the Law.

"SECOND: That until an adequate legal channel is provided, in keeping

with the nature of our churches, for the transfer of the properties presently in the custody of the Spanish Baptist Mission, to the local churches as their rightful owners, this Committee recommends as satisfactory the actual titles of ownership.

"THIRD: Understanding that the Defense Committee of Spanish Evangelicals has covered an historic period in its function, we recommend its renovation in order that it may be prepared for new situations in the future.

"FOURTH: That whatever may be the practical consequences of the promulgation of this law for our churches, our solidarity as churches and our willingness to serve depend upon the level of education, dedication and spirituality which we are able to impart; therefore, we invite all the churches to intensify their Christian witness and fellowship, as well as to strengthen the internal order and government of the congregations."

Chairman of the special committee was Juan Luis Rodrigo, of Madrid, who is president of the Spanish Baptist Union. The secretary was Pedro Bonet Such of Barcelona.



MEXICO BAPTIST CHURCH

Mexico Baptist Church Dedicates New Building

Mexico Baptist Church near Marion, Kentucky, dedicated its new building during special services in May. The air-conditioned sanctuary-educational building, which has a capacity of 575, replaces an older building which had served the congregation since 1922.

Speakers for the occasion included Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary of the Kentucky Convention, Middletown; Orman Stegall, missionary for Graves County Association, Mayfield; and H. Bailey Sadler, missionary for Ohio River Association.

The new building is valued at \$55,000. The congregation sold bonds to finance \$50,000 of the cost.

A. J. Smith serves as pastor of Mexico Baptist Church.

Graham to Preach for First Time in Communist Territory

Evangelist Billy Graham has scheduled a two-day preaching visit to Zagreb, Yugoslavia, for July 8-9, the coordinator for his European engagements has announced. It will be Graham's first time to preach in a Communist country.

Two Baptist layman leaders in Zagreb, who attended the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin last November, invited Graham to come. The evangelist will come to Yugoslavia after speaking in Turin, which is reportedly his first time to preach in Italy, although he has been a tourist there previously.

Robert P. Evans of Paris, European director of the Greater Europe Mission, is Graham's arrangements coordinator when he speaks in Europe. Evans said that government authorization has been received for Graham's engagement in Zagreb, where apparently the building and grounds of a centrally located Lutheran church will be the site for his services.

The invitation to Zagreb was offered by Josip Horak, president of Yugoslavians, and Branko Lovrec, editor of the Baptist news journal in Yugoslavia. Both men live in Zagreb, the second largest city of the country with a population of 470,000.

The Saturday-Sunday visit will begin with a press conference at Graham's hotel at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, Evans announced. At 6 in the evening, an evangelistic meeting will be held. At 9:00 that same evening, there will be a reception at the hotel for pastors, diplomatic guests, and government officials.

On Sunday, Graham will preach twice, according to Evans. The services will begin at 10:00 in the morning and 5:00 in the afternoon. Size of the meeting facility may limit attendance to 1,500 or 2,000, said Evans, who has made an advance trip to Zagreb to prepare for Graham's coming.

Although this will be Graham's first preaching occasion in Eastern Europe, it will not be his first time there. He has visited Moscow as a tourist. Last year, Graham was scheduled to preach in Poland to help celebrate 1,000 years of Christianity in that country.

He could not follow through with his plans, however, because the Polish government denied his request for a visa, although his headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, pointed out Graham was encouraged by the authorities to apply again at a later date for a Polish visa.

Yugoslavia, on the other hand, is not

requiring visas this year for tourist visits in order to encourage tourism.

Kentucky Students Win Seminary Scholarships

Two Kentucky college students have been awarded scholarships for advanced study at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Roger Daniel Roberts, a senior at Georgetown College, was presented a Judson Award. This consists of a \$1,000 grant for study and a key to symbolize his achievement. Roberts, a native of Columbus, Ohio, was president of both the Baptist Student Union and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Georgetown during the past year.

Named winner of a Luther Rice Award, which also carries a \$1,000 stipend and a key of achievement, was Paul Garrett Hammond. A fine arts and philosophy major at Morehead State University, Hammond hopes to teach church music on a college level.

The Luther Rice-Adoniram Judson Scholar Awards are presented annually by the seminary to outstanding first-year students. Judson scholars are foreign mission volunteers, while Rice scholars are students who plan church-related vocations in the United States

Seminary Students Buy Dental Equipment with Missions Offering

Students and faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, have raised \$1,668 to buy modern dental equipment for the Southern Baptist mission hospital in Hong Kong.

