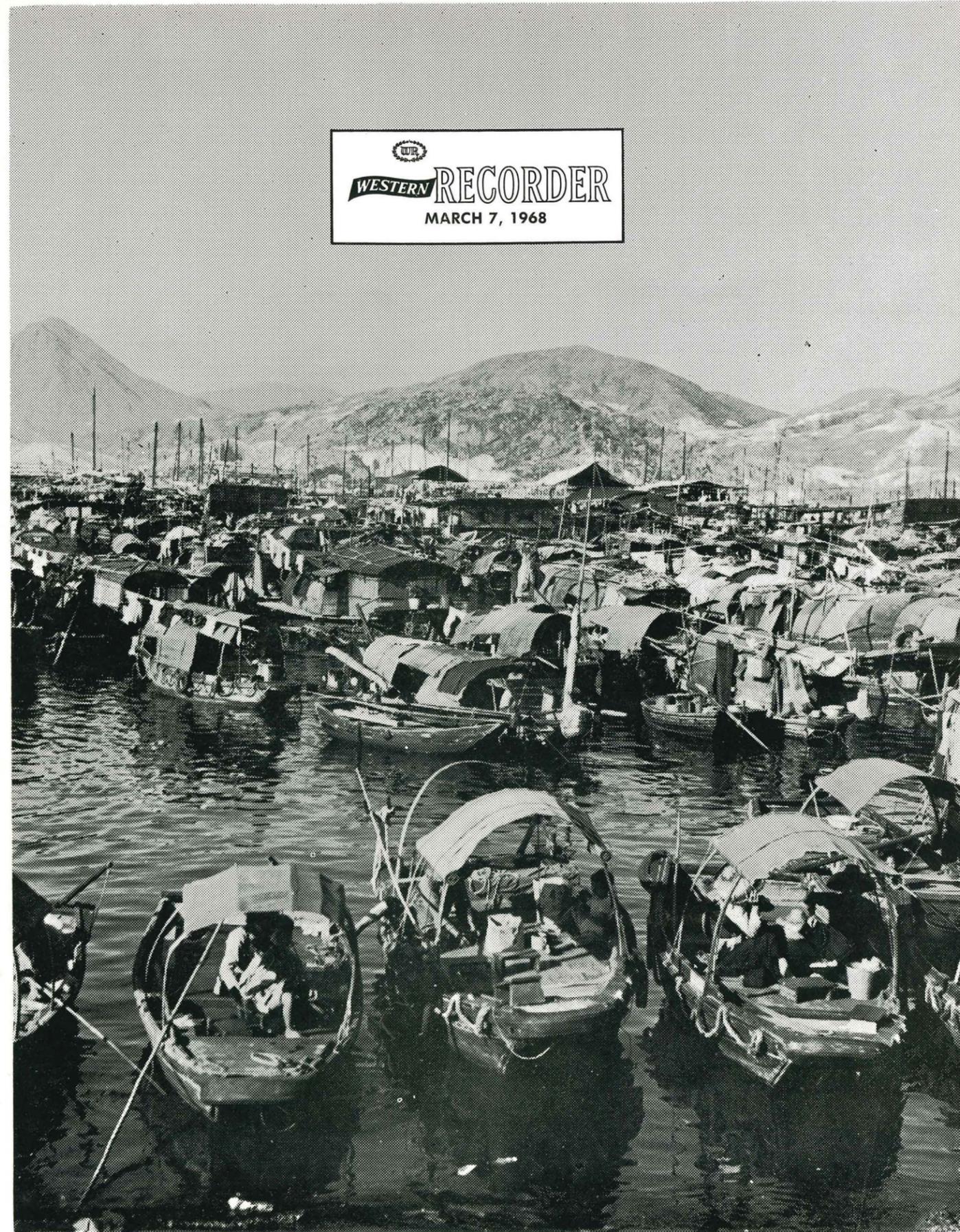



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Houseboats in Hong Kong Harbor



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

THREE RETIRED COUPLES have been assigned by the Foreign Mission Board to assist in SBC mission work overseas. They are Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hollifield of Houston, Texas, who will work in Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Sibley C. Burnett of Nashville, who will go to Berlin; and Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Foster of Thomasville, North Carolina, who will assist SBC missionaries in Belgium.

