

Scene from "Project: Middle East"
SBC missionary Bob Fields teaches an open-air class at the Baptist Center in Israel. This is a scene from the Radio-Television Commission/NBC television production, "Project: Middle East," which will be shown on NBC stations March 3 at 1:30 p.m. (EST). The center has 30 boys and girls representing several different races, languages and religions living and working together in harmony on a 75-acre farm. It has proven to be an effective type of witness.



SBC RADIO-TV COMMISSION PHOTO



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

INMATES from the Kentucky State Reformatory at LaGrange presented Christopher Fry's play, *A Sleep of Prisoners*, at Kentucky Southern College February 16. This was the first time that they had been allowed to bring the dramatic presentation outside the prison.

THE CONCERT BAND of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, is making a six-day tour through Virginia and South Carolina. The group is appearing in churches, high schools and colleges.

T. FRANKLIN SMITH has resigned the pastorate of Woodland Baptist Church, Morganfield, Kentucky, to become pastor of Cox's Creek Baptist Church near Bardstown.

GALEN FRANCIS IRBY, superintendent of missions for Northeastern Baptist Association (Fort Wayne area) of the Baptist State Convention of Indiana, has been named associate executive-secretary of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

SID R. MORRIS, pastor of Beacon Hill Baptist Mission, Somerset, Kentucky, for the past two years, has resigned to enter the United States Navy as a chaplain. The Beacon Hill work is sponsored by Somerset's First Baptist Church.

PAUL M. STEVENS, executive secretary of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, has expressed appreciation to Kentucky Baptists for the \$53,102 contributed during 1967 to this ministry. He points out that Kentucky radio and television stations have given free time for Southern Baptist Radio and Television programs worth a total of \$104,520 in 1967.

J. C. RAY, 71-year-old Baptist layman from Linden, Alabama, died in his motel room, stricken by a heart attack while praying for the success of the Alabama Baptist Evangelism Conference, meeting at Birmingham.

THOMAS E. NELSON, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Foundation, has been elected new president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives. This group met recently in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

SBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM gifts increased slightly during January over the January gifts last year. Total gifts for this year are down slightly, however, when compared with the amount given by this time last year.

HENRY J. HUEY, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, died in his hotel room recently while attending the annual meeting of the Baptist State Foundation Executive Secretaries Association at Albuquerque.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH of Hopkinsville has adopted a resolution of respect and appreciation for James H. Maddox, former pastor of the congregation who died recently following a heart attack. He served as pastor of the Hopkinsville church for more than 19 years. Marion T. Duncan is the current pastor.

MRS. BEULAH DEHAVEN BEAUCHAMP, treasurer and Sunday School teacher at the Millwood, Kentucky, Baptist Church for the past 50 years, died January 5, 1968, at Grayson County Memorial Hospital. She had been a member of that congregation for 69 years. Funeral services were held at the Millwood church on January 7 with the pastor, Carl Ward, and J. B. Brooks of Clarkson Baptist Church officiating.

RECENT PULPIT GUESTS at Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, were Floyd North, editor of the Foreign Mission Board's *Commission*, and Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary at Louisville. North taught the book of Luke, and McCall preached on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, met with some of the young people who will enter seminary and discussed the worldwide Baptist witness with an adult group. Pastor James Britt reports that the Eastwood church has organized for a vigorous visitation program to reach for Bible study approximately 800 people found through a recent religious survey.

GEORGE T. SIMMONS, chief administrative assistant to the Mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, has been named director of development at Samford University (Baptist) in that city.

TOTAL SALES for the SEC Sunday School Board at Nashville last year amounted to \$32,711,000. This was an increase of \$733,000 over the board's revenue for the previous year.

CHARLES H. DOWNFY has assumed duties as consultant in the church music department of the SBC Sunday School Board at Nashville.

MARC H. LOVELACE, professor of archaeology at Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, has been named to the faculty of Stetson University, a Baptist School in DeLand, Florida. He will teach in the departments of history and religion.

THE SBC ANNUITY BOARD, meeting at Dallas, Texas, voted to send a "13th" check to retired Baptist workers and authorized a new staff position—a person to supervise the stocks and bonds portfolio for the SBC agency. The extra check to retired persons was made possible by interest earnings in excess of the retirement plan requirements.

CHARLES DANIEL, former superintendent of missions for Nelson Association in Kentucky, has been called as interim pastor at Sunrise Boulevard Baptist Church in Fort Pierce, Florida.

WILLIAM P. CARTER, JR., former pastor of Cove Hill Baptist Church, Carrollton, Kentucky, and Mrs. Carter left for Chile recently following a furlough in the United States. They are SBC missionaries, serving at the Chilean Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago.

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"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"—Jude 3

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The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Christ

by O. W. YATES
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One of the subjects discussed a great deal and usually disagreed upon is the Virgin Birth of the Son of God. If we do not have a Saviour who came into the world with Divine action, then He is simply human and unable to offer to us salvation by grace through faith. The scriptures have not taken anything for granted, but have made it crystal clear that Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-35; and Luke 28-14).

Jesus became involved in this vital drama by a creative act of God through the Holy Spirit. He was a unique child. As the first Adam was formed by the very fingers of the Lord, the second Adam appeared as another creation of God. It is stated that "He was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:20).

Among the Jews in the first century there were three phases of their marriage laws. The first was *espousal*. For the very young boy and girl, who possibly had never seen one another, the arrangements were made by their parents or by a Rabbi that they would be married at some future time. This agreement was not extremely binding.

But as the couple grew up and learned about the former agreements, and loved one another, the two entered into an agreement called *betrothal* . This was step number two in their marital relationship. This was to last a year and could not be broken except by death, or by a court order of divorce. If the man died during this period, the girl was considered a widow from that time on. This was the time when Mary was with

child by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18). When Joseph learned of this conception he was greatly disturbed, and wished her betrothal to be broken quietly by divorce (Matt. 1:19). Two courses of action were open to Joseph. He could have publicly charged Mary with adultery, and thus terminated their engagement. Mary then would have been publicly punished for her conduct, according to Jewish law. Or Joseph could have made use of the loose divorce laws then existing among the Jews and released her for some vague reason.

While he meditated on his serious problem, the angel of the Lord instructed him to take Mary as his wife. "She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21). Luke then quotes Isaiah 7:14 "A virgin shall conceive . . ." and Joseph did as the angel had commanded him and took Mary as his wife. He knew her not until she had borne a Son and named him Jesus (Matt. 1:20-25).

In the third step, *the marriage*, Joseph followed the instruction of the angel, as all good Christian people should. But Joseph and Mary did not live together as husband and wife until after the Son was born and they called Him Jesus (Matt. 1:24-25).

The Virgin Birth is not an effort to prove the sinlessness of Mary nor an attempt to exalt celibacy over the state of marriage. The entire conception of the Virgin Birth is clearly revealed to us in order that we may know who Jesus was and is.

The arguments given by those who question the Virgin Birth are not sub-

stantially proven by the Scriptures. The fact that Jesus did not have an earthly father does not deny the fact that Mary was conceived of the Holy Spirit. The Jews held that in the birth of every child there were three partners—the father, the mother and the Spirit of God. The fact that Mary in Luke 2:48 said, "Your father and I have been looking for you," does not deny the part that the Holy Spirit had in His conception.

Another argument that the objectors give is that Matt. 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38 trace the genealogy of Jesus through Joseph. He was the legal father, and this does not contradict the Virgin Birth. Neither does the fact that Jesus is referred to as "Joseph's son" deny the fact which the other scriptures bring so clearly concerning the Virgin Birth. The Gospel of Luke gives Mary's lineage showing Jesus' blood descent (Rom. 1:3-4).

Others say that beyond the accounts given by Matthew and Luke concerning the Virgin Birth, nothing else about this mystery is mentioned in the Scriptures. This is no real argument; many other things that Jesus did, such as His baptism and the temptations, were not repeated in the Scriptures.

The objectors do not give scriptural citations to prove their contentions, but their argument is "I feel" or "I think." This is not convincing nor does it carry any weight. The question is, "Is Jesus God?" If not, the best we have is humanity at its finest; a little bit better than anyone else. Therefore, we have no real Saviour. Our salvation depends upon this Divine act of God that does not submit itself to our detached analysis.