The gift of the needed equipment was part of William Wallace Week, an annual observance of the seminary student body recognizing the church's ministry through so-called "secular" professions, such as medicine.

It honors the vision of Southern Baptist Missionary William Wallace, who was martyred by the Communists in Wuchow, China, in 1950. A book on Wallace's life has recently been made into a motion picture.

A high point of the William Wallace Week observance was the presentation of an oil portrait of Wallace by Edna Frances Dawkins of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. The painting was commissioned by Ruth Everly Hayes, who served with Wallace in China and is currently a missionary to Indonesia.

Speakers during the week included Dr. Hobson Sinclair, a medical missionary to Hong Kong and one of the physicians who will use the dental equipment. On hand to demonstrate the devices was Ruth Ann Hall, a Southern

Seminary student who recently became the first dental technician appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. She will serve in Nigeria following her graduation this year from the seminary.

Since 1963 the students and faculty have chosen needy mission projects to receive aid from the Wallace Week offerings. They have purchased inoculation "jet-guns," built an outpost clinic, purchased a versatile operating table and provided a blood bank for mission hospitals from South America to Africa. (BP)

Reunion at Magoffin Institute Set July 9

Former faculty members, alumni, and friends of the former Magoffin Institute at Mountain Valley, Kentucky, will meet on the old campus of the school on Sunday, July 9, for a reunion and dinner on the grounds.

President D. M. Aldridge of Clear Creek Baptist School, a former president of Magoffin, will speak at 10:00 a.m. This will be followed by a program of slides about life at Magoffin when it was operating as an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Persons who attend are requested to bring lunches, paper plates, cups, etc., and share in the potluck picnic.

Naomi Crase serves as president of the alumni association of Magoffin Institute; Carolyn Durham is secretary.

Dean Becomes New Pastor Of Sulphur Spring Church

David R. Dean, a June 4 graduate of Southern Seminary, has resigned as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, to accept the call of Sulphur Spring Baptist Church near Franklin, Kentucky.

He is the son of Ray H. Dean of Springfield, Tennessee, a former pastor of Baptist churches in Central City, Cave City and Middletown, Kentucky.

Dean served as president of his graduating class at the seminary. In addition to his regular seminary studies, he received a year of clinical training at Louisville's General Hospital. Before entering seminary, he served on the faculty of Blue Mountain College in Mississippi for two years.

The new Sulphur Spring pastor is married to the former Carolyn Songer of Petersburg, Indiana.

Head-On Crash Kills Two SBC Conventioneers

A Tennessee Baptist Convention executive was injured and his mother and mother-in-law killed in a two-car crash on a rain-slick highway near La Grange, Georgia, while returning from the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach.

Listed in fair condition at City-County Hospital was Wallace Anderson, program services manager of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Anderson suffered face and chest injuries, and expected to be released from the hospital on June 8.

His mother, Mrs. Ernest Anderson, 58, of Crossville, Tennessee, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Iva Mai Gray, 65, of Bainbridge, Georgia, were killed in the crash.

Also receiving minor injuries in the crash was Miss June Anderson, 34, of Crossville, Tenn., Anderson's sister.

A Georgia Highway Patrol trooper said Wallace's car collided head-on with a vehicle which went out of control on rain-slick U. S. Highway 27, near La Grange.

Stanford Baptist Pastor Enters Navy Chaplaincy

Paul C. Lawson has resigned as pastor of the Stanford, Kentucky, Baptist Church after 5½ years to become a chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

His first assignment will be to attend the Navy Chaplains' school for eight weeks at Newport, Rhode Island. During this period, he will receive orientation to Navy life, military procedure, and learning his responsibilities as a chaplain.

Lawson is married to the former Miss Shirley Strader of Campbellsville. They have one son, Stephen.



Scholarship Winner

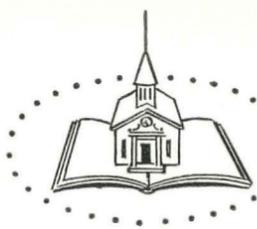
John Paul Marcum, Jr. (center), a National Merit Scholarship winner from Manual High School, Louisville, has been awarded a scholarship to Georgetown College. He and his father are pictured touring the Georgetown campus with David Jester (right), assistant to the president at the Baptist school. The scholarship winner, a member of Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, hopes to become a medical missionary.

