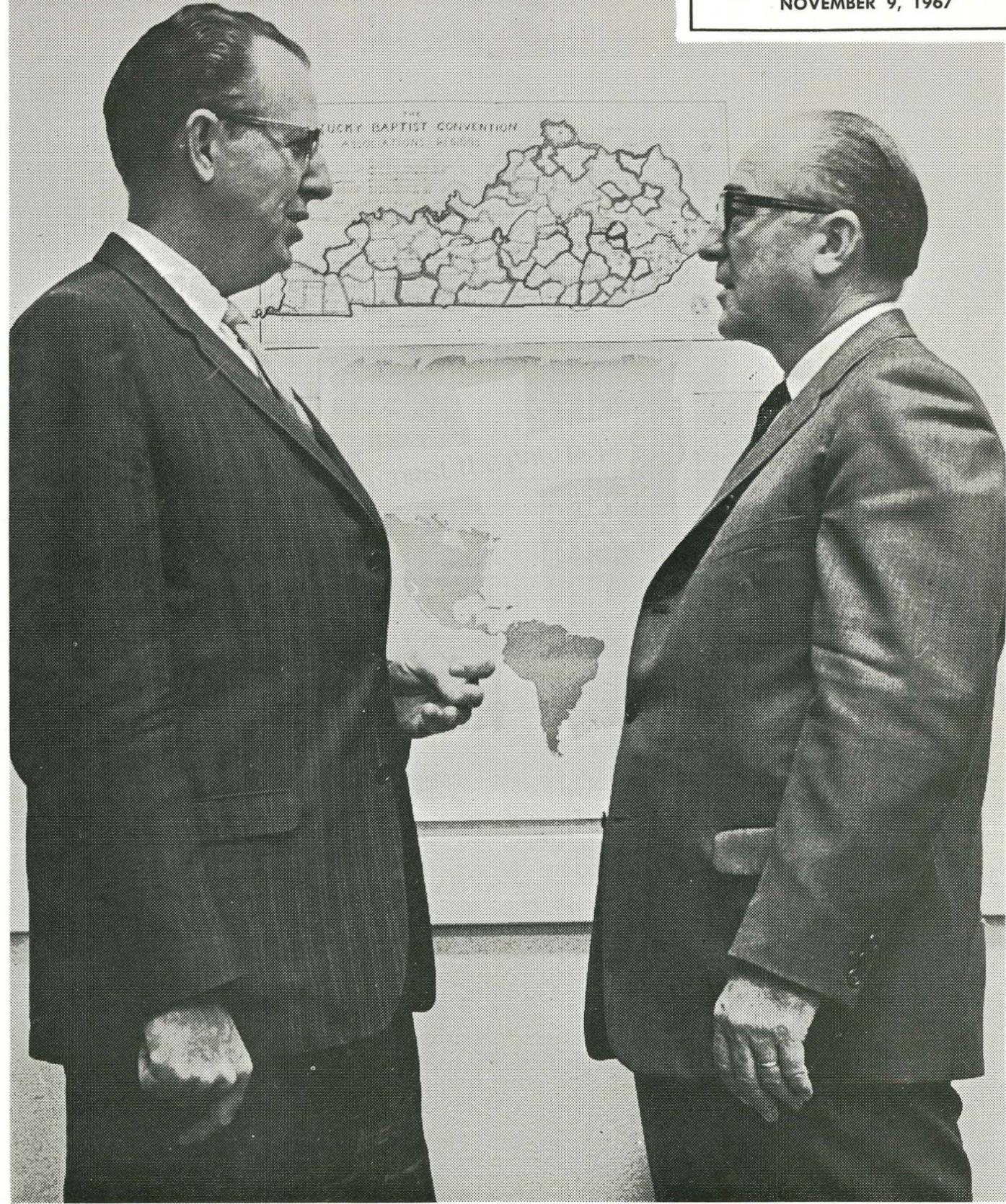


Special "Crusade of the Americas" Issue



# The Crusade of the Americas: Is There Anything New about It?

by JOHN F. HAVLIK

The question of the newness of the Crusade of the Americas was put to me recently by someone who asked, "Isn't this just another simultaneous revival?"

The Crusade in Sao Paulo, Brazil, led by Eual Lawson of the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board; and the National Crusade in Brazil, led by Rubens Lopes, led to the Crusade of the Americas in the challenge of Lopes to the Baptist World Alliance and the Southern Baptist Convention. The Crusade of the Americas then became the central thrust of the emphasis, "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and World Missions." The responsibility of promoting the Crusade of the Americas in the Southern Baptist Convention was given to the Home Board's division of evangelism.

Working through the denominational emphasis planning committee and through its own channels, the state secretaries of evangelism and the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board led the Convention to the brink of the most challenging thrust in evangelism we have ever attempted. It is far more than just another simultaneous revival. It is a thrust in personnel, education, and revival evangelism.

But my insistent inquisitor says, "I know all that, but what is new and dramatic about the Crusade of the Americas?"

First of all, PACT is new and dramatic! "Praying for the Americas Crusade Together" is a joint project of the WMU, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Home Mission Board division of evangelism. Financed by the above mentioned agencies, it unites persons, groups, and churches of the Americas in a prayer PACT through a central office in Birmingham. IBM cards will match prayer partners in the United States with prayer partners in South and Central America, and Canada. "Computerized prayer" will share prayer victories through a monthly prayer bulletin published in three languages. This project

will be launched for the local churches in January of 1968, and for this entire year there will be a "concert of prayer" for an intervention of the mercy of God for our time.

Secondly, three nation-wide evangelistic telecasts are new and dramatic. This is the first time nation-wide, prime time, directly evangelistic television will be used. A well-known publicity firm will handle marketing details. The entire expense of producing the video tapes and purchasing the time on stations that will reach 75% of America's population will be budgeted by the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

The third new thing about the Crusade is Project 500. Five hundred new churches will be launched in connection with the evangelistic drive. The most needed and most promising sites will be secured and the work launched. This is a project of the missions division of the Home Mission Board. They will work with state conventions and associations in providing the necessary assistance. One emphasis of the Crusade will be "starting new churches." Local churches, associations, state conventions, and the missions division of the Home Mission Board will be alive to other opportunities to start new churches not included in Project 500.

Fourth, the theme is new and dramatic. "Christ the Only Hope." In the Americas Baptists are saying by testimony, by placards, by tracts, by posters, by broadcasts, by telecasts. "Christos a Unica Esperanza," "Christo La Unica Esperansa," "Christ the Only Hope." Appointed Baptists will see every national president, ever state governor, and every large city mayor, present them with a New Testament, answer questions about the Crusade, and tell them that "Christ is the Only Hope." We hope to throw this theme against the dark background of world pessimism and disorder as vividly as a flash of lightning against a dark ominous cloud.

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## ABOUT THIS ISSUE

The WESTERN RECORDER and the other departments of the Kentucky Baptist Convention have cooperated with Evangelism Secretary T. Hicks Shelton in producing this special issue about the 1969 Crusade of the Americas. Save this issue as background information on the Crusade, and use it to lead your church to enthusiastic participation in the campaign during 1969.

A fifth new and dramatic aspect of the Crusade is involvement. The Baptist bodies now officially connected with the Crusade number more than 20,000,000! North American Coordinator Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, says that more Baptists are involved in the Crusade of the Americas than have been involved in any concerted Christian effort since the days of the New Testament. Every board and agency has been involved in the Southern Baptist Convention through the denominational emphasis committee.

