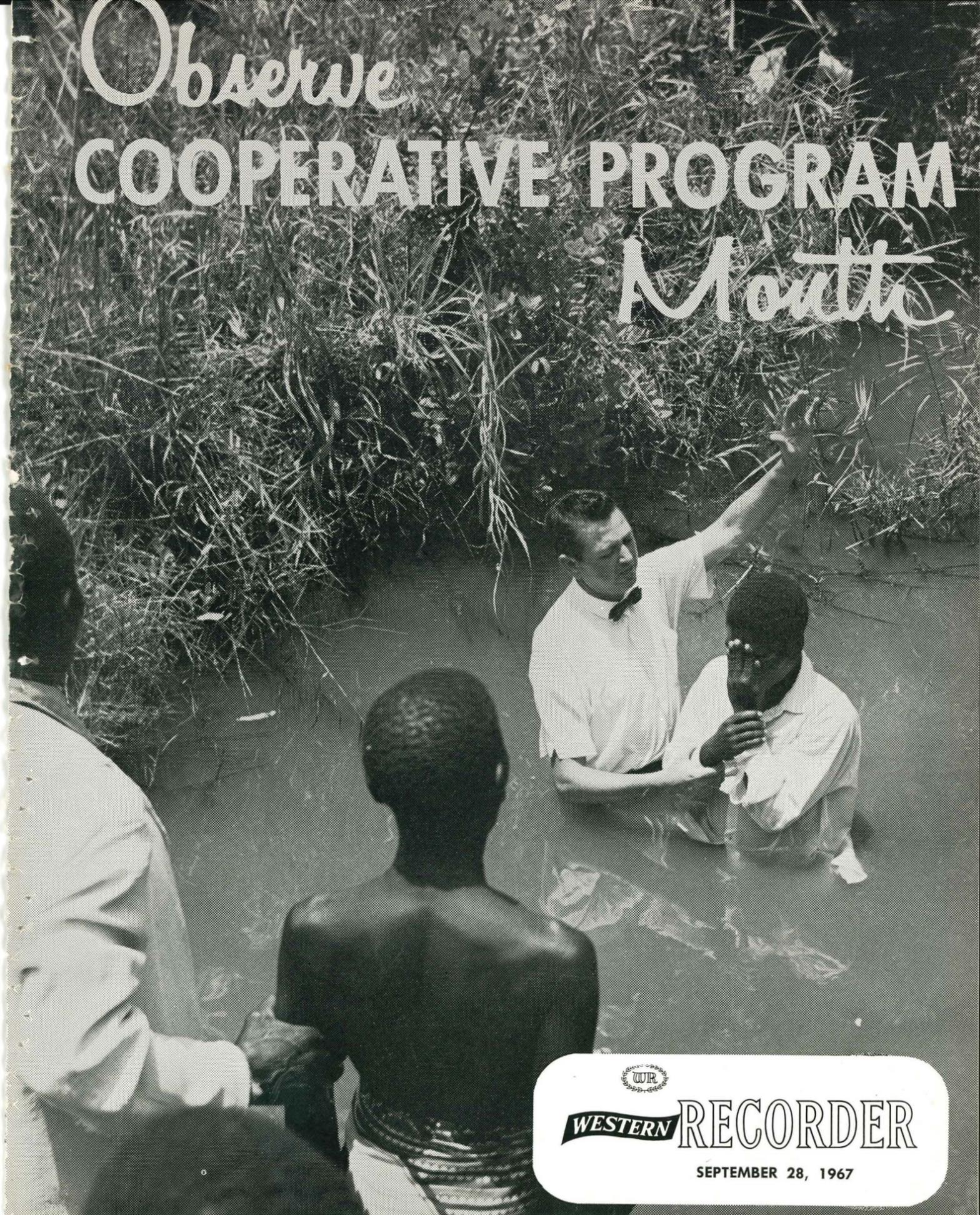


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F. PAUL ALLISON, formerly associate executive secretary of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists in Wichita, has joined the education division of the Sunday School Board as a field services consultant.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST COLLEGE at Riverside has named Miss Ailese Parten as the school's consultant in public relations for the fall semester. She was formerly public relations director at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas.

DR. J. FRANKLIN RAY, 95, oldest foreign missionary of Southern Baptists, died in Jackson, Tennessee, September 13 of a heart attack. He served in Japan from 1904 to 1940. He was a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

DR. FRANK M. POWELL, who taught church history for 25 years at Southern Seminary in Louisville, will soon be honored with a "Dr. Powell Day" at First Baptist Church in Thomasville, North Carolina. Now 81 years old, he retired to Thomasville in 1952.

THE INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY in Cali, Colombia, began a new year September 4, with 62 students from seven countries enrolled.

JACK D. EDMONS, who serves as crusade director for area revivals conducted by staff members of the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, is opening new offices and will be available to direct a limited number of city and area-wide crusades in addition to his work with Home Mission Board staff members. The two offices will be Box 263, Montreat, North Carolina 28757, and First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY PROFESSORS Wayne Ward and Clyde T. Francisco have been chosen by Word Books of Waco, Texas, to contribute articles and research to a new 24-volume commentary on the Bible projected by that publishing firm. The Bible Commentary will be the largest publishing effort yet undertaken by the firm.

JAMES ROBERT VANDY, pastor of Beacon Light Baptist Church, St. Charles, Virginia, was ordained to the ministry by Swiss Colony Baptist Church, London, Kentucky, during August. He is a student at Clear Creek School in Pineville.

CECIL A. RAY, 44, was elected director of the stewardship division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, with offices in Dallas.

SWISS COLONY BAPTIST CHURCH, London, Kentucky, has begun mission work in the Buffalo area of Rockcastle County. This makes two missions, Baldrock and Buffalo, for the Swiss Colony church. Maynard Head is the pastor.

C. KENNETH AND JUNE HAYES, missionaries to Japan where Hayes is a minister of education, will be in Louisville on an extended furlough for the coming year. Either one or both are available for speaking engagements. They may be contacted at Highview Baptist Church, Louisville.

C. ROBERT CARLTON, assistant professor of mathematics at Georgetown College, has been awarded a federal education grant for the 1967-68 academic year. He will attend the faculty development institute at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. Along with 45 other college professors, he will take courses and do research designed to improve his teaching methods and skills.