IRA P. SINGLETON, JR., missionary for Liberty Association in Kentucky, reports that 167 persons attended the first "associational night" activity of that Baptist group during January. Most associational activities for Liberty are being scheduled this year for the third Monday night in each month.

BRAZILIAN BAPTISTS reaffirmed their support of the Crusade of the Americas recently by electing Rubens Lopes president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention. Lopes was serving as president of Brazilian Baptists in 1965 when he first suggested the possibility of a hemispheric-wide evangelistic crusade to culminate in 1969.

ASSEMBLY AND CAMP MANAGERS in the Southern Baptist Convention formed an official organization recently when they adopted a constitution and by-laws for such a group. They had been meeting informally on an annual basis for the past three years.

A CONTRACT for more than \$1,000,000 to construct a new power plant as the first phase of a \$27,000,000 development program has been let by Baptist Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville, Florida, an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A BAYLOR UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR who supports the U. S. Supreme Court decisions barring religious exercises in public schools has urged that religion should be taught as an academic subject in all schools. James E. Wood, Jr., told delegates to the National Council of Churches Christian Education division session that such court decisions did not outlaw teaching of religion in public schools, just exercises such as prayers.

PAUL WHITLER, JR., is the new pastor at Greensburg Baptist Church in Hodgenville, Kentucky. He formerly served the Cloverport Baptist Church.

THE LATEST BOOK from the prolific pen of Gaines S. Dobbins is entitled, "Learning to Lead." Dobbins is a special instructor at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, though he has retired as a professor from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville and Golden Gate Theological Seminary at Mill Valley, California.

GENE PUCKETT, former associate editor of the *Western Recorder*, was elected vice-president of the Baptist Press Association during the recent annual meeting of that group in Honolulu, Hawaii. Puckett is now editor of the *Maryland Baptist*. The new president is Jack Gritz, editor of the *Oklahoma Baptist Messenger*.

A. STUART ARNOLD, the first person to begin an all-age Sunday School in England, has begun his duties as consultant in the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board at Nashville. He was serving as pastor of the Guildford, England, Baptist Church when he joined the staff of the board.



Arnold

THE VALLEY STATION, Kentucky, Baptist Church recently conducted a drive to sell bonds to finance the construction of a new sanctuary. William L. Kaufman is pastor of that congregation.

ART CLASSES in Mexico will be offered by Georgetown College this summer from June 3 to July 5 on the campus of the Puebla, Mexico, University. The classes will travel to Mexico City, Acapulco, nearby Indian ruins and other places of interest.

THE WHIPPOORWILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Adairville, Kentucky, has passed a resolution of respect and appreciation for William M. Rouse, deacon of the church, who died recently. Rouse had been active in all phases of the church's life for more than 30 years.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS of the Colorado Baptist General Convention are Robert E. Lambert, missions and stewardship director; and Bill Landers, director of the Baptist Foundation of the convention.

HIGH PLAINS HOSPITAL, the first major general medical facility in the Medical Center of Amarillo, Texas, has become Texas Baptists' newest institution. Although the hospital opened with only 68 beds, it has expansion possibilities for 440 beds.

TWIN CHURCHES were constituted at the same time during services at Southtown Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The churches, both former missions of the Southtown church, are Southgate Baptist Church of Austin, Minnesota, and Crystal Lake Road Baptist Church, Burnsville.

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL in Memphis, Tennessee, has dedicated a new \$18,500,000 wing, plus a six-floor addition to another wing. The completion of construction will bring the hospital to a total bed capacity of 1,750, housed in an 18-story X-shaped structure.

DICK H. HALL, JR., former vice-president for development at Atlanta Baptist College, has been elected southern regional director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU). Hall resigned the college position in protest over the school's decision to accept federal aid.