CRISIS MOMENTS IN KENTUCKY BAPTIST HOSPITAL HISTORY:

Kentucky Baptist Hospital During the Depression

By WALTER C. JACKSON

The early years of Kentucky Baptist Hospital were marked by financial difficulties. The project became mortgaged for half of its assets a burden which dictated that a large share of the operating income be expended for interest. However, the hospital held its own until after financial collapse in 1929. At this time, Kentucky Baptists were called on to make additional sacrifices to sustain their hospital ministry. Contributions from the General Association were not large, but its average contribution of \$13,631.59 per year made the difference between solvency and bankruptcy.

Most crucial were the four years between 1931 and 1935. Income barely met operating expenses. Nothing was paid on interest or capital indebtedness in those years. By 1934, the hospital owed \$175,000 in overdue notes plus a

large amount of accumulated interest charges.

Acting administrator at this time was George E. Hays, Sr., who pursued a three-point program to save the hospital. First, he involved the hospital in supporting one of the first group hospital insurance plans. This method of paying hospital bills established a constant income. Secondly, he arranged with the executors of a private estate to purchase \$27,000 in bonds due for payment on January 1, 1935. Third, he influenced the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky to increase cooperative program giving to the hospital from three percent to four and one-half percent and secured permission for a special hospital offering in May of 1935.

All of these activities were encouraging to the hospital lending agencies, but an additional total of \$6,000 was re-

quired. A complicating factor in the matter involved the Evangelical denomination's offer to purchase the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. This denomination possessed sufficient funds to purchase all of the hospital's bonds.

Before permitting this to happen, George E. Hays, Sr., borrowed the money on his own signature, making possible the complicated financial arrangements which preserved the hospital for Baptists. The credit for preserving the hospital for Baptists in the crisis of the economic depression belongs to George E. Hays, Sr.

Walter C. Jackson is chaplain at Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville. This article, the second in a series of three, is based on a recent thesis which he completed for the Th.D. degree at Southern Seminary.



Another Approach for Baptist Colleges

The somewhat radical idea of releasing all Baptist colleges to become independent, private schools was offered on this page last week. This is not the only way out of our present dilemma of Baptist schools and public funds. Such a step cannot realistically be expected soon in light of our historic tie to our colleges, and it may not be desirable even if it could be done.

Here is another alternative which could be our way out if Baptist schools make use of public funds. Briefly put, it is the idea of making and recognizing our Baptist colleges as educational institutions and not as evangelistic and sectarian arms of the churches. This may seem far-fetched, but it is nearer the actual situation now than most Baptists realize.

Such a step would involve complete and honest re-examination of our objectives and our philosophy as Baptists in higher education. What are we trying to do now? What should we be doing? What are we actually doing now?

We may just as well admit that there is a lot of fuzziness in our thinking about what we are doing in Baptist colleges. To some a Baptist college is a sort of high-level Baptist revival in an academic atmosphere. Students are expected to come from these schools, however they arrived, as staunch Baptists and consecrated church workers.

To others our colleges are schools with academic excellence committed to the best available liberal arts education without special regard for religion, Baptist or otherwise. In between these two extremes is the idea of our colleges as fountains of quality liberal arts education in a definitely Christian atmosphere. What is meant by Christian atmosphere is hard to say and depends mostly on who is saying it.

What is the actual situation? First of all, our colleges are educational institutions—or they had better be. They must meet the same academic standards required for schools without any religious connection. Mostly the same or similar textbooks used in non-church related schools are used in Baptist colleges.

Actually, there is no Baptist chemistry or Baptist mathematics. In other words, liberal arts education is the same both in Baptist colleges and other colleges. Any difference is in the instructor and the atmosphere, and this is often a big difference in favor of the Baptist college.

In the next place, there is not a great deal of evan-

gelism or indoctrination going on in our Baptist schools now. The sagging baptism records of Baptists haven't been helped often by campus revivals. It is true some students go to Baptist schools as uncommitted Christians and come away fully committed, but the opposite is also true. The Baptist doctrinal positions which some supporters of Baptist schools want taught are not the concern of most Baptist college teachers.

One of the big myths is that Baptist campuses are free from temptations for boys and girls. Standards surely are higher on Baptist campuses, but the temptations to drink or try the new morality are not unknown to Baptist college students today, nor were they unknown to those of us who attended Baptist schools 25 years ago.

This is not to criticize our schools. This is to say they are not to be expected to fit this image. They are colleges, first and finally, and not churches. They deal primarily in the products of education and character and not in making converts and Baptists.

Why, then, can't we rethink and restate honestly our educational objective and philosophy? If we are in the education business primarily, let's say so and quit fooling ourselves. And if we are rendering educational service for the general welfare of American society, why hesitate to accept help from the government or any other respectable non-Baptist source?

If we go this way, we should do it sincerely and honestly. This would mean, among other things, no preference to Baptists as students or faculty members, and no compulsory attendance at chapel to hear the sermon of a Baptist preacher. In essence, this would mean it would not be a Baptist college in the traditional sense but a college sponsored, administered and partly supported by Baptists. And this is what it ought to be if it is dependent upon public funds for its existence.

A Fitting Honor for D. E. Jones

Few Baptist pastors remain in one pastorate 25 years. Those who do have to be lovable characters as well as able preachers and pastors. One of these is Dester E. Jones, who last Sunday was honored by the South Jefferson Baptist Church at Louisville for 25 years of outstanding ministry. He is greatly beloved by his congregation, and he is one of the most respect-

ed and admired pastors by his fellow preachers in Kentucky.

Dester is an example of a boy born to be a Baptist preacher and one who would not let difficulties stop him from college and seminary training befitting an effective minister. Beset by the rigors of the depression, he was in and out of three colleges before graduating. In the meantime, he did seminary work before getting his college degree and so went back to the Seminary after his college work to get his Th.M. degree.

He has been satisfied to help small congregations, though doubtlessly he could have moved many times to larger churches. The South Jefferson Church now is relatively large but was only half its present size when he came. Three other strong churches have

started from South Jefferson.

The emphasis of Pastor Jones has been on missions. He is also known as an especially effective revival preacher.

Probably the highest compliment to his ministry comes from those members who have worked with him for the 25 years at South Jefferson. They say he loves his people, and they love him. They point out his sacrificial spirit, demonstrated many times like when he and his family lived in the church basement while a parsonage was being built.

The effect of his ministry has been heightened by his devoted wife and an outstanding son and daughter. The *Western Recorder* editorial page is honored to recognize with appreciation Dester E. Jones, Ruth Tyler Jones, Ronald and Judith.

BAPTIST FORUM



Welcoming Visitors to Church

Dear Editor:

It is often conspicuously obvious that church people do not go out of their way to welcome visitors in their services. This is not to say that church people are unfriendly in their attitude toward visitors; they simply stand aloof.

Last autumn our family took a few days' vacation, and being away over the week-end, we stopped in to visit in worship services along the way.

We worshipped with a congregation at the heart of a large town on Sunday morning, and we were handed visitors' cards by the ushers. We were recognized as visitors by the pastor, who requested that visitors raise their hands. At the end of the hour we were surrounded by church people, but none of them bothered to speak.

One lady pushed through the crowd to us and said, "I noticed that you are visiting here today and wanted to speak to you. Today is my second Sunday as a visitor here. That is the reason I did not raise my hand as a visitor." In the friendly exchange we made a new friend whose membership was in a church over a hundred miles away from the one in which we worshipped!

In contrast, on Sunday evening I drove my wife's parents home to a large downtown church to worship. As the congregation entered the sanctuary from Training Union, many of the folks stopped at the pew where I was sitting to say a word of welcome. The hour of worship was a delightful experience, and I cannot recall when I have ever enjoyed hymns more than in that service.

I was never formally recognized as a visitor; yet many of the church folks warmly greeted me at the end of the service.

I have prayed often that our church may be as warm as the one that I visited that Sunday night down in North Carolina, and yet I know that such warmth can only come from within the hearts of the ones who regularly worship with us. Whitesburg, Ky. David F. Morrow

Moody Is Inconsistent

Dear Editor:

In reply to Dale Moody's article on "Apostasy" (*Western Recorder*, February 1, 1968), let me point out that Moody deplores the acceptance of "traditional Baptist doctrine" by those who disagree with him but indicates his own acceptance of the "traditional" Arminian doctrine on apostasy. I challenge Moody to be consistent. Why should he censure others for an "inconsistency" of which he himself is guilty? Surely such an attitude is not conducive to any open, free, honest, and honorable debate.