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ELIZABETH RICHMOND McKINNEY has been named guest teacher of piano at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

GEORGE A. TORNEY, III, a B.D. and Th.M. graduate of Southern Seminary at Louisville, has been named an associate secretary in the metropolitan missions department of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. For the past two years, Torney has served as pastor of Winstanley Baptist Church in East St. Louis, Illinois.

R. CHARLES BLAIR, pastor of the Sedalia, Kentucky, Baptist Church in Graves County Association, has been named academic dean of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield. He is a graduate of the Mayfield school and is working for the M.A. degree at Murray State University.

THE BOONEVILLE ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS has named Oscar Hornsby clerk-emeritus of the association. He has served as clerk of that body for the past 42 years. During their recent meeting at Muddy Gap Baptist Church, Booneville Baptists also passed a resolution of respect and appreciation for Hornsby and his many years of service to the association.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST HOSPITAL at Louisville recently held a reception for Mrs. Doris Zeilman, who was named director of nursing at the institution this summer.

PAUL H. MILLER, missionary to Nigeria, will spend his furlough in Louisville at Southern Seminary rather than in Greenville, South Carolina, as previously reported. Miller served Farmdale and Immanuel Baptist Churches in Louisville as well as churches in Georgia before his appointment in 1964.

MRS. CAMIE WILSON was presented a scroll in honor of her 40 years of dedicated service as a Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church, Pineville, Kentucky, on September 10. She has taught during these years in the junior department.

WORD BOOKS, INCORPORATED of Waco, Texas, has announced that Dr. C. A. Roberts, formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida, will spend the next year as post-doctoral visiting scholar at Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is the author of a book, A Life Worth Living, published by Word and will continue to serve as a consultant for that publishing firm.

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Kentuckians Answer Macedonian Call of Fairbanks, Alaska, Baptists

Six Baptist laymen and one pastor from Kentucky were among the more than 100 men from 14 states who responded to the plea for help from flood-stricken Baptists in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Kentuckians, all experienced painters, carpenters, electricians or plumbers, are helping restore the nine Southern Baptist churches of Fairbanks which were badly damaged by a recent flood. The 100 volunteers were needed to complete the restoration job before Alaska's winter freeze-up hits about October 1.

Kentuckians responding to the Alaskan plea included B. H. Cornett, Murray; Woodrow Davis, Paducah; James H. Donley, Morganfield; Odell Leigh, Greenville; Tip Miller, Murray, and B. L. Williams of Berea.

Perhaps the most stirring response to the Alaskan plea was that of Pastor Odell Leigh of Greenville's Second Baptist Church. An experienced electrician, Leigh preached on the plight of Fairbanks Baptists on Sunday morning, September 10, and indicated his willingness to go to Alaska to help if the

church would sponsor the trip. By that night the congregation had approved the trip and had contributed more than \$800 to send Leigh to Fairbanks.

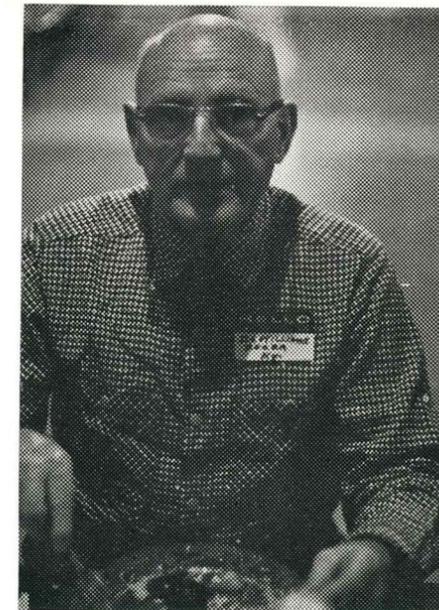
He was moved to preach on the subject by an editorial on the flood by Editor C. R. Daley which appeared in the September 7 issue of the Western Recorder.

In Paducah, two Baptist laymen from the same church—Twelfth Street Baptist—responded to the challenge to go to Alaska and serve without pay when the plea was issued by their pastor, Harold W. Allen.

The two laymen, L. J. Stubblefield and Woodrow Davis, wrote to the Twelfth Street congregation after arriving in Fairbanks: "These people up here sure have a lot of faith and we are happy to do what little we can to help."



J. H. Donley of Morganfield



B. L. WILLIAMS of Berea eats lunch at the First Baptist Church of Fairbanks, where ladies of the church provided meals for all the volunteers.



L. J. STUBBLEFIELD of Paducah (plaid shirt) works with another volunteer to repair a door casing.



WATER-SOAKED SHEETROCK and mud had to be shoveled out of most of the church basements through small ceiling-level windows. At Calvary Baptist, however, a small conveyor was used to route the ruined material out the window, where it was loaded into wheelbarrows and rolled to the street to be picked up.



TIP MILLER of Murray sprays down mud and debris that collected in one of the Baptist church buildings.



**Spiritual Retardation Among Baptists**

The church dropout rate is one of the most serious problems of Southern Baptists. In some Baptist churches two out of every three members who join fall away sooner or later, and one of every two drop out of active participation within one year. Our list of "non-residents" and "inactives" is longer than our list of "actives."

We are hard put to explain why religion doesn't take with so many Baptists. With our strong emphasis on "once saved, always saved," we have to find an explanation other than they had it and lost it.

Two explanations are possible. Either they never were born again or, having been born again, they never grew and so are still spiritual babies.

Retardation of any sort is pathetic, but mental or physical retardation is not near so sad as spiritual retardation. To see a 40-year-old person with the mind of a six-year-old is sad. Sadder still is a person who professed faith 30 years ago, but has never grown a spiritual inch.

Spiritual retardation is one of the chief explanations for so many Baptist dropouts, and is the source of so much dissention and trouble in the churches. Not all the spiritual babies drop out. Some stay in the church, and act like the babies they are. There is some similarity between mental and spiritual retardation. Like mental retardation, spiritual retardation affects different people differently. Some mentally retarded persons are violent and dangerous. They have the physical strength of a man and the mind of a baby. The same is true of some spiritually retarded. They lash out at each other like babies; they try to destroy the pastor or anyone else who gets in their way. Other spiritually retarded are quiet, gentle and even sweet-spirited like some mentally retarded. They are easy to love and give no trouble. However, they require constant attention as do babies and they make no productive contribution.