Finally, two thrusts in Sunday School evangelism are new and dramatic. In the fall of 1968 there will be a nationwide search for prospects and a nationwide enlistment visitation. An effort will be made to discover every possibility and enroll them for Bible study. Guidance materials for these two projects for the local church will be provided by the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board. This is the first major thrust in Sunday School enrollment since "A Million More in '54."

Forty major metropolitan centers in the United States have been designated as sites for Major Metropolitan Crusade of the Americas Rallies. These rallies will provide motivation and inspiration to members of the church councils to lead the church in intensive preparation for the revivals in the churches. One thousand other rallies in associations will be identical in program but will be scheduled and conducted by state and associational leadership.

The major rallies are a joint project of the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board, the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, and state evangelism and Sunday School departments. Twenty-eight thousand dollars has been budgeted to finance the Major Metropolitan Rallies.

Yes, the Crusade of the Americas is new and dramatic; it is not just another simultaneous revival.

John F. Havlik is on the staff of the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

# Bible-reading Plan is Part of Kentucky's Participation

by THOMAS H. SHELTON, SECRETARY  
DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM

We have talked much about the Crusade of the Americas. The time has now arrived for action. Perhaps we need to review the purpose of the Crusade? What are our objectives?

►1. The deepening of the spiritual life within the churches, homes and individual Christians.

►2. The evangelizing of the American continents.

►3. The establishing of the true moral and spiritual basis for the betterment of mankind's economic, social and physical welfare. We need to keep these three broad objectives in mind as we plan our actions.

How will we accomplish these objectives?

A committee composed of state secretaries of evangelism and members of the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board has made the following statement:

"The committee on preparation for the Crusade of the Americas feels deeply the responsibility given to the staff of the division of evangelism and the state secretaries of evangelism to promote the Crusade of the Americas in the Southern Baptist Convention.

First, we would like to convey our conviction that no preparation plans involving techniques and methods will bring revival without the presence and power of God. The presence of God cannot be programmed.

Second, we believe that growing out of our first conviction is the fact that the presence and power of God is dependent on the degree of our commitment to Jesus Christ, the depth of our willingness to surrender to the Holy Spirit's leadership, and the desire of our hearts to be His instruments of revival. We therefore recommend that the 1968-69 *Evangelism Plan Book*, in section I, give suggestions to the pastor on how to assist his people in spiritual preparation.

Third, it is our conviction that the success of the Crusade of the Americas in producing renewal for the Christian, revival for the work of our Lord, and salvation for men out of Christ will be



Coordinating Committee at Louisville

Members of the Central Coordinating Committee of the 1969 Crusade of the Americas stand in front of the James P. Boyce Library building at Southern Seminary, Louisville, where they met July 24-28 of this year for a planning meeting. The Committee, made up of Baptist leaders from 31 countries of North, Central and South America, is charged with planning and mapping the 1969 Crusade. Brazilian Baptist Pastor Rubens Lopes, who first suggested the hemispheric-wide evangelism campaign, serves as president of the planning group.

resolved in the local church. Rallies—no matter how large or successful; advertising campaigns—no matter how extensive and sophisticated, will not spell out real success in the sight of God.

We, therefore, believe that the needs of the local congregation and its resources ought to be conserved for work in its own community and that demands upon time and resources for mass meetings and programs, involving groups of churches and associations, ought to be kept to a minimum."

We, in Kentucky, will endeavor to implement these ideas and objectives through promoting a Bible-reading Campaign. Through a plan of prayer involvement by individuals, churches, associations and states. Through a state-wide search for the unsaved and unchurched. We will also encourage our churches to get out of the four walls of their buildings and minister to the people in their communities during the year of 1968.

For use in the Bible-reading Campaign, the American Bible Society is making thousands of copies of the paper edition of its T.E.V. New Testament available to us. I have several thousand copies I have bought to share with you. You may order them direct from the American Bible Society. Just address your order to J. Edward Cunningham, American Bible Society, 3416 Dixiana Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40502.

The Sunday School Board has pub-

lished a special edition of this same New Testament for the Crusade. You can order these through the Baptist book stores. Let us make the Word of God available to every person in Kentucky and encourage them to read it. Let us then help them understand it. Nehemiah 8:8. . . . "So they read in the Book in the Law of God distinctly and gave the sense and caused them to understand the reading."

The women of our WMU's and the men of the Brotherhoods will take the lead in the prayer involvement plans. You will hear a great deal about this from these groups.

Our plans for searching out the unsaved and unchurched are in the most capable hands of G. R. Pendergraph. He will be assisted by all of us as the plans are made and carried out.

We need to get started now.

1. Vote to participate in the full two-year campaign.

2. Adopt a two-year calendar.

3. Enlist evangelistic help now. You should be sure to get your preacher outside of your region, otherwise you might keep him from participating in his own church.

4. Remember to include every department of your church in your planning. Everyone is in this Crusade.

5. Remember our great need is a deep spiritual awakening. Plans and methods must ever be reaching for this goal.

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T. Hicks Shelton, secretary of the department of evangelism of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, talks with Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, about plans for the 1969 Crusade in North America and the state of Kentucky. Dehoney is North American coordinator for the evangelistic campaign.

# Kentucky Hopes To Assist Crusade in Toledo, Ohio

by HAROLD G. SANDERS  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER  
KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION

At the May 8-9 meeting of the Executive Board, your leaders recommended that every Baptist member, church, association, and state department, agency and institution enter fully into the preparation for and participation in the actual revivals in the Crusade of the Americas in Kentucky. This evangelistic endeavor will be climaxed in 1969.

To implement such involvement, a statewide committee was authorized to assist in the planning and preparation. John C. Huffman, president of the Convention and chairman of the Executive Board, became general chairman. Persons who compose the 22-member committee come from every area of the state. Included are the president of the Kentucky W.M.U. and the Brotherhood. Serving with it is a staff advisory group headed by the executive secretary and department secretaries at Middletown.

The Kentucky Crusade Committee met September 5 and made extensive plans for general promotion, drew up a calendar of activities, discussed the role of the departments and agencies in the Crusade, and voted to recommend the full sponsorship of the Toledo, Ohio, Crusade July 13-27, 1968, in cooperation with the Home Mission Board and the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. This recommendation will go to the Executive Board November 7 and be shared with the messengers to the annual Convention November 8.

At a recent staff meeting, Evangelism Secretary Thomas H. Shelton asked for support of the various departments for the Crusade. Executive Secretary Sanders led in the assignment of tasks in line with the programs of the several departments in preparing for the Crusade in Kentucky.

The actual dates for revivals in the churches are as follows: March 16-30 for the southwestern, western and southern regions; April 6-20 for the central, north central and south central regions; and April 27-May 11 in the northeastern and southeastern regions of Kentucky. In this way, pastors and other workers in one region can assist in other regions as well as his own. It is hoped that every church will now make plans to enter into the Crusade.

Each association in Kentucky is urged to (1) vote to enter into the Crusade in Kentucky; (2) set up an associational crusade steering committee composed of the associational council and a publicity chairman—usually chaired by the evangelism chairman of the association, or as desired by each association; (3)

quickly adopt a Crusade calendar for 1968 year of preparation and 1969 completion of the crusades in each church; and (4) encourage every pastor and church to vote to enter into the Crusade.