THE HALIFAX BAPTIST ASSOCIATION in the Daytona, Florida, area has commended Harold D. Tallant as an evangelist to the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Before entering the field of full-time evangelism, Tallant served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach. He is still living in that city.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK H. RICHARDSON of Black Mountain, North Carolina, have presented 102 volumes from the library of A. C. Dixon to the library of Southern Seminary at Louisville. Mrs. Richardson is the late Dixon's daughter.

THE GEORGETOWN COLLEGE chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha, national Greek letter social fraternity, is engaging in a plan to build a new house for itself in the near future. The local chapter will ask its alumni members to give \$30,000. The total cost of the house is expected to range around \$200,000. The fully air-conditioned dormitory will provide housing space for 50 men.

Race Relations Sunday, 1968: A Positive Reaction

A nation-wide survey of Southern Baptist churches to determine response to Race Relations Sunday in February has resulted in "overwhelmingly positive reaction," an editorial official of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission said.

With a total of 108 replies to the brief questionnaire asking for an evaluation of Race Relations Sunday, 97 of the churches replied that the special emphasis was observed in some way at their church.

Only 11 of those replying indicated that they did not observe the emphasis, and only three of these were critical of the SBC Christian Life Commission for promoting the observance.

It was the first time in the three years that Race Relations Sunday has been on the denominational calendar that a questionnaire was included with the materials sent each church, asking for an evaluation of the observance, said Floyd A. Craig, director of public relations for the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Although there were only three critical responses, Craig said the negative responses received were extremely strong.

One pastor in Hollywood, California, said he resented "missionary money being spent in this non-Christian, political propaganda program."

Another pastor in West Columbia, South Carolina, said he regretted that Cooperative Program funds are used "to support the editing, writing, printing, mailing such propaganda."

A minister in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, wrote that he had forwarded the material on Race Relations Sunday to Stokely Carmichael, saying "I certainly don't need your help in creating problems in our church."

Most of the 97 churches that indicated they observed Race Relations Sunday did so with a special sermon on race relations by the pastor, the survey revealed.

Fourteen churches said that they had Negro guests to help lead the services, or exchanged pulpits with a Negro

church. Six of these indicated they held joint worship services with one or more Negro churches.

At the First Southern Baptist Church in Pasadena, California, the members voted to accept the entire membership of a Negro mission as members of the church, and approved 12 candidates for baptism.

Immanuel Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, exchanged pulpits with a Negro church, and the pastor described the atmosphere at Immanuel as "electric" with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The First Baptist Church of Big Spring, Texas, held a joint Sunday evening worship service with four other churches—two Latin American churches, one Negro and one predominantly Anglo church. The speaker was a Negro minister. Earlier that same day, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Big Spring had preached on race relations.

At Main Street Baptist Church in

Inverness, Fla., three people left before the service was over, but one man, with tears in his eyes, told the pastor he appreciated his courage, and stated he was convinced "that no one should be excluded from the church because of race or any other reason, so long as they were born again Christians."

In Memphis, Tennessee, more than 1,000 turned out at the Second Baptist Church to hear a Nigerian Baptist educator preach against racial prejudice. The speaker was Joseph Adegbite, principal of the Baptist Academy in Lagos, Nigeria and visiting professor at Georgetown College (Baptist), Georgetown, Kentucky.

Adegbite declared that because God made man in his own image, all men are therefore brothers.

"The fact that some people turn others away because of race is just an evidence they aren't Christians and aren't preaching the love of Jesus Christ," he stated.

CRISIS MOMENTS IN KENTUCKY BAPTIST HOSPITAL HISTORY:

Baptist Hospitals in Post-War Kentucky

by WALTER C. JACKSON

Shortly after World War II, many new hospitals were erected in Kentucky. The two of greatest interest to Baptists were Central Baptist Hospital and West Union Memorial Baptist Hospital. These hospitals were conceived by Elkhorn Association and West Union Baptist Association to be built in their principal cities, Lexington and Paducah.

Both hospitals initiated financial campaigns early in 1946. Response from the churches and the general public in each area was generous but woefully inadequate to complete the expensive projects envisioned.

Trustees of both institutions had faith that their hospitals would be built and began construction in 1949. By early 1950, the two incomplete structures and fundless trustee boards were monuments to the failure of Baptists in the hospital field.