Why do so many Baptists turn out to be retarded? Surely they have themselves most to blame because, unlike mental retardation, spiritual retardation is by personal choice. The mentally retarded are more to be pitied, because their condition is generally beyond their control.

The fault for their condition does not lie entirely with the spiritually retarded, however. The churches where they are born again are also to blame. Many churches and pastors are so carried away with getting people "saved" that their concern goes little beyond

this. These churches have been compared to a hospital with only a maternity ward. The quality of Bible instruction and even the preaching which many Baptists are offered leave them Biblically illiterate and spiritually retarded, though they have been in the church for many years.

But the major blame must rest with the person. Let's be honest. Millions of Baptists don't pray a minute a day, and don't know Amos the prophet from Amos McCoy. Theirs is a constant diet of American materialism, television trivia and trash. And so on moral issues they reflect personal prejudices and cultural mores instead of spiritual insights resulting from minds renewed and matured in Jesus Christ. No wonder our churches are more like the Corinthians than the Philippians.

We should never slacken our efforts to get people "saved." This we ought to do, but not leave the other undone. If we didn't have an addition to our churches in five years, we would still have plenty to do with the ones we already have.

A good place to start is to help people understand what it means to be born again. Then it would be easier to lead them to grow spiritually. This is not optional; it is God's command. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).

For a superb treatment of spiritual maturity, see chapter three in Southern Seminary Professor Kenneth Chafin's book, *Help, I'm a Layman*.

**The Bible and the Crusade**

Thomas Hicks Shelton, Kentucky Baptist secretary of evangelism, is giving his whole heart and mind to making the 1969 Crusade of the Americas a memorable evangelistic epoch in Kentucky Baptist history. He feels this project could be one of our greatest successes or one of our greatest failures. It could deliver us from our spiritual doldrums, or it could plunge us into deeper despair.

Shelton recently told members of an advisory committee for the Crusade in Kentucky that what happens in 1969 depends entirely on what Kentucky Baptists do between now and then. Unless believers are spiritually revived in 1968, there is no reason to expect any impact upon unbelievers in 1969, Shelton believes.

The evangelism secretary could not be more right. Our present spiritual condition is more likely to make for failure than success. Something must happen to us between now and then.

Several specific suggestions will be made by Shelton in way of preparation for the 1969 Crusade. One of these offers great hope, and could actually transform many Kentucky Baptists into radiant Christians and effective witnesses for Jesus Christ. This is a plan to enlist thousands of Baptists in reading and studying the Bible.

There is no more crying need for Baptists than a return to the Bible. Boasting through the years that we are a "people of the Book," we are actually now more of a "people of the forgotten Book." This neglect of the Scriptures goes a long way toward explaining our present predicament.

A return to the Word of God has always been a vital factor in the renewing of God's people. This is true whether it be the revivals of Israel in the seventh century B.C. under King Josiah and in the fifth century B.C. under Ezra, or the revival of the sixteenth century A.D. led by Luther and other Reformers. The instances of spiritual vitality in the twentieth century have been in connection with a rediscovery of the Bible.

But not just any kind of reading the Bible is sufficient. The Bible is not a fetish or a charm that brings blessings apart from a proper approach. Actually, it can become an idol. The Scriptures came between the Jews and Jesus, and the same thing can happen to people today. The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to our coming into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ. Like Jesus came to point man to God, so the Bible points us to Jesus. It is not a Bible in our pocket but Jesus in our heart that really matters.

And so, it is not enough just to read so many chapters from the Bible each day. It is not how many times we read the Bible but how we read it; not how much of it we can quote, but how much of its truth we demonstrate in our lives.

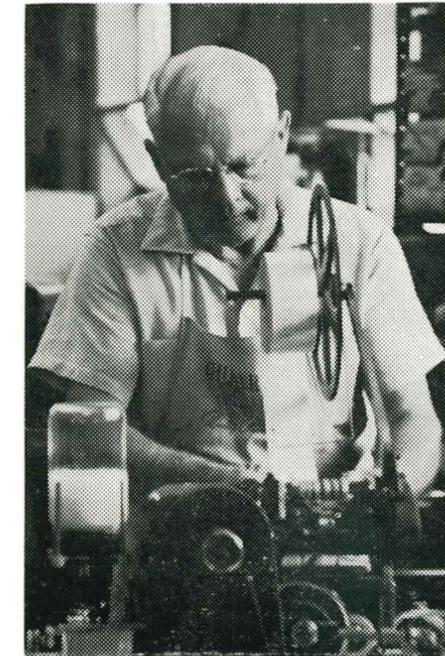
What we receive from the Bible depends upon the attitude with which we approach it. We should come to the Bible with a hearing heart, an open mind, and a desire to learn. If possible, we should lay aside our preconceived ideas of what it says and let the Bible speak its own truth to us. To approach it in search of proof texts for our own doctrinal positions is to limit its usefulness.

The King James version, as beautiful as it is, is not the best version to read and to study with understanding. More recent translations in modern English paragraphs are more helpful and have made the Bible a new book for many readers.

Before coming to the Bible with an open mind and heart, one should realize there is danger involved. Honest Bible study, like sincere prayer, is likely to upset, if not destroy cherished beliefs and stands to change one's life completely. This is because the Bible for a listening heart is the living Word of God. Its truth jumps off the pages and demands action on the part of the believer. It is no longer merely an account of God's dealings long ago and far away but becomes God's direction to me about my actions today.

The Bible read this way has a transforming effect. And this is the transformation we must experience if God uses us for His glory in the 1969 Crusade of the Americas.

**Charles Sell Retires after 30 Years with the Recorder**



**MAILING JOB**—Charles Sell makes an adjustment on the mailing machine which stamps address labels on about 63,000 copies of the WESTERN RECORDER each week.

Members of the *Western Recorder* staff will lose a dedicated co-worker on September 30, when Charles Sell retires after working more than 30 years with the Baptist newspaper.