A statewide search for lost persons should be made by each association and to include all the churches in a survey during the months of July and August of 1968.

Each agency and institution in Kentucky should study its own opportunities to further the Crusade. These would include the colleges and schools, the hospitals, the children's homes, the *Western Recorder*, etc. They are represented on the advisory committee in Kentucky.

The Toledo, Ohio, Crusade which we hope to sponsor, will call for about 60 preachers, 60 singers, and 120 laymen witnesses to spend about 10 days to join our Baptist churches in Ohio in one of the most dramatic revivals in Ohio history. Kentucky Baptists will raise about \$50,000 to assist in the total campaign promotion. The Home Mission Board and the Ohio Convention will also assist.

## Sunday School Gives Assistance In Conducting Religious Census

by ROY E. BOATWRIGHT, SECRETARY  
SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
The Sunday School will have a very important place in the Crusade of the Americas.

One major phase of the Crusade will be locating the prospects. We suggest that every church take a religious census of its immediate territory. Following the census a proper tabulation of information should be made. Prospects for evangelism should be made available to the church staff and officers and teachers of the Sunday School.

Further information can be received about a church survey from either the Sunday School department or G. R. Pendergraph's office at the Kentucky Baptist Building.

September 9, 1968 is the date suggested for the associational rallies of the Crusade of the Americas. These meetings will be inculcated with Sunday School "Action Night" programs. This rally should be planned far in advance. An effort should be made to secure the participation of every church in the association. The Sunday School department stands ready to assist any association in this phase of the work.

Other phases of the Sunday School department's participation in the Crusade of the Americas will be published in future issues of the *Western Recorder*.

It is a pleasure to give full support to the greatest evangelistic effort that has been proposed in the history of our Baptist witness in the Americas.

## Prospects Can Be Found Through a Church Survey

by G. R. PENDERGRAPH, DIRECTOR  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Think of it! An evangelistic effort to win the lost to Christ from Cape Horn, South America, to the Beaufort Sea on the Alaskan Canadian borders. Unbelievable? Impossible? Not unless you are a person of little faith. However, if this effort is to attain any degree of success, every Baptist and every fellow-ship of Baptists must know who the lost are, where they are and place himself at God's disposal to be used as a witness.

In order that you and your church might know where the lost and unchurched are in your community, why not make a survey or take a census? Involve the members of your church in such an effort. The results will be very rewarding whether you become a part of the Crusade of the Americas or not.

Any help that this office can render we will be glad to do so.

## Continental Days of Prayer Set for Americas Crusade

The Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas has approved the second Sundays in January of 1968, 1969, and 1970 as Continental Days of Prayer for the 1969 Crusade.



## Crusade Personalities

Rubens Lopes (right) of Sao Paulo, Brazil, president of the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas, is greeted by Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, Walnut Street Baptist Church pastor who is serving as North American coordinator for the 1969 Crusade. This photograph was made last July, when the Crusade's Central Coordinating Committee met in Louisville for its second planning meeting.

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## Spiritual Preparation and Personal Commitment Needed

by FORREST R. SAWYER, SECRETARY  
BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

The stated purposes of the Crusade of the Americas as a joint effort by Baptists in North, Central, and South America coincides with the objective of Brotherhood—"to support the church in its task of bringing men and boys to God through Jesus Christ by leading them to a deeper commitment to missions, to a more meaningful prayer life for missions, to a larger stewardship on behalf of missions and to a personal involvement in missions."

Two fundamental steps for any action on the part of men and boys for the Crusade are spiritual preparation and personal commitment.

Two suggestions for accomplishing the need of spiritual preparation are Bible study and prayer.

In the area of personal commitment, the suggestion will be made that men ask themselves at least six questions:

- (1) Am I sure of my own conversion?
- (2) Do I acknowledge and confess known sins?
- (3) Do I seek to rid myself of secret sins?
- (4) Do I seek to discover the areas

- of spiritual weakness and need?
- (5) Am I willing to search for spiritual capacities which God can use through the Crusade?
  - (6) Will I heed God's call to vocational Christian service if it comes?

Some of the suggested actions which can be expected to grow out of one's spiritual preparation and personal commitment will be to engage in the hemispheric Day of Prayer on the second Sunday of January during 1968, 1969, and 1970. Disseminate information about the Home Mission Board's plan for starting 500 strategically-located new churches. Assist in every way possible one's church as it might be engaged in starting a mission point.

Lend every assistance possible to the church in planning and conducting the Crusade of the Americas revival. Project the imperatives of men and boys "Witnessing to Win." Be alert to radio, television and other news media for implementing and engendering a spiritual conscience on the part of the multitudes. Take advantage of opportunities to speak before service clubs and civic groups.

Use any necessary plan to reach special groups where language, culture, or economic barriers are involved. Distribute gospel tracts. Arrange "prayer pacts" with churches on continents other than our own. Make it possible for a layman to attend the Laymen's Evangelistic Conference in Rio in July of 1968.

Attend and support in every way possible the associational and evangelistic rallies in September of 1968. Boys, through Royal Ambassadors, will be encouraged to participate and share in the appropriate activities which they can engage in as suggested above, as well as others. Encourage unsaved boys to attend the state Royal Ambassador camp.

It is anticipated that Baptist men and boys will launch themselves into this Crusade of the Americas effort on a scale never seen before.

As Brotherhood endeavors to support the Convention in its program and assist the churches to utilize the abilities of men and boys, we would re-emphasize the importance of spiritual preparation and personal commitment and its expression in "a Christ-like concern for all people."

# W.M.U. Develops Crusade Prayer Plan Known as PACT

by MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
KENTUCKY W.M.U.

Women will respond faithfully to the challenge to prayer and soul-winning presented by the Crusade of the Americas. World conditions and the love and compassion of Christ constrain us to do our best NOW. Action is a MUST!

1. **PACT.** Prayer plans for the Crusade of the Americas have been delegated to the Brotherhood and the Women's Missionary Union. Woman's Missionary Union has developed a prayer partners plan called PACT. The word "pact" means an agreement or an international treaty. The word has the same connotation in Spanish, Portuguese and French. The four languages are the principle languages spoken by people of the two continents involved in the Crusade.

Through the fellowship of intercessory prayer we hope to link our churches, organizations in our churches, and/or individual members with other Baptists in North and South America.

The plan is flexible: one person in our convention linked through a prayer agreement with one person in another convention; one church in our convention linked with another church in another convention; a group in one of our churches linked with a similar group in a church of another convention. By group we mean a Sunday School class, a Baptist men's group, a WMS, etc. The plan has no limits to its breadth and at the same time it lends itself to being as personal as two individuals engaged in the new experience of praying together. Any Baptist adult may participate and certainly we would not refuse requests from young people.

2. **Prayer Guide.** An introductory pamphlet and an application card for PACT is being prepared. The reply to the application card will be a 16-page prayer guide booklet.

3. **Assignments.** All assignments of prayer partners and the processing of applications will be done in the Birmingham office.

4. **Stand-Up Prayer Reminders** are being printed in four languages.

5. There will be an emphasis on the Crusade in all of the **Weeks of Prayer**, especially the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, 1968; the Week of Prayer for State Missions, 1968; and the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, 1969.

6. **Project 500.** An extra million dol-



## Student Dept. to Distribute "Good News"

by J. CHESTER DURHAM, SECRETARY  
STUDENT DEPARTMENT

The Crusade of the Americas should challenge college and university students just like it does every other group. The forces of Baptist student work hope to be deeply involved in this crusade.