An appeal to the General Association

in 1950 brought about one of the most crucial decisions in Kentucky Baptist hospital history. Trustees of Kentucky Baptist Hospital agreed to mortgage their holdings for \$2,650,000 and to take over construction and management of the Lexington and Paducah hospitals. The General Association's decision to provide an annual allocation of \$144,000 to retire the debt represented an important decision to give priority to a hospital ministry.

Many individuals on the hospitals' boards gave unselfishly of their time, talents, and energies for the successful completion of a three-hospital ministry. The key figure, however, was H. L. Dobbs, administrator of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, who became executive director of the Hospital Commission of Kentucky Baptists.

His broad knowledge of the hospital field and his vigorous ability to apply it to a hospital ministry of Kentucky Baptists was the cornerstone upon which the present-day ministry of the Hospital Commission is built. Kentucky Baptists owe a debt of gratitude to the generous trustees and commissioners who served on the boards at the crucial period between 1950 and 1954 and to H. L. Dobbs, whose combined wisdom has preserved our vigorous hospital ministry.

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

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One College Is All We Can Support

Three weeks ago a plan to release all Baptist schools from denominational control was presented in this column. Last week a plan to keep Baptist schools but to de-emphasize their religious nature and their activities was described. Both these plans envision the use of public funds, grants as well as loans, by these schools. The use of public funds by all colleges seems inevitable apart from some drastic change in present directions.

Now let's consider a plan for Baptist schools which in some respects is more desirable than either of the other two. This is to concentrate our support on one truly Baptist school in each state—or one for two or more states—while letting the others go.

The idea of supporting only one school is realistic in the face of the costs of operating a quality college today. For example, the \$1,000,000 we have in Kentucky to use for Baptist higher education simply won't keep three quality colleges going the way colleges need to go. And \$1,000,000 appears to be the limit of our resources unless we scuttle other important things we are now doing.

On the other hand one college could do very well on a million dollars a year. Even then the college would have to control enrollment and limit its offerings, which most quality private colleges already do.

This one school could and should be the kind of Baptist college we want. Not taking government funds, we could emphasize religion as much as we desired without sacrifice of our Baptist heritage of separation of church and state and without fear of violating the first amendment of the United States Constitution. Since no buildings would be constructed with government funds, none would be off limits for any kind of religious activities or religion courses. Evangelism and indoctrination could be conducted vigorously, openly and without apology, because these strictly religious activities would not be financially supported by taxes coercively collected from non-Christians and non-Baptists.

Such a school would have much support from many Baptists who will never agree to the use of public funds by Baptist schools.

The outlook for taking this course is very dim, however. There is the very sticky problem of which of the present Baptist schools to choose while letting the others shift for themselves. Each school has its

strong champions who, if their school were not the one chosen, would designate their gifts to their school and thus reduce support of the one college chosen for denominational support.

Our pride as Baptists leads us to want more and bigger institutions instead of fewer and smaller ones. To give up anything is regarded as failure, and to give up a school has always proven to be especially difficult.

The most likely course we will take is the easiest one. We will hold on to all our schools while gradually starving them to death. The schools, feeling the financial pinch, will have to resort more and more to all available sources of support, including the government. At the same time the schools will want full endorsement and financial support from the denomination. This they will not get anytime soon, if ever, because of widespread conviction against government finances in Baptist schools. And so the future looks like the present and maybe worse.

This is why the three alternatives to our present predicament have been suggested. Read them again. If the answer is not in one of them, where is it?

Every Church Needs A Mission

A church which does not reach beyond its own community in mission gifts or activities can hardly be called a New Testament church, no matter if it bears the name "Baptist." The heart of a New Testament church is its outreach with the good news.

There are several ways a church can be missionary in addition to the personal witnessing of its members wherever they are. One of these is to give through the Cooperative Program to missionary causes sponsored by Kentucky Baptists and by Southern Baptists. Another is to find a specific place where a witness is sorely needed and to provide or help provide this witness through the sponsorship of a mission.