Since joining the *Western Recorder* staff full-time in May, 1937, Charles has performed the important but sometimes thankless task of mailing each weekly issue of the paper. Until ten years ago, when modern mailing equipment was installed, he stamped every individual label, by hand, on every copy of the newspaper mailed out of the *Recorder* office.

Charles handled the job with what is known in newspaper circles as a "wing mailer," a small hand-operated mailing machine. The job was not so difficult when he started work in 1937; the newspaper's circulation then was about 12,000. A little harder to handle, however, was the weekly mailing by 1957, when automatic mailing equipment finally was installed. By then Charles was addressing 65,000 copies of the *Western Recorder* every week by hand.

The long-time employee of Kentucky Baptists' state paper is married to the former Virginia Fuqua. They are the

parents of two daughters—Mrs. William Cooper of Louisville, a graduate of Georgetown College, and Mrs. Curtis Kittrell of Mobile, Alabama, a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton.

Charles has been an active member of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville since 1938. A deacon, he has taught a class of 14-year-old boys for the past 27 years. Jokingly, he observes that he has taught this class for so long now that he is beginning to teach the sons of boys who were in his class 20 or 25 years ago.

During his retirement years, Charles hopes to have more time to give to his church work. He and Mrs. Sell will be living at their home at 3427 Bryan Way in Louisville.

**Southwestern Publication Features Book of Luke**

The October issue of the *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, published by Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, will feature five articles on the Book of Luke, the 1968 January Bible study book for the Southern Baptist Convention.

# Kentucky Convention to Convene November 8-10 at Louisville

"Here to Minister" is the theme for the 130th annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, which will convene November 8-10 at Louisville's historic Walnut Street Baptist Church.

A unique feature of this year's convention will be a joint session on Friday afternoon, November 10, with the Negro Baptist convention in Kentucky—the General Association of Baptists. This year's youth night, to be held Friday night in Freedom Hall at the state fairgrounds, will also be a joint session with this convention.

Another new feature of the convention will be a free breakfast for pastors, missionaries and denominational workers and their wives who have begun serving in Kentucky since the last session of the convention.

This breakfast will be held on Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. just before the convention begins. Reservations for the meal should be made through the office of the executive secretary in Middletown.

Headquarters hotel for the convention will be the Brown Hotel in down-

town Louisville. Messengers should make their reservations directly with this hotel or with other motels and hotels in the Louisville area.

Future issues of the *Western Recorder* will carry further information about this year's meeting of the convention.

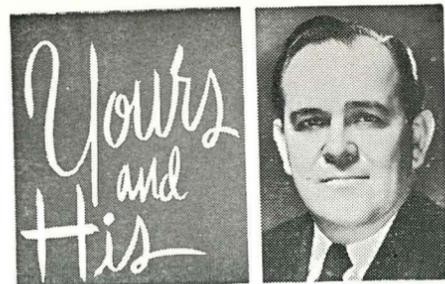
## Record Enrolment Noted At Clear Creek School

Twenty students from Kentucky are part of the record enrolment this academic year at Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Kentucky.

The Kentucky Baptist institution, which trains students from several states of the Appalachian region for the Baptist ministry, has a three-year curriculum in Bible study and related subjects.

Most of the school's students have entered the ministry as young adults and have little formal education. The average student is 34 years old, has three children and a ninth-grade education.

D. M. Aldridge is president of the Baptist institution.



## Severns Valley and CP

Congratulations are in order for both the pastor and people of Severns Valley Baptist Church who recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of their pastor, and, at the same time, the completion of the debt on their most recent building program. We are very proud of this historical church and its able pastor, Verlin C. Kruschwitz.

We are not surprised to hear this far-sighted missionary pastor say that the church is now ready to advance in the cause of missions. This is not to imply that the church has not been advancing in Cooperative Program giving during their building program—they have; but, now, they make a mighty thrust through the Cooperative Program and perhaps in other ways to further Baptist mission causes around the earth.

## Pastors, Lead in CP Study

Every pastor in Kentucky has received a copy of the new book, *Our Cooperative Program*. It is a Study Course Book, and should be shared with every member of the church.

October is set as Cooperative Program Month in the churches. This book, along with other missionary materials furnished free from the denomination, can be shared with the people in all Sunday sermons, in the mid-week service, and assembly programs for the Training Union and Sunday School have been prepared for the director and superintendent.

## Month of Study and Prayer

What would happen to the minds and hearts of a church whose pastor and leaders led them through a month of study and prayer about world missions—that means, from associational to foreign—that means, objects fostered by the Cooperative Program?

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*Harold G. Sanders*

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# 1968 FMB Budget Expected to Top \$30,000,000

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's budget for 1968 is expected to exceed \$30,000,000, Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, announced during the Board's monthly meeting September 14. The budget is now being prepared for adoption at the Board's annual meeting October 9-11.

Examining the long-range outlook for the financial support needed to continue foreign mission advance, Cauthen cited favorable factors.

## Steady Baptist Growth

"Population increase in this country should provide opportunity for steady growth in church membership," he said. "Southern Baptists are expanding into all states, thus entering areas of major population concentration. Economic conditions in the areas of major Southern Baptist strength continue to improve. It seems reasonable to anticipate that during the remainder of this century Southern Baptists should have sustained growth numerically and financially."

Last year Southern Baptists giving to all causes was \$669,779,972, of which 4.04%, or \$2.47 per capita, came to the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Cauthen reported.

## New Work Begun

John D. Hughey, the Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, reported on new mission work in Turkey and Morocco and prospects for beginning work in Iran, Belgium, and Finland.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Leeper (of Dayton, Kentucky), missionaries who went to Ankara, Turkey, in mid-1966, have built up a thriving congregation of overseas Americans, organized as the Galatian Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrel P. Callaway (of Chatham, New Jersey), first Southern Baptist missionaries to Morocco, arrived in that country in July, securing their residence permit within 24 hours. They have rented a house in Oudjda with room for a maternity clinic to be operated by Mrs. Callaway, a registered

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nurse with midwifery training.

Hughey reported the continuation of efforts to obtain permission to send missionaries to Iran. "With more than 23,000,000 people, great resources, and a progressive spirit, Iran is one of the stronger nations in the Middle East," he said. "It is a Muslim country, but Islam has a weaker hold on it, especially so far as educated people are concerned, than on the Arab countries."