This same inconsistency also applies to Dr. A. T. Robertson, to whom Moody appeals so strongly. In fact, when Robertson deals with apostasy he says one thing, but when he discusses the security of the believer he says something else. In dealing with Hebrews 6, the great scholar said, "adunaton bluntly denies the possibility of renewal for apostates from Christ." In discussing I John 5:18, Dr. Robertson said, "It is Christ who keeps the one begotten of God." In the same paragraph he also said, "The devil cannot snatch such a man from Christ."

Let it be clearly understood that I do not intend here to cast any kind of slur on the great scholar, or on his ability or integrity. I am simply stating facts that are easily verified. I am saying that any reference to Dr. Robertson's views on this particular subject must take into account the facts that I have mentioned here. In spite of Moody's objection to this fact, it is plainly evident that Dr. Robertson leaves the impression that scripture possibly contradicts scripture. This is not a matter of

Dr. Robertson contradicting traditional doctrine. Unless Moody wilfully blinds his own eyes to this, he ought to be able to discern this fact.

In matching scripture with scripture on this vital issue, I take the liberty of suggesting the use of I Corinthians 3:11-15, when one uses John 15:2, 6, ff. The use of Hebrews 6:4-6, must take account of Hebrews 7:25, Ephesians 1:13, 4:30; John 6:37-40, 17:11-15, 18-19, and Jude 24-25.

When one uses I John 5:16, let him read the context through verse 18, and note (in the Greek text) that Christ keeps the begotten of God. In this connection let him also use John 5:24; Romans 8:35-39. When one is considering Luke 8:13, let him take into account also I Corinthians 10:12-13; II Peter 2:9. In studying I Corinthians 9:27 (Greek text) let one note the entire context here, especially verse 25, where the victor's crown is received as a prize or reward, but not as the gaining of salvation itself.

Further references could be cited, but these are given simply as an illustration of the truth that an honest search of every scripture dealing with this subject must be made before an estimate of the doctrine is propagated. I am convinced that any study of the Bible in depth will reveal an overwhelming number of passages that point up the absolute security of the person who trusts in the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal salvation.

With the Apostle Paul I would say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Timothy 1:12).
Georgetown, Ky. Ellis M. Ham

Kentucky Baptist Pastor Named 'Outstanding Young Man' in U. S.

Lawrence E. Baldrige, pastor of Caney Baptist Church and instructor at Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, Kentucky, has been named one of the outstanding young men of America for 1968.

Baldrige, a 1957 graduate of Alice Lloyd, was one of five alumni of the school chosen by the college for this national honor. A total of 10,000 men ages 28-35 from throughout the United States are selected annually as "outstanding young men."

A native of Hueysville, Kentucky, Baldrige earned the B.A. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1960 after leaving Alice Lloyd College.

After teaching school for two years in Floyd County, Kentucky, and Miami, Ohio, he enrolled at Southern Seminary, Louisville, from which he received the B.D. degree in 1965.

While providing pastoral leadership for Caney Baptist Church, Baldrige has also taught English and sociology

at his alma mater in Pippa Passes. This semester he is offering a class in the "sociology of southern Appalachia." This was one of the classes visited by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of New York during his recent visit to Alice Lloyd and other places in the Kentucky mountains.

The Caney Baptist pastor is married to the former Martha Lingerfelt, who was born to missionary parents in Bahia, Brazil. She serves as director of the week-day program at the Caney church.

Wilson Enters Ministry Of Full-time Evangelism

John C. Wilson, former Kentucky pastor and a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, has entered the ministry of full-time evangelism.

While at Clear Creek, Wilson served as president of his senior class and received an award for outstanding work. Last year he was elected president of the alumni association of the Baptist school.

A former pastor of the Bronston, Kentucky, Baptist Church, he was serving the First Baptist Church of New Paris, Ohio, when he entered the evangelism field.

Eastland Park, Lexington, Plans to Build

Eastland Park Baptist Church, now meeting at Yates Elementary School in Lexington, recently held a groundbreaking service to signify the beginning of construction on its first permanent building.

Pastor Henry M. Downing said the building would be a two-story combination sanctuary and education building,

costing approximately \$110,000. It will be erected on a four and one-half acre site in the Eastland Park area of Lexington.

Eastland Park Baptist Church was started several years ago as a mission by Lexington's Gardenside Baptist Church. It was constituted into a church on September 24 of this year.

Foreign Board to Begin Mission Work in Ethiopia

Southern Baptist mission work in Ethiopia will begin with a community development program, featuring health centers, assistance in education, literacy classes, agricultural projects and vocational training.

"We have been assured by officials that if we proceed in this way, we will be free to offer Bible instruction, worship services and other activities which may result in new vitality and fresh spiritual life among these people," said H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa for the Foreign Mission Board.

"Most of the Ethiopian people are now identified with the ancient Ethiopian Orthodox Church," he said.

The Menz-Gishe district, about 150 miles north of Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, will be the scene of these efforts to interpret the gospel in new and meaningful ways. Goerner visited the district and its newly-established capital, Mehal Meda, during a three-week trip to Africa in January.

He was cordially received by the governor and the local representative to the national parliament.

During his visit a site for a small Baptist medical clinic was selected at the crossroads community of Tsehay Sina. In its February meeting the Foreign Mission Board transferred a medical doctor to Ethiopia and appropriated \$4,000 for the clinic and \$4,500 for a mobile medical unit to be used in the surrounding area.

Other countries visited by Goerner on his recent trip included two others in

which the Board plans to begin work soon—Botswana and South West Africa.



WELCOME TO ETHIOPIA—A welcome sign erected by the first four SBC missionaries to Ethiopia welcomes H. Cornell Goerner of the Foreign Mission Board to that country. African area secretary for the Board, Goerner recently visited Ethiopia to help plan the beginning of SBC mission work there.

Southern Baptist Named to Alcoholism Study Group

A 35-member Task Force on Alcoholism, which includes one Southern Baptist, has been established by the National Council of Churches to explore and help shape a national policy for the National Council of Churches on problem drinking and alcoholism.

The Task Force will also "explore the meaning and implications" of a comprehensive and controversial report on alcohol problems called the Cooperative Commission on the Study of Alcoholism.

A storm of controversy surrounded release of the report, which among other things called for lower drinking ages, over whether or not the National Council

of Churches had endorsed the report. The NCC strongly denied it had endorsed the five-year study as reported by the press.

The Task Force represents a broad cross-section of groups across the nation concerned with problems produced by alcohol. It includes high officials of Alcoholics Anonymous, National Council on Alcoholism, American Public Health Association, Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems, North American Association Alcoholism Program, Addiction Research Foundation, the North Conway Institute, directors of two state mental health departments, ministers represent-

ing 12 Protestant denominations, two Roman Catholic priests, and several Jewish leaders.

The Southern Baptist appointed to the Task Force is Thomas A. Bland, professor of Christian ethics at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Bland said that he was grateful that a Southern Baptist who believes in abstinence had been appointed to the Task Force, and that he felt he could make a contribution by communicating Southern Baptist concerns for alcoholism to the group. He pointed out, however, he was not an official representative of the Southern Baptist Convention or the seminary where he teaches, but was serving as "a concerned individual."

"It seems to me," he said, "that if we are going to effectively attack the problems of drinking and alcoholism, we are going to have to work together with other concerned groups and individuals. We don't have to agree on every point, but we must work together to be effective." (BP)

State Royal Ambassador Congress Scheduled for February 18-22

Two Baptist missionaries—both native Kentuckians—will headline the list of personalities directing this year's Royal Ambassador Congresses for Kentucky, scheduled March 18, 19, 21 and 22 throughout the state.

The missionaries are James F. McKinley, a native of Nora, who serves in East Pakistan; and Gerald A. McNeely of Louisville, SBC worker in Spain.

One unique feature of this year's congresses, said State Brotherhood Secretary Forrest R. Sawyer, will be the distribution of "wooden nickels" to the 1,500 Kentucky R.A.'s expected to attend.