Kentucky Southern Student Named Fulbright Scholar

Miss Linda Geoghegan, an honor student at Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, has been granted a Fulbright scholarship for graduate study in contemporary German and American literature at the University of Munster, Germany.

The grant pays tuition, transportation costs, book allowance and a living allowance for 10 months. After her study abroad, Miss Geoghegan hopes to continue graduate studies in comparative literature and later enter college teaching.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for July 2, 1967)

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

THE CHURCH REACHES OUT

Acts 13:1-3, 42-49

This lesson marks the beginning of what is designated as Paul's First Missionary Journey, or the launching by the early Christians of the great crusade to carry the gospel of Christ to "the uttermost parts" of the earth.

Acts 13:1-3

Young as was the church at Antioch in Syria, there were a number of prophets and teachers in it. Such are necessary for the best church life. The prophets make known the will and purposes of God, and the teachers explain the meaning of God's Word. Upon the hearts of these servants of God He laid the evangelization of the world in such a way that they refrained from eating in order to ascertain His will in prayer. How much every Christian needs divine wisdom and guidance in daily life!

In this first Gentile church, there immediately appeared a genuine interest in the salvation of those in the regions beyond. While the members were in the pathway of Christian duty, the Holy Spirit said to them, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." He spoke thus because He wanted them to do pioneer work among the unevangelized in distant places. Significantly, they did not raise any questions, such as how their church could get along without their two ablest men. Instead, they were quite willing to give up their leaders to the missionary cause. Had they been like many present-day church members, they would have tried to hold on to the best and most capable ones for themselves. They gave their very best, as directed by the Spirit, and that without a single complaint. God deserves the best from all of His children.

After fasting and praying, in a very impressive service they laid their hands on Barnabas and Saul, their most brilliant and beloved men, and sent them forth as their missionaries. They were convinced that, inasmuch as Christian brethren had brought the gospel of Christ to them, they should carry it to the unsaved elsewhere. In the performance of this great task, their best was not too good for them to give, just as our

best is not good enough for our wonderful Saviour and Lord.

Acts 13:42-49

Paul and those who accompanied him continued their journey until they arrived in Antioch of Pisidia. There they attended the services in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Observing Paul and Barnabas, and being very favorably impressed by the dignified appearance and bearing of these visitors, the rulers of the synagogue invited them to give any word of exhortation they had for the people, upon the completion of the reading of the Scriptures. In response to their invitation, Paul arose, waved his hand, which was both a Jewish trait and an oratorical gesture, and preached a great and memorable sermon to those who were assembled. In his presentation of the Lord's message Paul was blessed in a glorious fashion. In a most logical and convincing manner he dealt with them, using their own Scriptures to prove his points. His sermon met with such response that, at the close of

LIFE AND WORK

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

It is the mission of each of the Lord's churches to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to make Christ known to lost sinners, to introduce the lost to Christ, to baptize, teach and enlist the saved in doing God's will, and to glorify Christ. While we are in the midst of those who do not acknowledge the lordship of Christ, we must manifest the likeness of Christ and by our lips and lives bear a faithful witness for Him.

I. Christ's Prayer For His Followers
(John 17:9-18)

In these verses Christ was not praying for the unsaved, but for His disciples, who belonged to the Father by right of creation and redemption.

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the service, many requested him to address them again on the following Sabbath.

Imagine the utter consternation of the Jews when they saw the great crowd of Gentiles who had assembled to hear Paul on the next Sabbath. Instead of rejoicing over the way in which the Gentiles responded to Paul's message, the Jews were extremely envious, jealous and angry. They contradicted his message and railed at Paul's work. They illustrated the fact that jealousy always makes a fool out of its victim. By their rejection of the gospel of Christ they proved themselves to be unworthy of everlasting life. This bitter opposition of the Jews did not silence Paul and Barnabas; it simply made them much bolder in their proclamation of God's truth.

When the Gentiles were told that God had provided salvation for them in Christ, "They were glad." Many of them believed on Him and discovered that they had been ordained to eternal life. They were grateful to the Lord, beyond their ability to express in words, for what He had done for them, and they sought diligently to glorify Him by carrying His gospel to others.