Shifts in English-language Baptist congregations in Europe are resulting from the transfer from France to Belgium of SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe), NATO's military headquarters in Europe, and from the reduction of the American staff at American firms in Luxembourg.

The possibility of a Southern Baptist missionary couple being assigned to Finland has been raised by the Finnish Baptist Union. Hughey expects to visit Finland for further discussion during a forthcoming trip. There are about 1,250 Finnish-speaking Baptists and nearly 2,000 Swedish-speaking Baptists in Finland, he said. The Board has given them some financial assistance.

Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, announced that missionary personnel and property in the Dominican Republic were unharmed by a hurricane that struck September 11.

He reported the completion of the new building of First Baptist Church,

Hamilton, Bermuda, where Southern Baptist Missionary Robert L. Harris is pastor. Harold G. Basden, associate secretary for promotion, represented the Foreign Mission Board at dedication ceremonies September 3. The Board contributed slightly more than \$10,000 toward construction costs, plus a gift for furnishings and equipment. The congregation includes many U.S. military personnel stationed in Bermuda.

The Bermuda church is to begin televising its Sunday morning worship services. An additional \$681 for this project was appropriated by the Board during its September meeting.

Another appropriation provides \$5,356 from relief funds to repair church buildings in Colombia damaged by earthquakes. Damage was quite extensive, Means said.

"The political situation in Nigeria continues to be tense and unsettled," said H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa. "No one can tell what the future holds. Even if federal troops win a military victory, it is hard to see how the nation can be strongly unified, at least for many years to come. Whatever the political conditions, our missionaries have the strong conviction that their ministries will be needed more than ever." In the light of the situation, five of the seven 1967 missionary journeymen employed for Nigeria are being re-assigned.

## Sullivan Replies to "Luxury Meal" Charges

Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board at Nashville, has responded to recent editorials in the *Western Recorder* of Kentucky and the *Biblical Recorder* of North Carolina which raised questions about an alleged "luxury meal" served this summer at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina.

Both editorials questioned the wisdom of any Baptist agency serving a meal which, according to the menu, seemed to be extravagant and luxurious.

"It seems that what has aroused some reaction is the printing of the variety of available menu choices," Sullivan said. "It was a buffet-style situation with regard to service. The guests, responsible denominational leaders and their families, made choices which satisfied their appetites without excess."

Editor C. R. Daley of the *Western Recorder* identified the occasion as one of the regularly-scheduled meetings of the elected board of the Sunday School Board. According to a former member of this board from Kentucky whom he contacted, this meal is provided each

year free of charge by the catering service which serves Ridgecrest on a contract basis.

However, Sullivan pointed out in his communication with the two editors, "this particular meal in July, 1967, was paid for by the Sunday School Board."

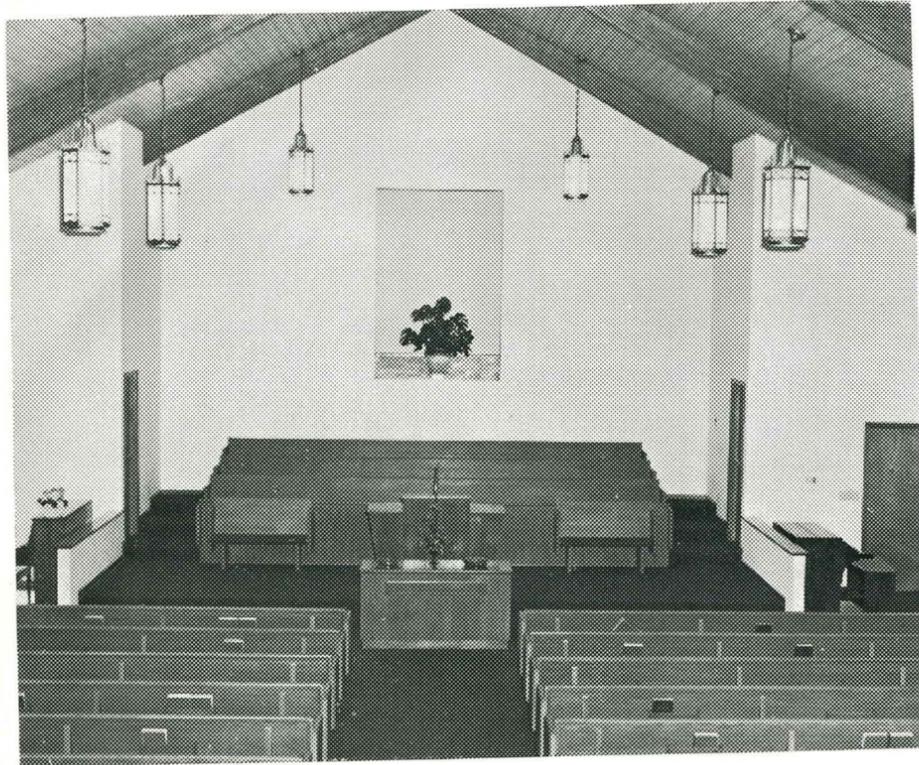
Furthermore, he claimed, the meal "cost no more than a medium size steak dinner at a reputable metropolitan hotel. Many extras were provided without cost by the catering service."

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## Crescent Springs Dedication Set

This is the interior of the new sanctuary of the Crescent Springs, Kentucky, Baptist Church, which will be dedicated October 1. Constructed at a cost of \$85,000, the new auditorium will seat 425 persons. Frank Wilkerson, pastor of the church for the past seven years, said the special afternoon dedication service will feature a reading of the church history and a dedication address by Roy Johnson, former pastor of the Crescent Springs congregation.

# SBC Schools Need Statement of Purpose, BEST Says

by JIM NEWTON

The Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) ended at Nashville its two-year investigation of the problems facing Baptist higher education when the BEST Findings Committee called, among other things, for statements of purpose for Christian education.

Throughout the 113-page book outlining the results of the two-year study, a thread of suggestion was woven calling for both Baptist state conventions which own schools, and the colleges themselves, to draft statements of philosophy, purpose and objective.

Three other key solutions to problems facing Baptist higher education were also repeated like a broken record throughout the report when it was presented to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

►That there exists a communications gap between the colleges and the majority of the Baptist constituents, and something must be done to close this gap.