The wooden nickels publicize the fourth national Royal Ambassador Congress, scheduled August 13-15 this year at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Other program personalities for the Kentucky Congresses include Sawyer

and his associate, Calvin Fields of Middletown; Russ Adkisson of Rhodolia, Kentucky, state Royal Ambassador leader; and Howard Sivells, Brotherhood Secretary for the New Mexico Baptist Convention.

Sawyer said the congresses would meet at the following times and places:

►March 18—First Baptist Church, Princeton, and Petrey Memorial Church, Hazard.

►March 19—Crabtree Avenue church, Owensboro, and Calvary church, Somerset.

►March 21—Olive Hill, Kentucky, Baptist Church and Forest Park church, Bowling Green.

►March 22—Stithton church, Radcliff, and the Georgetown, Kentucky, Baptist Church.

All meetings begin at 4:30 p.m., local time, and close at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Clarence Scott Dies in Bedford

Mrs. Clarence Scott, revered member of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Bedford, died December 19, 1967, after more than 50 years of Sunday School teaching and "keeping the preacher."

Mrs. Scott was greatly loved and remembered by many student pastors who found a warm welcome in her home through the years. A native of Hannibal, Missouri, she received her early religious training at Fifth Street Baptist Church in that city.

After her marriage, she became a member of the old Middle Creek Baptist Church in Bedford. When the Middle Creek Church was abandoned, an old fashioned long-handled Wicker Collection basket was saved and presented to the Southern Seminary Museum at Louisville in honor of Lazarus McDonald Scott, father-in-law of Mrs. Clarence Scott.

For a period Mrs. Scott lived in Louisville, where she was a member of Broadway Baptist Church. She recently had returned to the Bedford area where she made her home until her death.

One son, Albert L. Scott, Sr., is a member of the executive committee of Sulphur Fork Association. A grandson, Albert L. Scott, Jr., is Sunday School secretary at Pleasant View Baptist Church. She also left two daughters, Clara C. Scott, Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, and Mrs. Sidney F. Wallace, Sr., a member of Louisville's Bethany Baptist Church.



Gerald A. McNeely



James F. McKinley

Portland, Oregon, Recommended as 1973 Site for SBC

The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, in its regular February meeting, recommended Portland, Oregon, as the site for the 1973 meeting of the SEC. The recommended date for the convention will be June 12-15.

In other action relative to Southern Baptist Convention meetings, it was decided to recommend the original dates of June 2-5 for the 1970 convention in Denver, instead of a week later as had been proposed. Among other cities extending an invitation for the 1973 convention were Kansas City, Los Angeles, Chicago and Minneapolis.

The possibility of a change in the name of the Southern Baptist Convention received further consideration and study. This study has been going on since 1961, and several opinion polls among Southern Baptist Convention groups have been taken. The report presented to the Executive Committee by its sub-committee on this problem revealed that no new name has received endorsement by any large percentage of

Georgetown Student Called By Burgin Baptist Church

G. D. Fauber, a junior at Georgetown College, has been called as minister of



Fauber

youth and education at the Burgin, Kentucky, Baptist Church.

A graduate of Bluefield Junior College in Virginia, Fauber plans to enter the ministry of student work. He hopes to enter Southern Seminary at Louisville after leaving Georgetown.

The new Burgin staff member is a native of Clifton Forge, Virginia.

Richard Bielski Honored By Crestwood Church

Richard Bielski, pastor of the Crestwood, Kentucky, Baptist Church, was honored by that congregation last month upon his graduation from Southern Seminary at Louisville.

At a reception in his honor following an evening worship service, Bielski and his family were presented a cashier's check for \$1,215.

Bielski, a native of Smyrna, Georgia, graduated from Mercer University in that state in 1964 before entering seminary at Louisville. He served as pastor of Powersville Baptist Church in Brooksville, Kentucky, before going to the Crestwood pastorate last May.

those who have expressed opinions.

It was decided that another unofficial poll would be taken at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston in June of this year. The messengers will be asked to indicate their preference of three names—Southern Baptist Convention, General Baptist Convention, or United Baptist Convention. However, the Baptist group stated that the results of this poll will not bind the Convention or its Executive Committee in any way concerning any further recommendation for a name change.

In further action, the Executive Committee approved a request from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to conduct a campaign to raise \$1,500,000. The drive will be conducted according to the business and financial plan of the Convention.

Another recommendation was approved which would grant a request from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to begin publication of three new magazines. These will be a monthly adult leisure-reading periodical; a quarterly professional journal for pastors, church staff members denominational leaders; and a quarterly publication to assist deacons.

The matter gaining most attention from the Executive Committee was the Cooperative Program allocation to be

recommended to this year's convention for the 1969 budget. The recommendations from the Executive Committee each February are considered by the Southern Baptist Convention messengers in the next session of the convention.

The request from the various agencies for 1969 amounted to over \$30,000,000. The 1968 allocations total about \$24,500,000. The anticipated increase and the Cooperative Program income for 1969 is about \$2,000,000. This means the \$2,000,000 available must be fairly divided among the agencies needing at least 5,500,000 additional dollars.

A special plea for extra consideration was made by the six Southern Baptist seminaries, which have reported special financial difficulties for the last several years. The seminaries requested \$1,700,000 and received \$700,000.

The Foreign Mission Board requested \$1,500,000 and received about \$800,000.

The agency budgets, along with \$800,000 designated for capital needs, will bring the 1969 anticipated total to slightly over \$27,500,000.

The Executive Committee will have one more opportunity to finalize its recommendations to the convention in Houston, Texas, this summer. This will be when the Baptist group meets in its next regular session on June 3 prior to the first SBC session on June 4.



"Good News" Translator at Georgetown

Robert Bratcher, translator of the American Bible Society's best-selling "Good News for Modern Man," recently returned to Georgetown College in Kentucky to speak in chapel. A 1941 graduate of that Baptist school, he did graduate work at Southern Seminary in Louisville. Here Bratcher talks with two international students on the Georgetown campus—Ryoichiro Kosen (left) of Japan, and Joseph Adebite of Nigeria.

First Church, Wheelwright, Pays Off All Indebtedness

First Baptist Church of Wheelwright, Kentucky, observed its 14th anniversary recently by burning a bank note to signify the payment of all indebtedness on its church property.

Pastor James E. Casey, Jr. said the church had raised more than \$10,000 since its organization in 1954 to pay off this indebtedness. A total of \$2,500 of this amount was contributed by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, which has assisted the Wheelwright church from its beginning.

During its 14-year ministry, First Baptist Church of Wheelwright has established two missions in its area. One of these—First Baptist Church of Lambert in Hi Hat, Kentucky—has been constituted into a church. The other is the Jack's Creek Mission at Halo, Kentucky.

Seminary Sets Annual Rural-Small Church Meet

The annual Rural and Small Church Conference, sponsored by student pastors at Southern Seminary, Louisville, will meet March 2 on the seminary campus.

G. Willis Bennett, professor of Christian ethics at the seminary, will deliver the keynote address on "The Future of the Small Church in Kentuckiana" at 10:00 a.m. in Broadus Hall.



Speer



Shearin



Henderson



Smith

Stewardship Conference Set March 25-27

Pastors and associational moderators, missionaries and stewardship chairmen throughout Kentucky will receive ideas on associational stewardship development at the fifth annual Stewardship-Foundation Conference, scheduled March 25-27 at Cedarmore Assembly near Bagdad.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and the stewardship department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the conference will feature addresses and discussions on all phases of Christian stewardship.

Jesse C. Stricker, secretary of the Kentucky stewardship department and director of the conference, said major speakers and addresses at the sessions would include the following:

►Ed B. Henderson, layman from Tallahassee, Florida—"A Layman Looks at Stewardship" and "A Skeptic Challenges Me to Justify Tithing."

►George L. Shearin, associate secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas,

Dallas—"Top Priority: Undergirding Our Institutions."

►James H. Smith, executive secretary, Illinois Baptist State Association, Carbondale—"World Kingdom Advancement" and director of Cooperative Program promotion conferences.

►Michael L. Speer, director of stewardship development for the SBC Stewardship Commission, Nashville, who will discuss the associational development program and explain the latest techniques in general stewardship promotion.