1. Christ prayed for their preservation. John 17:9-16.

While they remain in the world, even though they are in it, Christ's followers need to be kept from it. He wants them to be delivered from the evil one. Instead of asking for their escape from temptation, suffering and sorrow, Christ prayed that they might be preserved while passing through these experiences. He asked the Father to keep Satan from corrupting their lives and destroying their influence for Christ.

2. Christ prayed for their sanctification. John 17:17-18

Note that Christ did not ask the Father to remove His disciples from the world. Such a procedure would deprive them of the discipline which they need so much, and the world would be impoverished greatly without the Christian testimony which their presence here provides. Neither did Christ pray for

the honor or satisfaction of His followers. Rather, He prayed that His disciples might be set apart to do the specific work of representing Him effectively. God's truth constitutes the means through which they are to be sanctified. Christ's representatives need special cleansing grace to make them vessels fit for the use of the Master. Governed by the truth of God's Word, they possess the ability to conform to His will for them.

II. Christ's Desire For Radiant Christians (Matthew 5:13-16)

1. He likens Christians to salt.

Salt serves various purposes. It has three properties—penetration, purification and preservation. It exists for others and does its work gradually, silently and inconspicuously. Its functions are to season and preserve. Since

it is a positive quantity, it cannot be ignored. Neither can the presence and influence of a Christian be ignored. The latter will be appreciated or resented.

Christians should exercise their sweetening, preserving and purifying powers where they live through their characters and by their contacts. The character of their influence is determined by what they are. They are to reveal the beauty and glory of Christ. Peace and joy in the lives of Christians frequently create a desire for the same on the part of the unsaved. Inconsistent living by professing Christians causes many to continue their rejection of Christ.

2. He likens Christians to light

"Ye are the light of the world." Christ is the true Light, and He shines through the lives of those who know Him and walk in His footsteps. It is glorious to

be a reflector of the true Light. As a light is to burn and shine for the benefit of others, so a Christian is to be an example and show others the best way of life.

When Christ indwells His followers, the true Light shines forth in their looks, words and deeds, and illuminates their environment. Because their conduct is watched, scrutinized, and either appreciated or criticized, Christians are urged to let their light shine before others so that they may be attracted by its brightness and warmth. Christ wants us to shine brightly and conspicuously for the benefit of others, but primarily for the glory of God. Good works for Christ must be under the spotlight, but the Christian worker is to keep himself in the background. His light is to shine through our conduct and works, and God is glorified thereby.

"Schools to Decline without Federal Aid"--Dobbins

If Baptist schools refuse to accept federal loans and grants, they "are likely to decline in financial strength while millions of Baptist tax dollars are spent to support and build quality in other institutions," a leading educator said at Nashville.

Charles G. Dobbins, executive secretary of the American Council on Higher Education in Washington, D. C., made the statement in the opening session of the four-day second national conference of the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST).

Dobbins, an active Baptist layman, said that while he had great respect for the convictions of those who oppose acceptance of federal funds for Baptist institutions, he personally could not agree.

"We do not quarrel with the use of tax dollars by the federal government to protect our lives and property in time of war, to build safer highways for our cars, or to safeguard our health and find solutions to disease," he declared.

"Private higher education," Dobbins added, "performs a public service second to none, and deserves support from tax

dollars." He predicted that sometime in the future, the federal government will provide general support for higher education.

"In whatever form, however, it is clear that the federal government will continue and expand its appropriations in support of higher education," Dobbins said. "This is a fact of life. There will be no turning back."

He qualified his statements, however, by saying he did not feel federal aid is the ideal solution. "I would like nothing better than to see a way for private colleges of all kinds to make their way without the necessity for state or federal assistance.

Other Support Preferred

"Adequate support from business, foundations, alumni, and denominational sources would be my preference" because the very nature of federal grants tends to influence the institution's programs in directions it did not choose.

Dobbins also said there are pressures from the changes of society to broaden the scope and role of educational institutions "by moving so far into programs of national action (they) may risk being diverted from their primary purposes as centers of learning."

This pressure especially affects the church school he said, quoting the leader of one denomination as saying: "By trying to be both church and college, the college ends up being neither."

He countered later, however, that private colleges really have a greater opportunity for being creative in improving quality education than public schools because they do not have the restrictions of the legislatures.

"Yet for the most part our Baptist colleges are content to be imitations—

and at the same time weak imitations—of other institutional patterns. . . . Thus we have failed to enter a door of educational opportunity that has been left wide open to us," he said.