►That control of the institutions must be vested in the elected boards of trustees of the schools, and the 16 state conventions which own the schools must not seek to control them from the floor of the annual meeting.

►That Baptist schools face a financial crisis, and extraordinary efforts must be made to provide the necessary funds to meet the demands.

The Findings Committee, however, did not resolve the question of acceptance of federal aid being faced by the 54 Baptist colleges and universities

throughout the nation.

It left the decision instead to the elected boards of trustees and to the 16 conventions. Several of the conventions are in the midst of studies on the question, and some had delayed their studies with the hopes that the BEST investigation would come up with concrete suggestions.

It did, however, offer some guidelines, suggesting that there can be cooperation between church and state as well as separation; that the trustees should make the decision on the matter; that each federal aid program should be studied carefully; and that the consequences must be examined if they either accept or reject federal aid.

The Findings Committee stated in its report that some of the controversy generated during the two-year study over the federal aid question had actually "tended at times to divert attention from the basic question of ways and means for adequate support by the Baptist constituency."

The Findings Committee drafted a model statement of purpose with suggested elements in the purpose of a Christian college that the respective colleges and conventions could use as a guide.

The model statement of purpose had six key points. Summarized briefly, the model suggested that the Christian college should:

►Provide higher education within the overall perspective of the Christian world view.

►Create and nurture an atmosphere conducive to the Christian ethic.

►Be a center of study and a forum for discussion of the issues and challenges facing the sponsoring denomination, thus being on the cutting edge of religious thought.

►Give emphasis to the liberal arts and humanities.

►Help prepare workers for all the denominational enterprises, which is a

valid if not a major purpose of a Christian college.

►Develop graduates which are committed to and who practice the Christian religion.

Throughout the report there was an insistence that Baptist education should be quality education. "Only quality higher education can justify the label 'Christian,'" stated the report.

It also affirmed the need for Baptist schools, stating that "Christian education is not an optional interest of the church, but an important function of its mission. Because no effective substitute has been found for the genuinely Christian college, Baptists must continue to nurture and support adequately their Christian institutions of higher education."

The Findings Committee, however, looked with a dim view at establishing new Baptist schools, saying that it is generally agreed that \$20,000,000 would be required to establish a four-year liberal arts college and bring it into full operation as an institution of acceptable academic excellence.

On the subject of accreditation, the committee stated that accreditation is an absolute necessity, and published a summary of the requirements that most accrediting agencies have set for all schools.

It specifically cited a requirement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which states: "The governing body should not be subject to undue pressure from state officials or other political or religious groups; furthermore, the governing body should protect the administration from similar outside pressures."

What the long range effect of BEST and its final report will be may take years to evaluate. One thing seems certain: they have done an exhaustive study, but have left the final decisions up to the state conventions and the boards of trustees for each institution, where the decisions, by Baptist polity, belong. (BP)



Prof in the Pulpit

"Prof" Inman Johnson recently tore himself away from the drudgery of hunting and fishing in Virginia to return to Southern Seminary at Louisville to deliver the annual Founders' Day address. "Prof" taught music and speech and served as alumni secretary at the seminary for 45 years before retiring to his beloved Virginia in 1965. His speech, punctuated by unacademic roars of laughter from the audience, was reminiscent of seminary life in the 1920's and 1930's.

## SBC for 1968 to Meet at Houston, Not New Orleans

The SBC Executive Committee has changed the place of meeting for the 1968 session of the Southern Baptist Convention from New Orleans to Houston and the meeting dates from June 11-14 to June 3-7.

This change was made when it became apparent that a new auditorium under construction at New Orleans—the building where the SBC was to meet in 1968—would not be finished by next June.

The SBC was scheduled to meet at Houston in 1969; it will meet instead that year in New Orleans on June 9-13. Houston's Rice Hotel will be the headquarters hotel for 1968.

## "Good News for Modern Man" Translator to Preach Revival at Broadway Church

Robert Bratcher, native Kentuckian and translator of the American Bible Society's "Good News for Modern Man," will be preaching in a series of revival services October 1-8 at Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

Bratcher, who has worked at the American Bible Society, New York City, since 1957, graduated *summa cum laude* from Georgetown College in 1941. He received the Th.D. and Th.M. degrees from Southern Seminary at Louisville and served as visiting professor of New Testament at that institution in 1954 and 1955.

"Good News for Modern Man," a new translation of the New Testament, has become a runaway best seller since it was published by the American Bible Society last year.

Theme for the revival services at Broadway is "Good News for Modern Man." Services will be held daily at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

## Kentucky Associational Officers' Briefing Scheduled October 20-21 at Cedarmore

The first statewide associational officers' briefing to be held in the Kentucky Baptist Convention has been scheduled for October 20 and 21 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly near Bagdad, Kentucky.

All officers of the more than 80 district Baptist associations in Kentucky are invited to attend this conference. The conferences and discussions are designed to teach all officers their duties and to make them better officers of their associations.

Special conferences have been ar-

## The Cover

SBC MISSIONARY Jackie G. Conley baptizes a convert in an open stream in the African nation of Tanzania. This familiar scene on the mission field is just one of the end results of Cooperative Program dollars given by churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. October is the month suggested for an observance of Cooperative Program Month by local Baptist churches. Stewardship officials suggest that such an observance could feature missionary sermons each Sunday of the month and Training Union, Sunday School and mid-week programs drawn largely from two study course books on stewardship—*Our Cooperative Program* and *Principles of Stewardship Development* by W. R. Grindstaff.

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<p>306. LILY OF THE VALLEY The Rebels Quartet He's The Lily Of The Valley • Did You Stop To Pray This Morning? • Fourth Man • others</p>	<p>359. THE SENSATIONAL BOUNDING COURIERS QUARTET Turn Your Life Over To Him • The Mighty Man Of Galilee • When 't All Starts Happening • others</p>	<p>258. SACRED GEMS The Rebels Quartet Learning On The Everlasting Arms • In The Garden • Let The Lower Lights Be Burning • Have Thine Own Way • others</p>	<p>308. WALK, TALK AND SING The Tall Men Quartet I'm Gonna Walk, Talk and Sing • Amazing Grace • Wait For Me • What Love • more</p>

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### Fern Creek Church Calls Children's Work Director

The Fern Creek, Kentucky, Baptist Church has called Mrs. Helen Brown Smith as director of children's work. She leaves a similar position with the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana.