Some of the emphasis in the student program will be the same as always, but the degree of emphasis will be greater during the Crusade.

We hope to do the following things:

1. At the opening of the school year we want to distribute copies of the New Testament, "Good News For Modern

Man," to every college and university student. This will depend on securing financing for this project.

2. Evangelism clinics will be held on college campuses.

3. Special evangelistic programs and efforts will be conducted throughout the year.

4. Personal witnessing campaigns will be conducted on campuses.

5. Where the situation warrants it, there will be revival efforts directed to the college personnel.

6. Encouragement will be given students to participate in local church revivals.

7. Provision will be made to help churches to secure college personnel to aid them in the evangelistic programs—preachers, song leaders, testimonies, etc

8. Evangelistic teams of college students will be sent to needy areas.

9. In the state student convention, spring conference and other state student meetings there will be a strong emphasis on evangelism and the Crusade.

10. Students will be called to prayer for the Crusade of the Americas.

## General Association Will Participate In Crusade

by HERMAN IHLEY, SECRETARY  
DEPARTMENT OF INTER-RACIAL  
COOPERATION

The General Association of Baptist Churches in Kentucky will participate in the Crusade of the Americas. It was by unanimous vote that this Negro Baptist convention adopted the motion to be a part of this great evangelistic effort.

A. R. Lasley, moderator of the General Association and pastor of Virginia Street Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, will serve as chairman of the committee for the Crusade of the Americas. Other leaders and pastors to serve with him are J. M. Stevenson, C. B. Lucas, J. B. Porterfield, and A. C. Goodloe.

All pastors of the General Association have been written letters about the Crusade. They know of the many preparatory events planned for 1968, the year of preparation. They will cooperate in the census scheduled for July and August of next year. They will take part in the various state meetings planned to get ready for this most important event.

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# Training of Witnesses and New Converts is Vital

by JAMES WHALEY, SECRETARY  
TRAINING UNION DEPARTMENT

Training has a vital part in two different areas concerning the Crusade of the Americas.

The first part concerns the preparation for the revivals. The Sunday evening hour is certainly an excellent time for training. Many churches will organize special groups for study of soul-winning techniques. These can be grouped in various ways: by regular unions, by small age groupings, by vocations, by special interests, or by whatever way the church deems best. Materials for study in such groups will appear in the regular Training Union quarterlies. There is one special unit already available:

*Adults Learning to Witness*  
*Young People Learning to Witness*  
*Intermediates Learning to Witness*

Other materials will be prepared and available as the preparation time nears.

The second big emphasis for Training Union concerns consecration. The church needs to develop a policy for this long before the revival. As a beginning point it is suggested that the pastor, deacons and head of each of the organizations study the *New Church Member Orientation Manual* by Waldrup. This gives the scriptural basis for such a program and suggests a number of solutions. No one program is presented as saying "This is the only way." Each church

must plan the details of its own program.

After the over-all program is planned there is material available for study by juniors, intermediates, young people and adults. Most churches are finding that it is best to have four separate groupings. Again, this material is only suggestive and can easily be changed to fit the particular needs of individual churches.

The time for such study will vary from church to church. Many have been very successful in holding classes for new church members on Sunday night. Others find it best to hold them on Wednesday night; while others hold them on Sunday morning. The time is not the important factor, but actually giving new orientation to the new church member.

# Choirs and Church Musicians Prepare for the 1969 Crusade

by EUGENE F. QUINN, SECRETARY  
CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Kentucky Baptist music leaders will be preparing themselves, their choirs, and their churches for the greatest possible musical emphasis during the Crusade of the Americas. Specific projects which Kentucky Baptist musicians will have to prepare for the Crusade are as follows:

**Any Week, 1968:**

Associational music schools to train singers for the choirs and congregations and to train leaders.

**Each Quarter, 1968:**

Conduct one project each quarter that helps the churches to take their music ministry to the community: clubs, institutions, etc. See special pamphlet, "Reaching Disciples Through Music,"

free from Kentucky Baptist music department at Middletown.

**January through April, 1968:**

Associational choir festivals in every association. Purposes: (1) To start choir rehearsing regularly, (2) To strengthen choirs already rehearsing regularly, (3) To encourage more definite preparation of choirs for the Crusade revival choirs.

**April 18-19, 1968:**

Kentucky Baptist Convention youth nights. Youth night choirs for eastern and western meetings.

**August 29, 1968:**

Encourage choirs to enrol in state rally of Crusade of the Americas at Louisville.

**September 9, 1968:**

Associational Crusade of the Americas rallies. Cooperate with the other associational officers responsible for the program, providing an associational choir and leaders of the music.

**January through March, 1969:**

Music witnessing actions. Challenge churches to witness as choirs and musicians on radio, television, community programs, services in institutions, etc. Consult special pamphlet, "Reaching Disciples Through Music," Kentucky Baptist music department.

**February through April, 1969:**

Revival choir festivals in each association.

Schools of music in each association to train singers and leaders for revivals.

## Direct Missions Promotes "Project 500"

by A. B. COLVIN, SECRETARY  
DIRECT MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Baptists have much to remember and more to learn from their experiences of the past 30 years. During these years we have enjoyed Holy Spirit-led special evangelistic efforts under the aegis of the evangelism division of the Home Mission Board and of the departments of evangelism in the various state conventions.

Whenever this leadership has been followed by our churches, they have rejoiced in bringing more people to a Christian experience. Reason demands that we join our best efforts again in the Crusade of the Americas in 1969.

During the days of preparation, the direct missions department will be assisting in the evangelization of non-evangelical groups in Kentucky. We must do more than ever before to share the good news with these people.

Some of our churches should provide workers and finances to assist in "Project 500." This is an attempt by the Home Mission Board to constitute 500

new churches in the pioneer areas of our Convention. The direct missions department will provide information for those people and churches desiring to share in this challenging thrust.

While any evangelistic thrust must be made by individual Christians within the fellowship of their local churches, missionaries throughout Kentucky will be giving their most effective leadership in praying, planning, preparing and performing for the Crusade of the Americas. Metropolitan, district, associational, county, communities, and local missionaries, along with many special workers, will be giving strong and significant support to the Crusade. As always, suggestions from any Baptist will be welcomed and considered seriously.

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**Matters Kentucky Baptists Will Consider at Walnut Street**

The 1967 Kentucky Baptist Convention now meeting in historic Walnut Street Baptist Church offers the prospect of a harmonious and constructive session. Kentucky Baptist waters, which have often been tempestuous, are about as calm and tranquil as any time in recent history.

This does not mean there are not important and interesting issues for consideration this year. A record Cooperative Program budget will be recommended by the Executive Board, the Crusade of the Americas will be highlighted and several special committees will bring important proposals.

Three special committees should have interesting reports. The committee on Youth Night is ready to report on Thursday afternoon. The recommendation will be to replace the Youth Rally, which is now the last session of the convention, with two youth meetings in different areas of the state during Kentucky Education Association school holidays in April. This plan would be used for one year on a trial basis.

The special committee to study the advisability of replacing the present Christian Education Committee of the Executive Board with a Kentucky Baptist Christian Education Commission will report Wednesday afternoon. This committee headed by Verlin Kruschwitz has done an exhaustive job of study. After considering several possible changes, looking carefully at what other state conventions are doing and conferring with the presidents of our Kentucky Baptist schools, the committee is recommending that we keep the present Christian Education Committee with several changes and additions. The committee would be expanded to 20 members by adding one trustee from each of the five schools and would be given additional responsibility for promoting Christian education among Kentucky Baptist churches and young people.