Just before Dobbins spoke, the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, Rabun L. Brantley of Nashville, told the 300 Baptist leaders not to get the idea that the question of federal aid to Baptist schools was the only problem the conference was considering.

"Federal aid is only one part of the problem of financing Baptist higher education, and that is only one of six other major subject areas in which the conference will seek to solve problems," Brantley said. The Southern Baptist Education Commission he directs is sponsoring the two-year BEST project, aimed at pinpointing and solving the problems of Baptist higher education. (BP)

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Church Music

Bowling Green Organist To Teach Organ Class

by Eugene F. Quinn

The Youth and Leadership Music Assembly at Cedarmore on July 24-28 will have the capable service of Mr. Loren C. Tice, full-time assistant director of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. A graduate of Samford University in Alabama, Mr. Tice will teach the organ class at the assembly.



Tice

Starting a Children's Choir: Resource Materials

Excellent resource materials are available to assist in organizing a choir. A series of "How To . . ." pamphlets suggesting the basic procedures for organizing a choir for each of the age groups is available. The children's choir of mixed ages, such as 6 to 14 years of age, can use the junior materials best. These materials are free upon request from the church music department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, 40043.

More help is available from the Baptist Book Stores, namely, *Graded Choir Handbook*, Williams (6c); *The Beginner Music Activity Manual*, Adams (6c); *The Primary Choir Leadership Manual*, Clancy and Jones (6c); and *The Junior Choir Leadership Manual*, Jones (6c); and *The Youth Choir Leadership Manual*, Bobbitt (6c). *Graded Choirs in Your Church*, a filmstrip (26b), is also available.

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The statement that "Baptists multiply by dividing" has been a basic premise upon which the denomination has grown and expanded. This same principle can be utilized in the growth and expansion of the graded choir program in Southern Baptist churches everywhere.

Soloist for Cantata at Cedarmore, June 23

Three soloists will help to present the cantata at the Junior Music Camp on June 23, at 11:30 a.m., in the tabernacle. The soloists are: Miss Rose Marie Barrow, soprano, music librarian at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville; Tony Whitfield, tenor, Minister of Music at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville; and Charles Douglas, baritone, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Princeton.

The cantata is a dramatical musical presentation entitled, *Once, By Galilee*, by Bob Burrows.

Mrs. Donald Chatham, of Shelbyville, will be the accompanist and Mrs. Mabel Warkentin Sample will direct the concert.



Whitfield



Douglas



Miss Barrow

Sunday School

The July-September Life and Work Lessons

The theme of the July-September Life and Work Sunday School lessons is "Our Church in Today's World." The studies build on the foundation laid in the present quarter, which deals with "Our Lord and His Church." The aim is to help class members so to relate themselves to their church as to help it fulfill its mission in the midst of its present environment.

Basic to the study is Jesus' teaching that his disciples are to be in the world but not of it, and are to function as "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world."

The quarter's lessons are grouped in four units. These are Environment of the Church (lessons 1 and 2), Integrity of the Church (lessons 3-7), Ministries of the Church (lessons 8-11), and Evaluation of Churches (lessons 12 and 13).

Lessons 2 through 11 are based on the first epistle to the Corinthians. Problem factors in church life, such as those faced by the church at Corinth, are reviewed through a careful study of that book.

The last two lessons draw on the messages to the seven churches of Revelation 2-3.

The concluding lesson brings the quarter's study to a final focus on the question, What about my church—what does Christ think of us?

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Stewardship

Solving Stewardship Problems

by Michael L. Spicer

Can a church learn to solve its stewardship problems from the way a tiny ninth grade teacher controls her students? Maybe so.

The ninth grade teacher in question wouldn't weigh a hundred pounds scaking wet, and she has to look up to every boy in her class. But she never has any discipline problems.

Her formula is simple. If something becomes more than she can handle, she says, "All right, young man, it's time for you to go to the principal." And the issue is soon settled.

Of course there is no principal, or school authority, to whom a church can send its stewardship problems. But there are **principles of stewardship** which can be taken to the church members. When these principles—fundamental truths—are applied, they can solve a church's toughest stewardship problems.

This is the pattern followed in *Principles of Stewardship Development*, latest book from the pen of W. E. Grindstaff, director of cooperative program promotion of the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission.

His book, just released by Convention Press, tackles head-on the chief stewardship problems and questions that have been plaguing individuals and churches for years. And he lets the Bible give maximum help in stating answers.