A native of the Buechel-Fern Creek area, Mrs. Smith attended Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. She has served on church staffs in Houston, Dallas and Tulsa.

The widow of the late James A. Smith, she has a son, Dennis W. Smith, who teaches in the Shreveport public school system.

Bill Sanders is pastor of the Fern Creek congregation.

## Kentuckians Named by Home Board

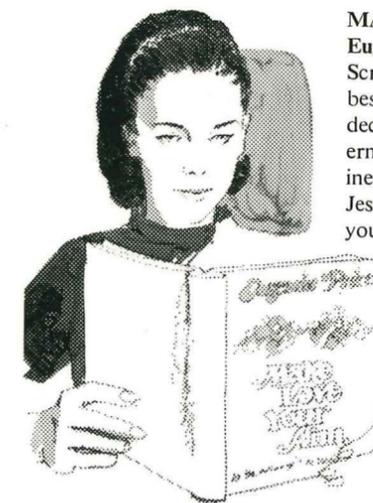
Two native Kentuckians were among the 10 career missionaries recently appointed by the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

They are J. C. Lewis, a native of Cadiz, who was appointed with Mrs. Lewis as a mission pastor in Key West, Florida, and William I. Barkley, Jr., Louisville native who will serve as superintendent of missions for the Potomac, Maryland, Baptist Association.

Lewis is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and has served as pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in West Paducah, Kentucky.

Among the appointees were two missionaries who are graduates of Southern Seminary in Louisville. They are B. John Trantham, appointed to the Baptist Center in Indianapolis, and William C. Jackson, Jr., who will serve as a Baptist center worker.

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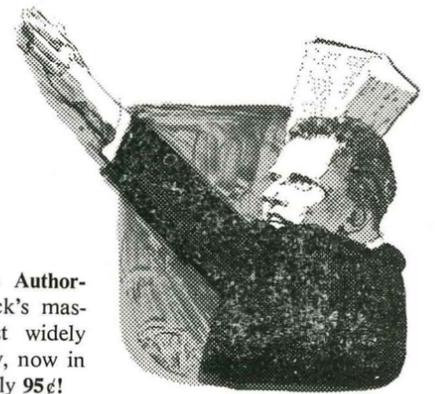
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



(These Lessons for October 8, 1967)

## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### THE NATURE OF TRUE WORSHIP

All of us worship somebody or something. Whatever receives our first allegiance is what we worship. There is every good reason why we should worship God. Anyone who does not worship God accepts a low rating for himself, dwarfs his own life, fails to attain life's greatest goal, and is a failure in life's most important business.

**Deuteronomy 5:6-11**

God requires the worship of all His

people and refuses to tolerate the worship of any other. All idolatrous representations of God are strictly forbidden. No physical conception of God is permitted. There is nothing on earth or in heaven to which God may be likened. No man can create a god of satisfying and enduring value. To attempt to represent the living God by that which is without life and made by man is useless, sinful, and truly a debasement of deity, for which there cannot be any justification.

God requires reverence for His name, forbidding all to use it flippantly, irreverently, insincerely, deceitfully or profanely. God forbids people to take His name in vain by speaking irreverently of it, using it in idle discourse, hypocritically honoring Him with their lips while their hearts are far from Him, and using His name in swearing. Profanity is a grievous sin, and an unmistakable evidence of a lack of intelligence and of Christianity. It is an evidence of coarseness, senselessness, sinfulness and futility. God will not hold guiltless any person who takes His name in vain.

**John 4:20-24**

Aware that a knowledge of one's sinful condition must precede salvation, our Lord probed into the sinful life of the woman of Samaria and taught her the necessity of repentance. When He began to talk to her about her sin, she tried to change the subject, but He refused to be sidetracked and drawn into a religious argument.

## INTERNATIONAL SERIES

### AMOS: GOD'S SPOKESMAN FOR JUSTICE

God often selects and prepares men for His work whom we would not select if the choice were left to us.

**I. God's Selection (Amos 1:1)**

Amos was born and reared on the edge of the desert. He resided at a little village in Judah named Tekoa, about six miles from Bethlehem. Before he became a prophet, he was a herdsman and a gatherer of sycamore fruit. As a herdsman his income was not sufficient for a good livelihood, so he supplement-

In their conversation the woman asked Christ for some instruction about the nature of worship. Evidently she was under the impression that God was restricted to one place and could be worshiped there only. Our Lord proceeded to make it clear to her that spiritual worship is not a question of bodily position or physical location, but rather of heart condition. God can be worshiped anywhere and at any time, but never with the use of images. Christ taught the woman that true worship is not confined to a particular place, but that it is spiritual and that it must be done in an understanding manner. Only those who have been regenerated can truly worship God.

No other worship than that which is offered in spirit and in truth can possibly be acceptable to Him. "God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." We must worship God according to His nature. Since "God is the infinite and perfect Spirit in whom all things have their source, support and end," we must worship Him spirit-wise, and not image-wise.

We must ever bear in mind that worship is a proper recognition of the worth of God, an adoration of His person, and a veneration of His name. It means to honor Him with submission and love. Worship includes a vital encounter and a loving communion with God. It is essential to Christian growth.

True worship of God is a very important factor in the spiritual development and fruitfulness of church members. It elevates character and improves conduct. The thing of paramount importance is not where we worship, but how we worship the true and living God.

ed it by gathering and selling sycamore fruit or fig-mulberries.

One day, during the reign of Jeroboam II, God selected and called Amos from his work in the field and commissioned him to warn the people of the punishment which He was about to send upon them because of their gross wickedness. As a forthteller, his task was to proclaim God's message to the people of his day, and as a foreteller, it was his business to make predictions

concerning events to come.

**II. God's Standard (Amos 7:7-9)**

God used the figure of a plumbline to show the prophet how far Israel had departed from His standard. A plumbline is a line with a weight at one end, and which a builder drops from the top of a wall to determine whether the wall is strictly perpendicular. It stands for rectitude, and is the symbol of judgment according to righteousness. Man is tested by an unerring plumbline—God's Word, which reveals His holiness and man's sinfulness. In applying it to us God means to make us morally and spiritually straight-up-and-down people. His judgment is exact and without error.