This recommendation is sound in light of the fluid condition of Baptist higher education at this time. Some have felt that a stronger convention committee or commission is needed to recommend policy and directions for our schools. However, the trend now appears to be to give more and more self-determination to the schools and their trustees. Until we decide the definite direction of our higher education efforts, we need no stronger overall policy-making group.

What we do need is a continuing study of higher education by the most competent minds and dedicated hearts of Baptists in Kentucky. We must be willing to consider bold and imaginative approaches in this

area. To drift and to take the courses of least resistance can but add to our woes. How such a continuing study is structured is not so important as that the work is done.

One more special committee is scheduled to report on Wednesday night. This is the committee to consider merger of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists, which is the major organization of Negro Baptists in Kentucky. This committee is headed by Allen W. Graves and can be depended upon for careful and sound recommendations. The committee probably will suggest that any churches of the General Association desiring also to be aligned with the Kentucky Baptist Convention will be welcomed but that no merger of the two groups be considered now.

Dual alignment seems to be the first step toward any possible merger. Such a step by Negro churches would afford them fellowship as well as all the services of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Dual alignment on the associational basis has already begun. Negro congregations in Ashland and in Paducah have joined associations of white churches, and a committee is now at work on the possibility of merging white and Negro associations in the Lexington area.

A merger of white and Negro Baptist Conventions in Kentucky is not now desirable and may never be. The size and strength of the Kentucky Baptist Convention would make any merger more of a swallowing up of Negro Baptists. The General Association has too much vigor and distinctiveness which would be lost in a merger. Open arms and hearts should always be extended to all fellow Baptists, but any organizational unity should be for mutual strengthening and only on a voluntary basis. We can have fellowship, cooperative efforts and meaningful unity without organizational merger.

Baptist colleges and schools come in for discussion in almost every Baptist meeting today, and this year's Kentucky Baptist Convention will be no exception. Wendell Rone, Sr., Owensboro, gives notice in the Baptist Forum item in this issue of intentions to put the convention on record against federal aid including loans for Baptist institutions. It is somewhat unfortunate that this material was not received early enough for messengers to have it before coming to the convention. However, most district associational leaders had been alerted that the proposal was coming. Also the Committee for Preservation of Baptist Prin-

ciples, which was formed following last year's annual convention, expressed as one of its objectives a vote by the convention messengers this year against federal aid of any kind.

What the messengers will do with this proposal is uncertain. The motions are mildly worded, though the second one would embarrass Georgetown College, which has already taken government loans for dormitories and for a science building. The dormitories are already in use and the science building is under construction. It is evident the Georgetown administration and trustees have decided on their course. Neither approval nor disapproval by the convention is likely to change this course. The action at Bowling Green in last year's convention, which was interpreted

as permission for colleges to consider government loans, was the turning of the corner on this matter.

Government aid in higher education is a fact to live with today. Many, if not all, Baptist colleges will go this way sooner or later. Baptists will be left to decide what their relationship should be to colleges using certain forms of government aid.

One final question for every convention is who will be elected president. Even speculation on this year's candidates is hard to come by, which is the way it ought to be.

It is always a happy time when Baptists get together. It will be so again this week when the Kentucky Baptist community of fellowship and faith enjoy themselves and the Lord.

**Kentucky Southern Merges with University of Louisville**

by GEORGE W. KNIGHT  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

After almost seven years as a Baptist school and eight months as a private, Christian institution, Kentucky Southern College of Louisville is entering upon a third plan of operation.

Effective November 1, the former Kentucky Baptist Convention school merged with the University of Louisville, a 165-year-old liberal arts college owned by the city of Louisville.

Although the University immediately assumes all debts and assets of the school, no major change in Kentucky Southern's administrative staff and policies is expected for at least the next two semesters. The school will retain its present name during this interim period.

Actually, the University of Louisville has not yet decided just how it will incorporate the 238-acre campus, its administration building, a student center and several dormitories into the total University program. One possibility under discussion, according to U of L officials, is to develop the KSC campus into a full four-year university for undergraduates while converting the old U of L campus in downtown Louisville into a center for graduate students only.

Final disposition of the former Baptist school will be left in the hands of a joint faculty-and-trustee committee of the two schools. Outside consulting services may be used to decide what course of action to take.

"To have to merge with any institution is only second best to those of us who set out to build a quality Christian college," Kentucky Southern President Rollin S. Burhans said. "It was either accept the University of Louisville's offer now or go into receivership. We just ran out of money."

Within two years after opening in 1960 as a Baptist institution, Kentucky

Southern was operating in the red. According to Gordon Ford of Louisville, treasurer of the trustee board of the school, the operating deficit each of the past four years has amounted to about \$500,000. Although the school's present indebtedness comes to approximately \$4,500,000, the total worth of the school's property and buildings is valued at \$8,500,000. Current pledges to the school should fund about \$900,000 of its indebtedness, according to KSC officials.

These critical financial needs prompted the school to request release from the Kentucky Baptist Convention on March 10 of this year in order that it might apply for federal loans and grants. After a stormy Executive Board session at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly on that day, the Convention voted to release

the college and granted it "severance pay" of \$885,050 to assist in its financial crisis.

Of this amount, \$500,000 was given immediately to the school in the form of a loan floated by the Convention. The remaining \$385,050 was promised to the school in equal yearly installments of \$77,010 for the next five years.

During the past eight months, while operating as a private, Christian school, Kentucky Southern has sought a broader base of support among businesses, individuals and churches of all denominations in the Louisville area.

While some pledges have been made to the school in its recent fund-raising efforts, the total amount pledged and paid was not sufficient to alleviate its pressing financial problems.



**The Committee for the Preservation Of Baptist Principles**

Dear Editor:

The Committee for the Preservation of Baptist Principles desires to inform the Baptists of Kentucky that its officers will present, for consideration and action on Wednesday afternoon, November 8, 1967, at 3:55 P.M., at the miscellaneous business session, and immediately following the report of the special committee on Christian education, the following:

"1. I move that the Kentucky Baptist Convention re-affirm its belief in religious liberty and the separation of church and state.

"2. I move that the trustees of all Kentucky Baptist institutions be requested to honor the belief of the Con-

vention in religious liberty and in the separation of church and state; and that they, in consequence, refrain from the acceptance of government loans, grants, or other forms of government aid."

Submitted by Wendell H. Rone, Sr., Chairman, Owensboro, Kentucky

The Committee feels that the above motions are in full and perfect accord with the expressed wishes of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in its previous actions of 1948, 1962, 1964, 1965, and 1966.

We are of the unalterable opinion that our Baptist-Biblical principles of religious liberty and the separation of church and state should be rigorously honored by our Baptist institutions; and that no amount of Cooperative Program funds should ever be used to repay loans to the United States Government.

# Former Kentuckian Plans Baptist Youth World Conference

by GEORGE W. KNIGHT  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Plans for the seventh Baptist Youth World Conference—now less than a year away—are moving forward under the direction of a former Kentuckian.

Somerset Native Robert S. Denney, now associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance with offices in Washington, D. C., revealed plans for the world gathering of Baptist youth during two recent visits to his native Kentucky.