Other persons who will serve on the "faculty" for the conference will include staff members from the Baptist Building in Middletown, pastors and associational missionaries in Kentucky, and officials of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

Stricker said that any persons who wish further information on this conference should write him at the Baptist Building, Middletown.

D. E. Jones Serves Church at Louisville for 25 Years

South Jefferson Baptist Church, Louisville, honored Pastor and Mrs. D. E. Jones February 25 for 25 years of outstanding ministry to this congregation. Hugh Peterson, academic dean at Southern Seminary, was the guest speaker in the morning service.

This church, located just off Highway 31W in southern Jefferson County, has grown from a very small work 25 years ago to one of the leading churches in the area. Membership now exceeds 1,500, and the budget has passed \$65,000.

Pastor Jones regards the missionary outreach of South Jefferson as its most significant accomplishment. Three new churches—Valley Station, New Salem and Kosmosdale—have developed from missions begun by the church. More than 500 original members of South Jefferson have joined these new congregations.

Counting the mission buildings and the parsonage, the church has gone through eight building programs under Jones' leadership. Twice since 1943 the church building has been flooded from the Ohio River.

Dester Jones was born to humble but godly parents in East Tennessee on September 9, 1907. He walked a mile to short-term elementary schools as a

boy and graduated from high school in Crossville, Tennessee. He received his college training over a period of years at Maryville College in Tennessee, at the University of Kentucky and at Georgetown College where he graduated.

He also graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was converted at the age of 14 in Tennessee and was ordained by Hillsboro Baptist Church near Versailles, after moving with his family to central Kentucky. His early pastorates were mostly in Meade County and included Rockhaven, Otter Creek, Muldraugh and New Highland Baptist Churches. He served the Upton and Magnolia congregations before coming to South Jefferson in 1943.

He was married to Ruth Tyler of Louisville in 1938. Mrs. Jones has been active in all organizations of the church, served as pianist and is now organist. One of the two children is Ronald, assistant dean at Kentucky Southern College; the other is Judith, a sophomore at Georgetown.



D. E. Jones

SBC Membership Climbs to 11,000,000 During 1967

Church membership in the Southern Baptist Convention passed the 11,000,000 mark during 1967 for the first time in history, reaching a total of 11,142,726. It was an increase of 193,233 over the previous year's membership.

A year-end statistical summary from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research and statistics department also disclosed an increase in new converts. The number of baptisms of new converts rose to 378,937, the highest number since 1962. This was an increase of 17,978 over the 1966 total.

The statistics were based on reports from 34,147 churches affiliated with the nation's largest Protestant denomination. The number of churches was up 198 from the number reported last year.

Decreases were reported in enrollments of Sunday School, Men's Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union organizations, but Training Union and music organization enrollments were up.

Sunday School enrollment dropped by 24,482 to a total of 7,579,203.

Brotherhood enrollment for 1967 was 457,770, a decrease of 5,783. Preliminary reports, however, indicate a modest increase for the Royal Ambassador organization for boys, although final figures are not yet available.

Enrollment for the Woman's Missionary Union, was 1,444,428, a decrease of 15,400.

Training Union enrollment showed an increase of over 8,000, reaching 2,560,384. Last year, Training Union enrollment dropped 58,114 to a total of 2,552,073. Accounting for this year's increase was the inclusion for the first time of

State Senate Praises Race Relations Meets

The Kentucky State Senate at Frankfort has passed a resolution commending the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky for sponsoring a recent series of one-day conferences on race relations throughout the state.

Introduced by Senator Georgia M. Davis of Louisville, the resolution was passed February 7 during the week when the conferences were in progress—at Louisville, Owensboro, Hopkinsville and Lexington.

The conferences were arranged by Herman Ihley, secretary of the department of inter-racial cooperation of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, in consultation with a committee representing the General Association of Baptists in the state. Climaxed by Race Relations Sunday, the sessions were the first of their type ever sponsored by the two Baptist groups in the Commonwealth.

two phases of the churches' training ministry—new church-member orientation, 25,242; and leadership training, 20,977.

Music ministry enrollment continued upward, exceeding for the first time the 1,000,000 mark. The 1967 music ministry enrollment was an increase of 74,126, bringing the total to 1,019,130.

Southern Baptist giving continued to rise during 1967, the statistical report indicated. Total receipts for all causes amounted to \$711,775,365, up nearly \$42,000,000.

Contributions for missions topped \$120,454,869, an increase of over \$5,000,000 for 1967.

Property value of churches climbed to \$3,495,020,717. The nearly 3½ billion figure is up \$200,000,000 from the value of church property in 1966.

The churches reported a total of \$161,691,630 spent on new construction. The total includes \$155,209,065 spent

on construction for the local churches, and \$6,482,565 on local church missions.

Enrollment in Vacation Bible Schools recorded a total of 3,439,325 in 30,601 schools. This was an increase of 50,411 over last year's enrollment.

Kindergartens were operated during 1967 by 1,786 Southern Baptist churches, an increase of 320 churches.

Churches were classified according to location and population in the statistical summary. The totals in each classification were as follows:

Open country, 14,588; village, 4,702; town, 3,781; city (population 2,500-9,999) 3,502; downtown, city (population 10,499-49,999), 571; downtown, city (population 50,000 or more), 287; neighborhood, city (population 10,499-49,999), 1,932; neighborhood, city (population 50,000 or more), 1,539; suburban, city (population 10,499-49,999), 1,726; suburban, city (population 50,000 or more), 1,501.

"Day of Prayer" for Nation, World Observed by Texas Baptists

BY CHARLES RICHARDSON

Texas Baptist congregations were urged to designate Sunday, February 25, as a "Day of Prayer" for the nation and world and for native-Texan Lyndon B. Johnson.

Three top Texas Baptist leaders said they mailed letters to Baptist pastors over the state, requesting them "to give as much time in your services as you feel led to give in public and private intercession."

Congregations were asked to remember "our men in battle areas" and "our youth about to be called to war."

T. A. Patterson of Dallas, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said that a copy of the letter which was sent to pastors of some 4,450 churches and missions was sent to President Johnson.

Others who signed the document are Gordon Clinard of San Angelo, the convention's president, and B. J. Martin of Pasadena, chairman of the Texas Baptist Executive Board.

"Agonizing responsibilities are in our President's hands, on his shoulders," said Patterson. "He needs wisdom above his own, guidance beyond that of his advisors . . . and the knowledge that good people whom he may never know prayerfully share his burden."

Patterson expressed the hope that churches across the state and nation, regardless of their denomination, will join in a "massive ministry of prayer directed to our mighty God."

In the letter to the pastors, the leaders

urged the members to pray for the nation and "the peoples of other lands who are hurt and hopeless, bewildered and burdened, bereaved and banished."

"All need our prayers and the power and comfort and regeneration which comes from God alone," they said.

The letter also called for prayer for "our people, our men in battle areas, our youth about to be called to war, our children pulled and torn and spent by rivalries of reason and modern society."

Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Calls Hill as New Pastor

Sand Spring Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg has called Robert A. Hill, a former mission pastor in East Lansing, Michigan, as their new minister.



Hill

Hill served as pastor of Kenwood Baptist Church in Louisville before entering pioneer SBC mission work in Michigan. A native of Georgia, he is a graduate of Southern Seminary at Louisville.

The new Sand Spring pastor is married to the former Marguerite Hovis of Decatur, Alabama. They have three children, Margaret Elizabeth, 16; Bobby, 13, and John Gordon, 5.

Billy Graham Decides Against Building a Christian College

BY JIM NEWTON

Evangelist Billy Graham has decided against building a Christian college bearing his name at the present time.

Graham said at West Palm Beach, Florida, that he made the decision because it would be too great a diversion from his evangelistic crusade work, and involve too much of his time, money, personnel and efforts.

"I would almost have to give up my crusade work," Graham said. "And I feel that I should continue these crusades."

Graham, in a telephone interview with the Baptist Press, said that he felt one of the reasons he got sick and had to cancel all engagements through April, "was because the Lord was trying to knock me over the head to tell me that I shouldn't build any institution at this particular phase of my ministry."

In November, the Florida Baptist Convention had voted in abeyance plans to build a Baptist college at the site in Palm Beach Gardens until after Graham had made a decision on whether he would build his school there.