**III. God's Spokesman (Amos 7:10-15)**

Amos went to Bethel, the capital of the Northern Kingdom, which had acquired so much wealth and power, with the attendant results of pride, luxury, self-indulgence, corruption and idolatry. There Amos faithfully delivered to the people of Israel the message of solemn

warning which he had received from God. He fearlessly told them the truth about their sins and how God wanted them to live. He refused to change God's message in order to please the king or the people, thereby avoiding persecution.

It was not surprising that his plain and pointed messages provoked Amaziah, the priest in charge of the idol worship at Bethel, to make false accusations against him, charging him with conspiracy against the king and with treason, and insinuating that he was working in their midst strictly for personal gain. Nothing could have been more remote from the truth, but this is simply another illustration of how men often try to evade their responsibility to God by blaming His messenger for something.

Such false accusations did not frighten Amos in the least, for he had an implicit faith in God and His protecting care. Rather, they made him more cour-

ageous and more determined to speak for God. Amos was willing to suffer, if need be, in order to deliver the message which God had imparted to him.

When Amaziah ordered Amos to go back to his own country and to prophesy to his own people, Amos refused to obey him. Knowing that God had selected, summoned and sent him to be His spokesman, Amos was determined to carry out his assignment regardless of the consequences. Conscious of a divine call, Amos repudiated the charge that he was just a professional prophet. Personal ambition had not influenced him to become a prophet, but God had told him to undertake that great work.

So, after denouncing Amaziah, Amos predicted what would befall him when God's inevitable judgment came to Israel. He denounced injustice in every form and on every occasion afforded him, and tried to persuade all sinners to repent.



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# KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

## Baptist Student Union

### Another Year Begins For Kentucky Colleges

by J. Chester Durham

Kentucky colleges and universities are starting on another year of educational endeavor. There will be an all-time high enrolment. There will also be an all-time high in expenditures for education.

We are not always aware of the tremendous investments in higher education. The state and federal governments invest tremendous amounts of money in these institutions. Recently I came across some figures that I want to share with you. Keep in mind that the figures referred to are for operational expenditures, not for capital improvements.

The 1966-67 appropriation of Kentucky for the University of Kentucky was \$79,352,000. This compares favorably with other state universities. Some examples follow for tax appropriations for higher education in 1967-68.

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## Church Development

### Church Administration Conferences Scheduled

by G. R. Pendergraph

Church administration conferences will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church at Elizabethtown on October 23; at Central Baptist Church, Lexington, on October 24; at the First Baptist

Church, Henderson, on October 26; and at the Eddyville Baptist Church on October 27. These conferences will be promoted jointly by the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Two sessions will be held each day. The first will start at 1:15 p.m. (local time) and will be beamed toward pastors. The theme will be "Growing in Administrative Skills." The evening sessions will begin at 7:15 and the theme will be "Planning the Church's Work." These sessions will be focused toward the members of the church council.

All members are urged to attend either or both sessions, but the pastors and council members are especially urged to be present. Many churches may not have a church council, as such, and pastors of these churches are urged to encourage their Sunday School superintendents, Training Union directors, WMU presidents, Brotherhood presidents and other church officers to attend.

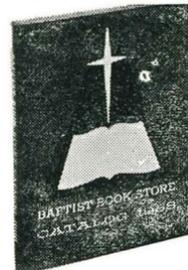
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### Brotherhood Convention

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Pastor McMillen, Brotherhood director, Kenley Dobyns, and Ashland Mayor, E. B. Reeves will appear and welcome those attending.

Friday's sessions begin with a mission breakfast at the Henry Clay Hotel—then back to Unity for the morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Between the afternoon and evening session, a chuck-wagon supper of bar-b-que'd ham will be served.

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by Mrs. George R. Ferguson

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## Crusade of the Americas

Broadman Films has released a filmstrip, "Crusade of the Americas," which gives the background, purpose, and partial plans for the Crusade. This filmstrip should be shown in every church and associational meeting across our state. It can be obtained from the Baptist book store for \$5.50, which includes the filmstrip and record.

Has your association and church voted to participate in the Crusade? 1968 is the year of prayer and preparation. There is much to be done. Plans will be discussed at the Association Officers Briefing Meeting at Cedarmore, October 20-21, 1967.

## HOTEL AND MOTEL RATE LIST

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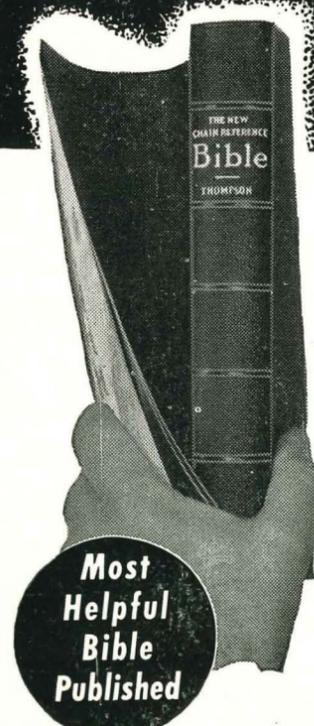
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	Single	Double	Twin
Cadillac Motel			
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Capri Motel			
321 East Fourth St. ....	6.00	10.00-12.00	.....
Oclonel House			
1829 Triplett St. ....	7.50	10.50	10.50
Owensboro Motor Inn			
401 Frederica St. ....	6:50-8.50	9.00-11.00	10.00-12.00
Eastway Motel			
4013 East Fourth St. ....	5.00	6.00	7.00
Gabe's Tower Inn			
1926 Triplett St. ....	8.50-10.00	10.50-12.50	12.50-14.50
Holiday Inn			
U.S. 60 East .....	8.00-10.00	10.00-13.00	12.00-13.00
Holiday Motel			
1228 West Second St. ....	5.00- 7.00	7.00- 9.00	10.00-12.00
Imperial Motel			
2009 New Hartford Rd. ....	7.00	10.00	12.00-14.00
Motor Lodge 231			
1640 Triplett St. ....	6.00	12.00	8.00
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