As BWA associate secretary, Denney devotes a great deal of his time to making arrangements for the Baptist World Congress and the Baptist Youth World Conference—both of which are held every five years.

Denney said that 5,000 Baptist youth from all over the world are expected to attend the seventh World Conference of Baptist youth next July 22-28 in Berne, Switzerland. Theme for the meeting will

be "One World, One Lord, One Witness."

The purpose of this periodic assembly of Baptist youth, the native Kentuckian said, is to expose young people to customs and practices of other nations, to broaden their understanding of the world, and to inspire them to witness for Christ in their daily lives.

Following a worship period and a Biblically-oriented address each morning of the Conference, the young people are then divided into 200 small groups, where they discuss the questions raised by the morning speaker. Each afternoon of the Conference is free for sightseeing, and the evening sessions are devoted to inspirational addresses and other dramatic presentations.

In addition to having a native son as coordinator and planner for the entire Conference, Kentucky Baptists are well represented among the speakers and program participants for the Conference. Kenneth Chafin, professor of evangelism at Southern Seminary, Louisville, is one of the top speakers for the world gathering; and a speech group from Georgetown College is scheduled to make a dramatic presentation during one of the evening sessions.

Denney, an associate secretary with the Baptist World Alliance since 1945, graduated from the University of Kentucky at Lexington in 1939 with both business and law degrees. After graduation he served as director of the BSU at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, for three years; then served as director of religious activities at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, from 1941 to 1945.

Georgetown College honored the native Kentuckian with an honorary doc-

toral degree in 1963.

Denney's mother, Mrs. A. S. Denney, of Lexington, recently celebrated her 84th birthday. He has several brothers and sisters who live in Kentucky.

His wife is the former Jane Ray Bean of Cox's Creek in Nelson County. A graduate of the former Carver School of Missions at Louisville, she was educational secretary at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville before going into student work. She writes frequently for student work publications.



Robert S. Denney, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance at Washington, D. C., recently returned to his native Kentucky to speak to two Baptist groups. Here he speaks on world missions at the annual meeting of Long Run Association at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. A week later he addressed the annual Kentucky Baptist student convention, meeting at Richmond.

## Georgia Blue Law Ruled Unconstitutional

Georgia's newest Sunday closing law, pushed by Gov. Lester Maddox and adopted by the legislature in January, has been declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court.

The court said the new law was "patently discriminatory" in that it allowed some stores selling non-essential items such as furniture to remain open on Sunday, but forced others which majored in such sales to close on Sunday.

The decision leaves Georgia with only one Sunday closing law, a 1933 statute which prohibits all Sunday sales except in cases of necessity or charity.

Several legal experts have described the 1933 law as "shaky" and "unenforceable." (BP)



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## North Carolina Association Asks for Immersion Only

Mecklenburg Baptist Association of Charlotte, North Carolina, after a three-hour debate, voted to limit its membership to churches which require their members to be baptized by immersion.

By a 214-130 vote, the association adopted an amendment to its bylaws, effective one day before the association meets for its annual session next fall.

The amendment states: "All churches affiliated with this association shall be churches who use the New Testament as the statement of their faith and church polity and require that all candidates, who are physically able, be immersed in water, on the basis of belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to qualify for membership."

### Two Churches Dismissed

Approval of the amendment means that at least two churches now affiliated with the association will not be members next fall if they are still following current practices.

The two are St. John's Baptist Church and Myers Park Baptist Church, both of which accept without subsequent immersion members who have been sprinkled or affused (poured) as members of other denominations.

St. John's Church adopted the policy last spring and insists that such candidates for membership must have been sprinkled or affused after belief in Christ as Savior.

Myers Park Church makes no such distinction and has had a virtual open membership policy since 1949.

During the three hours of debate, several attempts were made to sidetrack the vote. One would have made the amendment a constitutional change requiring a two-thirds vote instead of majority approval necessary for a bylaws amendment.

Another attempt would have expressed disapproval of the two churches' practices but would have taken no punitive action. Still another motion would have adjourned the meeting without any action at all. (BP)

## Top Churches in Co-op Giving Announced

Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville again led the state in total number of dollars given to the Cooperative Program this past fiscal year.

The Louisville congregation contributed \$60,371 to the Cooperative Program through their church budget. Running a close second was Severns Valley Baptist Church of Elizabethtown, which gave \$56,266 to the world missions program of Southern Baptists during 1966-67.

Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, pointed out that the 100 top churches in Cooperative Program giving this year contributed \$109,903 more than the top 100 churches gave last year to the Cooperative Program. Cooperative Program receipts for the whole state was 7.13% higher than last year.

The other top 100 churches in the state in total Cooperative Program giving and the order in which they fell in 1966-67 are:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3. First, Somerset      | 36. First, Central City      | 69. Rockford Lane, Lou.     |
| 4. First, Owensboro     | 37. Rosemont, Lexington      | 70. Cadiz                   |
| 5. First, Madisonville  | 38. Porter Mem., Lexington   | 71. First, Corbin           |
| 6. Crescent Hill, Lou.  | 39. Erlanger                 | 72. First, Leitchfield      |
| 7. Third, Owensboro     | 40. Second, Hopkinsville     | 73. Shively, Louisville     |
| 8. Calvary, Lexington   | 41. Buechel Park, Lou        | 74. Greensburg              |
| 9. First, Bowling Green | 42. First, Mt. Washington    | 75. Lyndon, Lou.            |
| 10. Immanuel, Lexington | 43. Lone Oak, Paducah        | 76. Walnut St., Owensboro   |
| 11. Beechwood, Lou.     | 44. First, Greenville        | 77. S. Jefferson, Lou.      |
| 12. Harrodsburg         | 45. First, Paducah           | 78. Cynthiana               |
| 13. First, Ashland      | 46. Eaton Mem., Owensboro    | 79. First, Paris            |
| 14. Latonia, Covington  | 47. Central, Winchester      | 80. Bardstown               |
| 15. Unity, Ashland      | 48. Audubon, Lou.            | 81. First, Danville         |
| 16. First, Frankfort    | 49. First, Pineville         | 82. First, Middlesboro      |
| 17. Georgetown          | 50. Grace, Lexington         | 83. Glasgow                 |
| 18. First, Hopkinsville | 51. Florence                 | 84. Ralph Ave., Lou.        |
| 19. First, Murray       | 52. First, Fulton            | 85. First, London           |
| 20. Beechmont, Lou.     | 53. Beaver Dam               | 86. Thornhill, Frankfort    |
| 21. Deer Park, Lou.     | 54. First, Winchester        | 87. Beechland, Louisville   |
| 22. Ninth and O, Lou.   | 55. First, Owenton           | 88. First, Morganfield      |
| 23. Campbellsville      | 56. First, Lebanon           | 89. South Side, Covington   |
| 24. First, Shelbyville  | 57. Valley Station, Lou.     | 90. Central, Corbin         |
| 25. First, Hodgenville  | 58. Central, Lexington       | 91. Twelfth St., Paducah    |
| 26. Versailles          | 59. DeHaven Mem., LaGrange   | 92. Berea                   |
| 27. St. Matthews, Lou.  | 60. First, Princeton         | 93. Melbourne Heights, Lou. |
| 28. Highland, Lou.      | 61. First, Mt. Sterling      | 94. Lewis Lane, Owensboro   |
| 29. Broadway, Lou.      | 62. First, Pikeville         | 95. First, Walton           |
| 30. Victory Mem., Lou.  | 63. East, Paducah            | 96. Briensburg              |
| 31. First, Russellville | 64. Columbia                 | 97. Bethel, Harrodsburg     |
| 32. First, Franklin     | 65. Glendale                 | 98. First, Springfield      |
| 33. First, Mayfield     | 66. First, Henderson         | 99. First, Sturgis          |
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### GOD YEARNS FOR HIS WAYWARD PEOPLE

Through his unfortunate marital experiences Hosea, the broken-hearted prophet, learned that God's heart was breaking on account of the plight of His wayward people.