A recommendation to the convention from trustees of the proposed Florida Baptist College offered two alternatives: giving the property and pledges of \$837,000 for the Florida Baptist College to Graham if he decided to build a college; or proceeding with plans for a two-year institution offering courses on the junior and senior level.

Graham, however, told the Baptist Press he would not have accepted the \$837,000 in pledges for the Baptist College, because he did not want "any kind of obligation to any particular group or particular person."

The chairman of the Florida Baptist

College board of trustees, Jess Moody of West Palm Beach, said immediately after learning of Graham's decision not to build a college, that "this means that we will simply proceed on the building of a Baptist college here."

Moody, pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, said that Graham's decision leaves the convention with its previous action to build a Baptist college in South Florida, and if the convention has other plans, this previous action will have to be rescinded in November when the convention next meets.

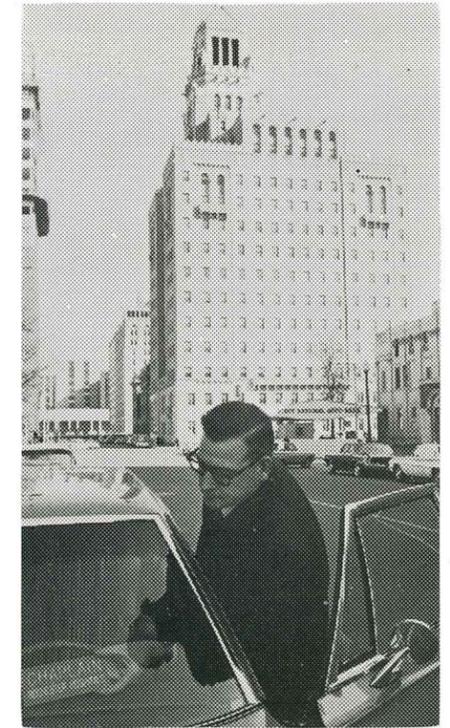
Moody said that the college does not plan to take any major steps until the Florida Baptist Convention takes further action next November to "augment" the previous decision "with further recommendations to put this thing into gear again."

There has been much discussion in the Florida Baptist Convention questioning the wisdom of establishing a new Baptist college in the light of the fact that the school to date has only \$837,000 in pledges, plus the gift of 200 acres of land in Palm Beach Gardens from Florida Developer John D. MacArthur. (BP)

Baptist School Outlaws Demonstrations

The trustees of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, have endorsed a resolution calling for enrollment restrictions against young men and women who would create social unrest on the campus or in the community.

The resolution specifically prohibits hippies from attending the Baptist school, forbids the use of hallucinatory



Mayo Chaplain

SBC minister Billy James Williamson is pictured in front of the famed Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, where he is one of 11 full-time chaplains. Each day Williamson visits about 35 or 40 Southern Baptists who are patients at either Mayo or other hospitals and health care centers where Mayo patients are committed.

drugs or alcohol, and outlaws campus demonstrations.

The resolution had the "unanimous backing of the trustees and the school's administration," according to Howard Payne President Guy D. Newman and Board Chairman Allan R. Wisenbaker.

The resolution states:

1. "We will permit neither hippies nor other bizarre personalities to enroll at our college; and should such develop subsequent to enrollment, they will be asked either to change their ways or withdraw;

2. "In no circumstances will any student or any other person affiliated with the college be permitted to use any kind of hallucinatory, habit-forming, or harmful drugs or alcohol.

3. "We will not tolerate any individual or groups of individuals on this campus who advocate violence, demonstrations, or who participate in any movement that would, directly or indirectly, embarrass the President or the Congress of the United States, our Baptist constituency, alumni or friends.

4. "We propose to devote every energy toward creating in our classrooms, in our dormitories, on our campus . . . a vigorous moral and spiritual and intellectual environment." (BP)

Scottsville Voters Refuse Legalized Liquor

By a resounding four-to-one majority, voters of Scottsville, Kentucky, have turned thumbs down on a proposal which would have legalized the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits.

Bill Tichenor, pastor of Scottsville's First Baptist Church, led the "dry" forces in their fight against the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages. They staged their campaign through extensive advertising in local newspapers and on radio stations.

The final tally was 1,437 against legalized sale to 317 for the proposal. The vote closely paralleled another show-down on the issue in 1936.

In that referendum 32 years ago, only 390 Scottsville citizens voted for legal-

ized alcoholic beverages, while 1,468 persons voted against the measure.

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(These Lessons for March 10, 1968)

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CHRIST, THE HUMBLE SERVANT

John 13:1-15

Christ chose to have His disciples, who were candidates for greatness and longing for preeminence, with Him in an upper room in Jerusalem for a period of fellowship and a last meal together before He left them.

I. A Pattern (John 13:1-5)

On their way to that upper room the disciples engaged in a dispute as to "which of them should be accounted the greatest" in the kingdom. Full of jealousy, anger and resentment, the disciples entered the room and seated themselves like a group of sulky boys. Christ was grieved deeply by their longing for self-glorification, which was such a contrast from His spirit of self-abnegation.

The disciples did not have a slave to remove their sandals and wash their feet, and on this occasion neither of them would condescend to wash the feet of the rest. When this became apparent, Christ quietly arose from the table, laid aside His outer garments, picked up a towel, tied it about His waist, took a basin, filled it with water, and began to wash the feet of the disciples and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.

No wonder they were chagrined by His noble deed. That they should have been feeding their egotism with visions of self-importance and then having their Lord stoop to become their servant was indeed humiliating. He could not have done anything that would have made them more thoroughly ashamed of themselves. They could not have been rebuked more severely than by seeing their Lord do what they thought themselves above doing for each other. His act placed Him on the level of the most menial servant. Lowering Himself below their level to serve them was to them an astounding thing. Men who long to appear important rebel at the thought of humility.

Christ dramatized His sermon before their eyes, and He did it in a way which they never forgot. They might have forgotten what He said, but it was impossible for them to forget what He did. He simply immortalized His message when He translated it into deeds. By His example Christ accomplished more than He could have accomplished in

hours of urging them to perform their duties to each other. His condescension taught them to exercise humility in their treatment of each other.

II. A Protester (John 13:6-11)

Speaking as if he were surprised and astonished that Christ should offer to wash the feet of such a sinful man as he was, that those hands with which He had wrought miracles should be employed in washing his defiled feet, Peter protested. Apparently he thought this action was far below the character and dignity of Christ, and too much for Him to do for such an unworthy person as he was.

Peter did not comprehend the mystery and meaning of what Christ was about to do, but he did after the Lord performed the service and explained to him what it means. Even so, when we do not understand the meaning of some of God's providential dealings with us, we, too, should patiently submit to the divine will and wait for the Lord to make clear to us their meaning and purpose.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

LET US DRAW NEAR AND HOLD FAST!

In view of what God has done for believers in and through Christ, as set forth in the preceding doctrinal portion of this Epistle, the writer here directs the attention of his readers to their Christian duties.

I. An Exhortation (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Every Christian has the priceless

In reply to Peter's rash statement, and in order to bring him into compliance with the Lord's will, Christ informed him that if he did not wash his feet that he would not have any fellowship and communion with Him. Convinced of his mistake in refusing to submit to Christ, and unwilling to be deprived of communion with Him, which he considered most desirable, Peter said, "Lord not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

III. A Precept (John 13:12-15)

When our Lord resumed His place at the table, after dramatizing His message to them, He gave the disciples an explanation of the event which had just taken place. He impressed upon them the importance and value of self-denying service. In the light of what He had done for them, they were under obligation to render loving service to one another. His explanation then passed into an estimate of servant and Lord, sent and Sender.

He taught them a servant is not greater than his Lord, and the one sent is not greater than the Sender. He made it clear that to follow Him means a life of Christian service and helpfulness. The real test of greatness is the ability and the willingness to stoop and serve.

privilege of direct access to God through Christ. It was made possible through the grace and by the gift of God. This privilege or liberty came through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, our High Priest, and the One Who can cleanse from sin.

"The holiest" referred to the place in the ancient tabernacle which the high priest entered once each year and sprinkled blood on the mercy seat as an atonement for his sins and those of his people. Just as the blood of animals paved the way for the high priest, the blood of Christ removed the barrier of sin and enables the forgiven sinner to have direct access into the immediate presence of God.