The book deals with the complete stewardship circuit—including earning, spending, giving.

Grindstaff lists ten key principles to be applied, discusses them, and nails down their meaning in life-centered illustrations.

Principles of Stewardship Development also contains practical chapters on how a continual program of stewardship growth can be maintained by a church; how a church can increase its efficiency in the use of money; advice on how to "grow a budget"; and a clear picture of the tremendous value in using the Cooperative Program.

Man is still finding out how much God has entrusted to his care as he explores the recesses of creation with spaceship, bathysphere, and microscope. Grindstaff points out that man is also still finding out what God expects him to do with this great trust.

And he warns, some day man will have to give an accounting of his stewardship!

Principles of Stewardship Development can be studied by an individual or by an entire church. It can be the basic

text for an associational study or state-wide conference, or a gift to new church members. Credit can also be received for its study in the church study course.

A teaching guide, prepared by John Ishee, is available with suggestions to aid in teaching both large and small groups. The guide also lists additional stewardship study resources.

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Evangelism in Depth

the coin, we like this program because it gives opportunity to demonstrate the unity of Christian people on the most basic of all concerns, evangelism. In Eastern Kentucky we have had extremes of suspicion and distrust among differing groups, but there has already been a greater sense of cooperation and oneness among Christians of all persuasions than many had ever thought possible. An extra benefit to our Baptist churches from this program could be the spiritual impetus it would give as we enter the 1969 Crusade of the Americas.

We need the prayers and interest of all our Baptist brethren, and we will need the help of many pastors and musicians during our simultaneous revivals. Perhaps the time has come for the eyes of the nation to again be focused on Appalachia—not on our poverty and our problems, not on what they need to give us. Perhaps we need to see what we may be able to share with others—the first beginnings of a new Great Awakening! God grant that it may come about.

Woman's Missionary Union

YWA Conference, July 7-9

by Sydney Pertis

"Great Master Touch Us" is the theme for the YWA Conference to be held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly July 7-9. Reservations for the weekend conference should be made by sending \$2.00 registration fee to Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky. Price of the week-end conference depends on accommodations desired.

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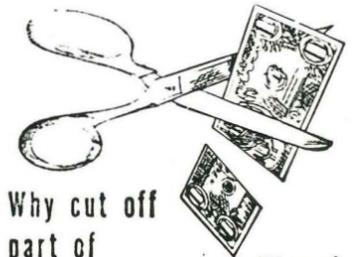
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aries to Japan will be featured on the program along with Miss Nina Gillespie, home missionary in Tucson, Arizona. A theme interpretation will be held on Friday evening and methods conferences will be held Saturday morning. Other highlights will be a "White Bible Service", a Citation Service, skit on enlistment, missionary skit, a Book Banquet, and a prayer retreat Sunday morning.

Also during the week-end there will be recreation, music, fellowship, a campfire and opportunity for YWA'S and their leadership to learn more about missions and how they can participate in missions. On Saturday the basic leadership course will be taught by Grover Williams for all YWA leadership.

Plan now for the YWA's in your church to attend the YWA Conference July 7-9, 1967. For a more detailed outline of the program, see the tentative program outline sent in the July quarterly package to local WMU presidents to give the YWA leadership.



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Editors Discuss Social Emphasis in Recent Convention

BY THE BAPTIST PRESS

Did the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach turn a corner and start a new trend toward more involvement in social action ministries whereby churches become involved in changing the world?

Editorials in more than a dozen Baptist state papers gave differing viewpoints, but most seemed to agree that the convention charted a middle-of-the-road course which emphasized both a new awareness of social needs along with the traditional emphasis on missions and evangelism.

Void of Controversy

The editorials also generally agreed that the 1967 convention was void of any really controversial issues, and that it was a "good" convention.

An editorial in the biggest of the 29 Baptist state papers, the *Baptist Standard* of Texas, predicted that the "convention may be ready to break out of historic confines."

"The messengers were ready to take a fresh look at proposals which in other years would have been shouted down as radical," said the *Baptist Standard* editorial.

Editorials in Baptist state papers in such states as Indiana, Florida, and District of Columbia, Illinois and California observed that the emphasis on "social action" in the convention speeches was significant.

But editorials in the Mississippi, Colorado, and Ohio papers countered that the convention was not a turning point in the denomination towards more social action.

A Turning Point?