#### I. The Certainty of God's Love (Hosea 11:1-4)

As Hosea was wounded deeply by the unbecoming conduct of his unfaithful wife, so God was wounded and grieved by the sins of Israel, because she had devoted her time and strength to someone other than Him. Out of pure grace God had chosen Israel, entered into a covenant with her, and made her the object of His special love and blessing. Like Gomer, Israel had left her first Lover for profligate lovers—the heathen deities. Israel had mixed the worship of Jehovah and Baal to such an extent that it was difficult to see which received the most of her devotion.

God reminded the Israelites of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt and how Moses had led them into freedom and self-respect. Because of His love for them, God had dealt with them as a loving father deals with his child who is learning to walk. As a devoted father, God tenderly cared for them, healed them when they were hurt, provided for their needs, and looked after them in a wonderful way. But their wickedness grew in proportion to the expression of God's goodness to them.

As He drew them with bands of love, the more rebellious they became toward Him. God was so gracious and loving that His tenderness was like that of a herdsman who, after a day of toil, lifted the heavy yoke of wood from the necks of his oxen, put them in their stalls, and placed food before them in order that they might eat in comfort. In spite of the fact that God dealt so tenderly and lovingly with the Israelites, their ungrateful hearts did not properly recognize His manifold mercies.

#### II. The Concern of God's Love (Hosea 11:8-9)

These verses reveal the greatness of God's love for His unworthy, wayward and disobedient people and the intense longing of His heart for a requital of His love. Their sinfulness tended to

cause Him to give them up, but His loving heart yearned for them and He refused to do so. The very thought of casting them off or executing judgment upon them rent His heart and caused His indescribable anguish. In spite of their sins He loved them and wanted to bless them if they would only let Him.

Because of His great concern and love for them, God would not carry His anger to completion in executing the punishment they deserved. When God stated in verse nine that He would not execute the fierceness of His anger, we are to interpret the expression as indicating that, although judgment must take its course, it would be tempered with mercy. God would chastise them, but He would not exterminate them because His great and loving purpose in, with and through them must be accomplished.

This reveals God's attitude toward His children today, when they drift away from Him and indulge in sin. Even though they are in a backslidden state, His love still goes out to them. He has a special interest in them and concern for them, and yearns for their return. Complete forgiveness and marvelous blessings await them upon their return.

#### III. The Call of God's Love (Hosea 14:1-4)

Through His prophet God called His backslidden people to come back to Him.

Backsliding is that condition of the life of a child of God in which communion with God is broken, love for Him has diminished, and joy has departed. The backsliding of the Israelites was an indisputable fact. God's people are bent to backsliding and prone to leave the God Whom they love. If any person is in a backslidden condition, he is unhappy and miserable.

When God's children backslide, they have less serious views of sin, they fall into open sin, they are less willing to receive reproof for sins, they develop a censorious spirit, they lose true enjoyment, they lose their usefulness in God's service, they subject themselves to divine chastening, and they bring upon themselves remorse of conscience.

Here, as elsewhere in the Scriptures, God appeals to backsliders to come back to Him, and to have delightful fellowship with Him. Have you backslidden and lost the joy of the Lord out of your life? If so, heed the call of God to come back to Him, confess your sins to Him, tell Him that you are sorry that you did wrong, and ask Him to forgive and cleanse you. You will find that He is ready to forgive you and cleanse you and restore you to fellowship with Him—not relationship, but fellowship.

There is a life of joy and victory for every Christian, and you, as a child of God, may have it, if you will hear and heed the call of God's love, and come back to Him now and get right with Him.

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One of the vital elements in true and acceptable worship of God is the volun-

tary and joyous expression of genuine thanksgiving to Him.

#### Deuteronomy 16:13-15

The Feast of Tabernacles, which was the third great festival that the Israelites observed, took place five days after the Great Day of Atonement, and was celebrated from the fifteenth to the twenty-second day of the seventh month. During these seven days they lived in booths. This served as a reminder to them of their former plight in Egypt, of how God delivered them and led them through the desert, and of the fact that He had brought them safely into their state at that time.

This feast was celebrated after the harvest and the vintage had been gath-

ered in, and the anxieties of the year thus far were over. Its primary purpose was to give expression to their gratitude and joy on account of the goodness of God bestowed on them. It served as a reminder to them that God had provided food and drink for them for another year. In this thoughtfulness, gratitude, rejoicing and praise all were expected to participate—parents, children, servants, Levites, the fatherless, widows and strangers. They needed frequent reminders of the wondrous things that God had done for them. We, the recipients of His grace, need the same thing. We, too, should give appropriate expression of our gratitude to Him.

#### Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

As the previous passage contained an expression of thanksgiving to God for His deliverance and providential care, this one contains an acknowledgement of gratitude for a restoration to health following a serious physical illness.

The Psalmist was not one of those thoughtless and selfish persons who passes through life asking, expecting, receiving and enjoying without bestowing a thought on the great Giver. Wanting to do the appropriate thing, he inquired, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

Doubtless the Psalmist had made some sacred vows during his serious illness, telling God what he would do upon his recovery. Regardless of what he had

promised, he was determined that he would perform the vows which he had made. With praying and praising he linked paying. Wanting to give public expression to his gratitude, he said, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people." In view of God's blessings to and upon us, let each of us consider, "What form of service would be most becoming of me?" Thanksgiving is splendid, but thanksgiving is far better and more God-honoring.

#### Luke 17:11-19

As Christ was about to enter an unnamed village, He met ten men, all of whom were in the same sad plight.

#### I.—THEIR CONDITION

Stricken with leprosy, these nine Jews and one Samaritan were drawn together in a brotherhood of common misery, suffering the horror and degradation of a malady which was but a living death. Forbidden by law to approach others, they dared not come nearer to clean people than 150 feet, if the wind were blowing from their direction.

#### II.—THEIR CRY

Recognizing Christ and believing that He could heal them, in sheer desperation they uttered the pitiable cry, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." Their cry was to the right Person, at the proper time and in the correct spirit. It was unanimous, respectful, humble, earnest, urgent and expectant. Their sad plight and plea moved Christ, whose ear was

always attentive to the cry of human need.

#### III.—THEIR CURE

In response to their pitiable cry, Christ said, "Go show yourselves unto the priests." Thus He bade them to take the cure on trust, and proceed to show themselves to the constituted authorities, as persons who had been cured of leprosy. Instantly they set out in the firm faith that they would be healed. Their faith in Christ was soon rewarded, for, as they responded obediently in glad anticipation they experienced the miracle of healing. Two things caused them to be cured: faith in the word of Christ and obedience to the will of Christ.