The exhortation in these verses is threefold in nature:

1. "Let us draw near" to God.

The Christian draws near unto God when he engages properly in the solemn exercises of private devotion and public

worship. Christian worship is a personal acknowledgment to God of one's reverence for and homage to Him. Worship, or the proper recognition of the worth of God, an adoration of His person, and a veneration of His name, is a glorious opportunity, a supreme privilege, and a solemn duty. Let us draw near to Him with pure hearts and clean lives.

2. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith."

Christians are urged to be true to the avowal of their faith in Christ on the ground of the faithfulness of God in fulfilling His promises.

3. "Let us consider one another."

This word "consider" speaks of attention, consideration, care and thoughtfulness. Involved in this exhortation is a greater thoughtfulness, thankfulness, prayerfulness and helpfulness. Let us put minds to the task of thinking of others—their beliefs, needs and longings. Let us so incarnate the spirit of Christ that our conduct will cause others to want to live the kind of life and do

the kind of works they see exemplified in us.

God's Word enjoined and His Son practiced public worship. Christians are urged not to forsake the assembling of themselves for public worship. They should go to church to worship God, to hear Biblical instruction, to enjoy Christian fellowship, to receive spiritual inspiration, to prove their love for Christ, to commit themselves to God for use in His service, and to set a worthy example.

It is utterly impossible for anybody to do his best for God and humanity without the strength which comes from divine worship. Church services provide an opportunity to instruct believers, to strengthen their faith, to incite them to good works, and to increase their love for and devotion to Christ.

II. An Encouragement (Hebrews 10:32-39)

The readers of these verses are encouraged to make their calling and election sure, to guard against the danger of backsliding and to bear their trials with patient submission to the will of God.

The Apostle urged his readers to recall the earlier days of their Christian experience, to consider what they had previously sacrificed for Christ, to remember how the Lord had sustained them when they had been sorely tried, and to strive to regain the joy which they had lost. Knowing that God had not promised them a smooth and easy passage through this world, due to the presence of sin in and around them, he let them know that it was not surprising that they were called upon to reap the bitter fruits thereof.

The grace of patience, which all Christians need to cultivate, when considered from the passive standpoint, is an humble and meek bowing to the will of God, and from the active side, it is a steady perseverance in the pathway of Christian duty.

We should be encouraged in the realization that afflictions do not constitute our entire lot in life, but that the Lord bestows His benefits upon us daily, and that His smiles upon us far outnumber the frowns of His providence.

Continental Evangelism Rally Planned for Washington

Plans were outlined at Silver Springs, Maryland, for a North American Continental Congress next fall in Washington, D. C., as a launching pad for Baptist groups in North America to participate in the Crusade of the Americas.

Making the plans in joint session were an inter-racial, inter-Baptist committee from metropolitan Washington, and the steering committee of the Continental Congress.

About 250 persons from ten Baptist conventions in the United States and Canada were present for the all-day joint committee session.

The Continental Congress on Evangelism is scheduled for October 10-13, 1968, at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington. About 2,500 persons from all the Baptist bodies participating in the 1969 Crusade of the Americas are expected to attend the invitational meeting.

James Windham, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Silver Springs and chairman of the local committee for the Continental Congress, said the Washington area committee "is fully structured and functioning." According to Windham, every Baptist body and convention in the greater Washington area is represented on the committee.

W. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and

the North American regional coordinator of the Crusade of the Americas, is chairman of the steering committee.

The specific format for the congress, according to Dehoney, will be a program featuring "the best in inspiration, information, motivation and technique" in evangelism.

Chairman Dehoney told the joint committee that a "gigantic parade and rally has been proposed by the steering committee to climax the evangelism meeting."

He said that one of the "most exciting ideas" put forth for the meeting in the Capital City is that "Christians will walk out of the stained glass places of worship and march in the streets to say that 'Christ is the only hope.'" He emphasized that Baptists would not be marching "in protest and demonstration but only as a witness."

"It would do me good," Dehoney continued, "as a somewhat reserved witness and pastor . . . to get up enough courage

to take up a sign saying 'Christ is the Only Hope' and walk on the unprotected street and declare there that what I so boldly declare in the protected pulpit."

Plans for the parade and rally on the final day of the Congress are not yet firm. There was some discussion between the local group and the steering committee as to the wisdom of Baptists promoting a parade in the Capital City.

Local committee chairman Windham explained to Baptist Press later that he could understand the feeling some people have against marches, but that the steering committee agreed at their meeting in Chicago last fall that a parade and rally would be an "essential" part of the impact of the Congress on the rest of the country and all of the Americas. (BP)

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"Christianity on the Job" Cited as Need of SBC Laymen

Southern Baptist churches have failed to teach lay people to consider themselves a part of the church while on their jobs in secular employment, a missionary leader said at Atlanta.

"The primary mission field for any lay person is wherever he spends his working hours," said Warren Woolf, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Christian Service Corps ministry.

Speaking before about 80 Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood workers, state directors of missions and seminary professors at a communication conference in Atlanta, Woolf said Baptists have been guilty of what one for-

eign student described to him as "Coca Cola religion."

"Many Christians go to church at 11 a.m. on Sundays for the 'pause that refreshes,' but fail to let their lives reflect their commitment the rest of the week," he said.

Woolf said the relatively new emphasis of Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood on mission action groups could "cause a revolution" if lay people get caught up in what they can do to meet people's needs in their own communities.

Woolf said that suburban churches are beginning to realize that they must become a part of the solution to inner-

city problems.

"Some of these suburban churches hopefully will begin to choose out from among them people like Paul and Barnabas to send them as missionaries to the inner city as part of their Christian service from the suburbs," Woolf said.

The mission leader emphasized that laymen and women also must be motivated to go beyond their own locations in Christian service.

"We're seeing the need pointed up in a very dramatic fashion in Project 500," Woolf said.

"The denomination is not depending on paid missionaries alone, but largely on lay people from strong churches in the South who will contribute their time on a short or long term basis to help start missions in the particularly strategic areas."

Small new congregations in pioneer areas need lay pastors, teachers, deacons, choir directors and construction specialists, Woolf said.

The mission leaders met with the Home Mission Board staff in a two-day session to evaluate mission communication and to "talk back" to the mission agency. (BP)

Kentucky Pastor Cited For Outstanding Service To Sunday School Board

J. V. Case, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pikeville, Kentucky, was presented a certificate for outstanding service as a trustee of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, during the recent board meeting of that agency.

Case completed his term as a trustee of the Board this year.

Home Board's Christian Service Corps Makes Laymen Missionaries

The story of a dentist from Murray, Kentucky, who used his vacation time last summer to treat suffering persons in Puerto Rico, is a good example of the opportunities for short-term mission service offered by the Home Mission Board Christian Service Corps.

In three weeks Dr. C. E. Parker of Murray gave much-needed dental treatment to 400 persons in that area of the Caribbean. He used equipment owned by the Home Mission Board to carry on the short-term mission project.

According to the Home Mission Board, the Christian Service Corps program is open to both short-term and long-term volunteers. Short-term workers serve from two to ten weeks, many of them during their vacation periods. Long-term volunteers generally move to a field for an indefinite period of time. While working in secular positions, they also do volunteer mission work.

The Christian Service Corps ministry evolved in 1965 with five volunteers and grew in 1966 to include 24. Last year 46 persons volunteered for both short-term and long-term service. Many in this year's anticipated increase will be assigned to areas where new churches are being started under the Home Mis-

sion Board-sponsored Project 500.

In addition to Parker, other persons who served in this program last summer included a former state WMU president who slushed around in muddy youth camps in Alaska and two Georgia secretaries who took a trip to the North, where they assisted in vacation Bible schools.

This summer, short-term workers are needed particularly for vacation Bible schools, surveys, visitation, leadership training, mission center ministries, building construction and numerous other projects.

Home Mission Board officials said application forms for this program can be secured at any time by writing to the Christian Service Corps, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Kentucky Places Second in Music Awards

Kentucky placed second among state conventions in the SBC in the number of study course awards earned in church music during the last three months of 1967.

According to Eugene F. Quinn, secretary of the church music department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 473 Kentuckians earned study awards in church music during this period. Kentucky was second only to Georgia, which reported 484 awards in this category.