"It is possible that this convention was a turning point," said the *Baptist Record* of Mississippi, "but if it was that, it was turning back to the old gospel emphasis and away from the trends toward social action, which some Southern Baptists would have us take.

"Southern Baptists are not turning from their major emphasis, but simply are hearing calls for better implementation of it," said the Mississippi paper.

The Colorado *Rocky Mountain Baptist* saw the "present day so-called 'social action' emphasis as nothing more or less than the 'social gospel' fostered by religionists of a generation ago."

The District of Columbia *Capital Baptist*, however, disagreed. "There will be those who will cry, 'social gospel,'" said the editorial. "Let them cry. The world is moving too fast to even sit down and debate with these. Southern Baptists put their hand to the plow—there can be no turning back."

The *Capital Baptist* said that Southern

Baptists discovered in this convention that there is a world in need. "It was at this convention that we began to spell it out in the daily issues of life, poverty, birth control, war, peace, etc."

The great majority of the editorials, however, said the convention took a middle-of-the-road interpretation of the significance of the social action emphasis in convention messages.

The most highly publicized issue to crop up during the convention, the war in Vietnam and world peace, drew much less comment in the Baptist state papers than the issue of social action.

Most of the editorials commenting on the actions by the convention adopting a resolution on Vietnam and receiving a carefully-worded "peace" statement from the SBC Christian Life Commission observed that the convention was "hawkish" rather than "dovish" in its stand.

From Peace to War

"What started out as a statement on 'peace' almost became a 'declaration of war,'" said an editorial in the *Indiana Baptist*, which observed that the "convention wanted victory and not withdrawal in Vietnam."

Added the *Georgia Christian Index*: "The hawks were in the decided majority. It is obvious that Southern Baptists, individually and collectively, back the U. S. policy in Southeast Asia. . ."

An editorial in the Colorado *Rocky Mountain Baptist* took issue with the Christian Life Commission's statement on the Vietnam war, and chided the commission for inviting Oregon Sen. Mark Hatfield, classed as a 'dove', to speak following their report. "Nothing should be done," said the editorial, "to cause the least doubt, on the part of our men in Vietnam, as to our complete support of their every effort."

On another major convention issue,

Campbellsville Names New Director of Recruitment

Mitchell D. Parker, Jr. of Campbellsville, Kentucky, has been named director of recruitment and promotion at Campbellsville College. He began his work January 1.

Parker received the A.B. degree, with honors, from Campbellsville during May. Before attending college, he served two tours of duty in the U. S. Army.



Parker

the ecumenical movement, the editorials generally observed that Southern Baptists are not ready to join any effort toward organic union of denominations, but there seemed to be, in the words of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, "very definitely a lessening of Baptist exclusiveness."

The *California Southern Baptist* called the speeches on the ecumenical movement "a remarkable shift in outlook . . . among Southern Baptists."

The convention referred to its Executive Committee a proposal that the SBC study the possibility of cooperation with other evangelical groups with particular reference to "witness and evangelism."

The Colorado *Rocky Mountain Baptist* didn't like the proposal, saying the ecumenical crowd does not emphasize the Bible as Baptists do. The District of Columbia *Capital Baptist*, however, charged that the proposal would move Southern Baptists closer to the smaller sects and farther away from the mainstream of Protestantism.

"This, though, is about as outdated in the minds of young people of today's world as the horse and buggy," said the *Capital Baptist*.

Reapportionment Will Return

On still another issue, most of the editorials were agreed that the proposal to reapportion membership of 15 SBC commissions and institutional boards by rotating representation among smaller states in the SBC would probably come up again, despite its defeat by the 1967 convention.

The *Georgia Christian Index* said the convention probably made a mistake in not accepting the proposal, while the Colorado paper said that the convention made the right decision.

Other editorial comments chided the convention messengers for not staying through the closing sessions, called for more time for miscellaneous business sessions, urged re-scheduling of the Pastors' Conference and auxiliary meetings and a general re-thinking of the convention schedule.

Said the South Carolina *Baptist Courier* in summary: "The proper adjectives to describe the just-completed Southern Baptist Convention are 'good, harmonious, successful, routine, but uneventful, unimaginative and only moderately inspiring.'"

"Good but not great," echoed the Mississippi *Baptist Record*. "Overall, it gave one the feeling that our convention is growing up and reaching a greater measure of maturity," said the *Alabama Baptist*.

The majority of the editorials in other state Baptist papers seemed to agree.