#### IV.—THEIR CONDUCT

Each had received a healthy body, restoration to society, and readmission to the sanctuary, but here their likeness ended. Ten got what they wanted, but nine of them continued their journey without expressing any appreciation whatever to the Lord. They did not have a sufficient sense of indebtedness to Christ to thank Him for healing them. Their ingratitude stung and brought sadness to our Lord. Right-thinking people are always startled by a display of ingratitude. What a pity that the majority of people are content to get all they can from Christ, but do not express any appreciation or give anything to Him in return!

One grateful recipient, the Samaritan, promptly came rushing back to Christ to express his gratitude and to pour out the devotion of his grateful heart.

## Leath Resigns Pastorate at Winchester

A. Dalton Leath has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Winchester, after almost 20 years of service. Leath has resigned the Winchester pastorate to become pastor of the Fieldale Baptist Church in Fieldale, Virginia.

Leath has served the Winchester congregation since 1948. He has led in the construction of an educational building, major remodeling of the auditorium, and the purchase of land adjacent to the church. The congregation has sponsored two missions: Town Hall Chapel and Calvary Baptist Chapel.

The congregation now numbers almost 1,100, with an annual budget of

over \$60,000. There is no outstanding church indebtedness at this time.

The congregation honored the Leath family with a reception on Sunday, October 22. A silver tray and a cash love offering were presented to the Leaths on behalf of the congregation by deacon chairman W. Q. Stacy.

Ralph Couey, retired Baptist minister, is serving as interim pastor.

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## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**PENROSE ST. AMANT**, dean of the school of theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, sounded a challenge to incoming seminary students to give creative and responsible loyalty to the programs and objectives of the Southern Baptist Convention and not to forget the sacrifices and faithfulness of men of the past. "We are here because of the homes and churches that nurtured us, the parents who prayed for us, the wives who stood by us, and the God who laid his hand upon us," he said.

**WILLIAM S. ROBERTS**, pastor of Bells Run Baptist Church, Whitesville, Kentucky, recently preached a revival at Bethel Baptist Church, one of three SBC churches in Lincoln, Nebraska. Four persons made professions of faith.

**JIMMY LESTER** was honored with a dinner party at First Baptist Church of Benton, Kentucky, October 11 as he retired after 17 years as Sunday School superintendent at that church. He was presented with a gift and a plaque naming him "Mr. Sunday School." William J. Sullivan is pastor of the Benton congregation.

**THE FIRST** of a series of dialogues between students from New Orleans Seminary and Notre Dame (Catholic) Seminary was held October 17 on the campus of the Baptist seminary. Four dialogue sections dealing with related topics met simultaneously, each led by two students representing the two seminaries, involving the audience in discussion.

**SIX PERSONS** made professions of faith in Christ during a recent revival at Sorgho Baptist Church near Owensboro. Tom Henry, pastor of Grafenburg Baptist Church near Frankfort, was evangelist for the week of revival services. The pastor at Sorgho is Fred Knickerbocker.

**WAYNE E. WARD**, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, spoke recently to nursing students at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center at Little Rock.

**DUKE K. McCALL**, president of Southern Seminary at Louisville, preached during recent revival services at Vine Hill Baptist Church in Nelson County Association. Seven public decisions were recorded during the week. James H. Duke, Jr. is pastor of the congregation.

**PASTOR TERRY CLAPP** of Northside Baptist Church, Mayfield, Kentucky, led the church in revival services recently. There were 12 additions to the church, five by profession of faith and seven by letter.

**PAUL HATFIELD**, pastor of South Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, served as evangelist for recent revival services at Gano Avenue Baptist Church in Georgetown. A total of 15 persons were added to the membership of the church as a result of the evangelistic services. Ellis M. Ham serves as pastor of the Gano Avenue Church.

**MISS MARY H. SAMPSON**, missionary to Taiwan, is at home because of the illness of her father, Farris A. Sampson. She sends greetings to all her friends, but is not available for speaking engagements. Mr. Sampson, who is in Kentucky Baptist Hospital at Louisville, is well known for his years of service in several programs of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In recent years, he has worked to help establish a Baptist home for the elderly in Louisville.

**DAVID MORROW**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Kentucky, is the new moderator of Three Forks Baptist Association. Larry Baldrige, pastor of Caney Baptist Church at Pippa Passes, was elected vice-moderator of the Baptist group.

**SHAWNEE BAPTIST CHURCH**, Louisville, has scheduled a film revival for November 19-21. On each of the three evenings, a different Billy Graham evangelistic film will be shown. They are "The Heart is a Rebel," "Wiretapper," and "Shadow of the Boomerang." "Wiretapper" tells the story of the conversion of Jim Vaus, who is the main speaker for youth night services at the Kentucky Baptist Convention this year. Pastor Donald S. Whitehouse of the Shawnee church said all interested persons are invited to attend the showing of these films.

**SIXTEEN** persons made professions of faith during a recent revival at Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky. Pastor John Wood of First Baptist Church, Paducah, led the week of special evangelistic services. Song leader for the services was Dick Ham of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

**THE DEAN** of Stetson University's College of Law, Harold L. Sebring, has announced plans to retire next September, but he will remain at the college to teach and write. The Baptist school is located at DeLand, Florida.

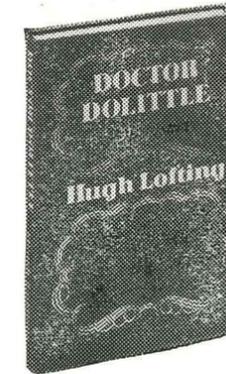
**EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM** drew overflow crowds for his Crusade International at Tokyo, Japan, in the opening sessions, in spite of being previously "virtually unknown" in Japan. During the first five days of the crusade, more than 9,000 Japanese responded to the evangelist's invitation "to decide for Jesus Christ as your only God, denying all other gods."

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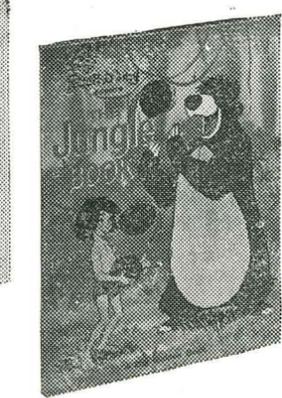
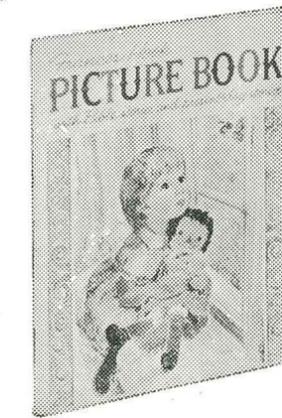
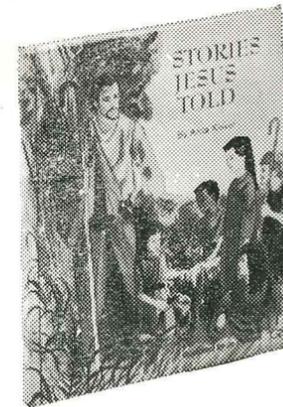
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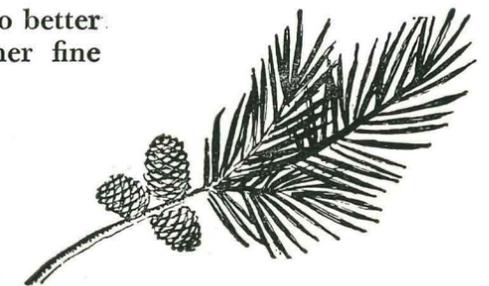
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