A total of 166 of Kentucky's 473 credits were earned by persons in Long Run Association, Quinn said. Other associations earning a significant number of awards included Boone's Creek, 48; Warren, 36; Elkhorn, 34, and Liberty, 32.

The music secretary said Baptist congregations in the state which wish to

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Special Recognition for Sunday School Teachers Sought

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A Raleigh, North Carolina, man who feels that he owes a debt to Sunday School teachers for giving proper direction to his life has set in motion a nationwide campaign to balance the ledger sheet.

Burr Patchell, a local hosiery mill representative, is campaigning to get a week set aside by the President to honor Sunday School teachers across the United States.

Patchell feels a personal sense of mission in working for the week to recognize teachers. The child of a broken home, he got much of his advice about life as an adolescent at the feet of a Sunday School teacher.

"I lived with my grandparents in Ohio," he said, "and they made sure that from the time I was seven until I was 16 that I was in Sunday School. It gave direction to my life that I might not have received otherwise."

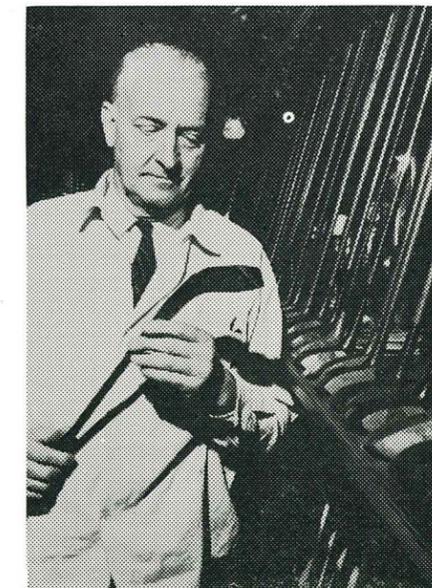
Patchell, who also is a dealer in antiques and curator of one of the world's few golf museums, began working at the idea last year and was successful in getting North Carolina Gov. Dan Moore to designate September 10-16, 1967, as "Honor Sunday School Teachers Week in North Carolina."

This year, with the help of the American Sunday School Union in Philadelphia, Patchell is working for a proclamation by President Lyndon B. Johnson

setting aside a week nationally to honor teachers.

With the help of the national organization, he will meet with several state governors and congressmen in Washington this spring to give impetus to the appeal to the president.

Currently Patchell is collecting funds to promote the effort and for certificates of recognition to present to the



BURR PATCHELL inspects a few of the dozens of items in his golfing museum in Raleigh, North Carolina.

teachers during the week. He feels confident that the presidential proclamation can be obtained.

On one of his trips to Philadelphia for the hosiery firm he took time out to seek a Pennsylvania advocate for the project. He asked a cab driver to stop at the Arch Street Presbyterian Church.

"There was no particular reason for asking to stop here," Patchell said, "The church just caught my eye, and I thought I would stop and talk to the minister about my plan."

As it turned out, the chance stop led to a fortuitous meeting with Galbraith Hal Todd, minister of the church. Todd had just completed a book on the sesquicentennial of the American Sunday School Union. He sent Patchell to the headquarters and now the program is being pushed nationwide.

Patchell works for the project as his time permits on junkets for the hosiery firm. While at home he writes letters and talks to buyers who come in to browse through the offerings of the "Historical Old Brick House Antique Shop," which he and Mrs. Patchell operate.

Patchell since 1945 has been a member of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, but has also attended Methodist and Presbyterian churches. He taught a class in a Presbyterian church in Lynn Haven, Virginia.

But primarily he is just an "attender" who has an uncommon appreciation for those who go to the trouble to teach.

Baptist Layman Named Outstanding Kentuckian

Baptist layman Carroll Hubbard, Jr., youngest member of the Kentucky Senate at Frankfort, has been named one of the three outstanding young men of Kentucky by the Kentucky Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The 30-year-old Hubbard, a graduate of Georgetown College, is one of the youngest men ever elected to the Senate in the history of the Commonwealth. A Democrat from Graves County, he is a partner in the law firm of Neely, Reed and Hubbard in Mayfield.

Hubbard represents Graves County Baptist Association on the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He is a member of Mayfield's First Baptist Church. He served at one time on the Youth Advisory Commission of Kentucky.

In the citation naming Hubbard one of the outstanding young men of the state, the Jaycees noted Hubbard's activities in Democratic Party politics. In 1960, at the age of 22, he was the second-youngest delegate to attend the Democratic National Convention.

51 Profess Faith During Laymen-led Revival

A unique observance of Baptist Men's Day at Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville, was instrumental in 51 professions of faith in Christ and the addition of 14 persons to the membership of the church.

Pastor Don M. Randolph explained that the men of the church decided several months ago to lead an evangelistic effort for their Baptist Men's Day program this year. The revival featured a

full-time evangelist as preacher, but the men handled all prayer meeting schedules for the evangelistic campaign and carried on an intensive visitation and personal witnessing drive.

"It is a real joy to write concerning our Baptist men," Randolph continued. "This revival was all their effort. In fact, the two weeks before the revival I was taking last summer's vacation in Florida, arriving back the Saturday before the revival started on Sunday."

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SBC-related Mission Churches Overseas Baptize 46,275 in '67

Churches related to Southern Baptist mission work overseas baptized 46,275 new Christians in 1967. At the end of the year the 4,918 churches (3,211 of them self-supporting) and their 6,463 missions had a combined membership of 571,647.

This information is among the figures and facts compiled in the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's annual report for 1967, which will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in Houston, Texas, June 4-7.

Two hundred twenty-two missionaries were appointed in 1967, bringing the overseas staff as of December 31 to 2,277 (including 2,081 career missionaries and 196 persons in auxiliary programs of mission service). During the year the Board extended its outreach with the assignment of its first missionaries to Ethiopia, Botswana, South West Africa, and Iran.

The overseas churches and missions

reported 515,630 persons enrolled in Sunday School; 139,091 in Training Union; 162,689 in Woman's Missionary Union, 17,602 in Brotherhood, and 203,683 in Vacation Bible Schools. National pastors numbered 4,119.

Institutions sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board around the world reported the following statistics for 1967:

► **SCHOOLS**—1,295 enrolled 181,639 students.

► **MEDICAL WORK**—20 hospitals and 86 clinics treated 47,580 inpatients and 597,711 outpatients.

► **PUBLICATION**—24 publication centers produced more than 23,000,000 copies of periodicals, books and tracts.

► **CHILDREN'S HOMES**—15 cared for 1,168 boys and girls.

► **GOOD WILL CENTERS**—25, staffed by 31 missionaries and 112 nationals, enrolled 8,049 children and 1,981 adults.



Jot Response

Two secretaries at the SBC Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth, Texas, look over part of the 5,000 letters received during the first two weeks' broadcast of JOT—animated cartoon TV series. The program portrays spiritual truths to children through the cartoon approach. JOT was broadcast on a test basis in 15 large cities of the United States.

Missionary Wives and Children Leave South Vietnam Battle Zone

Seven Southern Baptist missionary wives and their children and two missionary journeymen left Vietnam February 19 for Bangkok, Thailand, while two other missionary wives and their children have returned to the United States.

Apparently, their leaving was caused by the heavy fighting in the cities and towns of South Vietnam.

According to reports received from the Foreign Mission Board, all the missionary men and two complete families are remaining in Vietnam. The women, children and one male missionary journeyman who left the country will return when the fierce battles in the Saigon area subside.

"Words can never describe the horrible experiences of the past few days," wrote missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Samuel

M. James from Saigon a few days before the evacuation.

"The war has raged on every side of us and for days our house was our only possible refuge," they reported. "Bodies still unburied lie stenching in the sweltering heat. The smell of decaying bodies reminds us of the possibility of widespread disease in addition to all the other tragic circumstances."

Robert McFadden Assumes Younger's Creek Pastorate

Robert F. McFadden, former pastor of Northside Baptist Mission, Barbourville, has been called as pastor of Younger's Creek Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

During his three-year pastorate at Northside, 48 persons were added to the fellowship of the Baptist mission.

McFadden and his wife, the former Gene Hardy, are natives of Trigg County, Kentucky.

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