If it is a choice between Cooperative Program giving and sponsoring a specific mission, a church should give through the Cooperative Program. This guarantees the ongoing of many mission projects. But many churches could do both, and this is the point of these words.

Every church which possibly can do so needs to

sponsor or help sponsor a mission. This is for the sake of the church itself as well as for meeting the needs of thousands of places which are without a Baptist witness. There is something about a specific place where the needs are known and can be seen first hand which inspires a congregation.

Many churches in sections of Kentucky where Baptist work is old and strong have no nearby places where a new work is needed. These congregations should major on the Cooperative Program, but should also consider adopting a mission in a pioneer Baptist area. Some of these churches are paying their debt obligations ahead of schedule and could easily make a monthly contribution to a specific mission. There are churches which even have a mission fund but no mission and hesitate to have one outside their locality. What selfishness!

At this moment on the editor's desk are reports from two young pastors who left Kentucky some time ago for pastorates in pioneer states. These reports describe pressing needs and very limited resources.

One is in New England, one of America's greatest mission fields for Southern Baptists. This little church started only six years ago but has already mothered two other Baptist congregations in nearby towns. This

church has never had a building of its own and has met all of its life in rented quarters. Finally, an ideal place for building has been secured, and the congregation is excited over the prospect of having its own building. The catch is, the pastor's salary is still supplemented by the Home Mission Board, and the building fund now totals only \$6,300. That's hardly an architect's fee to say nothing of expensive construction costs these days. What a needy place for some established Kentucky Baptist church to be of help!

The other report is for West Virginia, a mission field for which Kentucky Baptists have special responsibility. Here a church already loaded to the maximum with mission responsibilities has opportunity to purchase a church building in a nearby town to begin a much-needed Baptist work. The price is only \$10,000 for the church building, but the church simply can't meet the payments. A South Carolina church has pledged \$600 a year on the project, but another \$500 to \$600 is desperately needed to meet the annual payments. Isn't there a church in Kentucky which could invest \$50 a month in such a mission project?

Any church or individual interested in either of these mission opportunities can have more information by directing a request to the *Western Recorder* editor.



New Translations on Apostasy

Dear Editor:

Your editorial of February 15, in which you advocated using some translations such as TEV ("Good News for Modern Man") in the place of the King James Version was a welcomed word.

An example of why we need to use some translations other than the KJV is illustrated by the letter to the editor by Edward D. Baker, Sr., in which he attempted to reply to my article on Hebrews 6:4-6. Two of the four passages he quoted are only remotely related to the question of Apostasy, and the other two follow the incorrect translation of the KJV.

Had he followed Robert Bratcher in the TEV on II Timothy 1:12, he would have found the true meaning: "I know whom I have trusted, and I am sure that he is able to keep safe until that day what he has entrusted to me." This has reference to God's guarding of the deposit of the Gospel.

Had he followed the TEV on Hebrews 6:4-6, he would not have wasted his time on the little word "if." The aorist participle in the Greek, *parapesontas*,

means "falling away." The subjunctive can be gained only from the KJV, not from the original Greek. Bratcher translates the passage with simple clarity: "For how can those who fall away be brought back to repent again? They were once in God's light. They tasted heaven's gift and received their share of the Holy Spirit. They knew from experience that God's word is good, and they had felt the power of the coming age. And then they fell away! It is impossible to bring them back to repent again, because they are nailing the Son of God to the cross once more and exposing him to public shame." Dale Moody Louisville, Ky.

What's A Crusade?

Dear Editor:

The scene is an average home in the midwest. A small boy and his father are watching television. The news commentator says:

"There was a different kind of parade on the streets of our nation's capital today. Thousands of solemn clergymen of the Baptist Church marched to symbolize their belief in the theme of a cru-

sade planned for next year, "Christ the Only Hope." Dr. Wayne Dehoney, a minister of Louisville, Kentucky, and one of the leaders in the planning of the crusade, was quoted as saying, 'We are proclaiming the solemn truth that Christianity is the only hope for the problems we face.' There were no speeches and placards were not carried. There was an absence of the youthful figures generally seen on such occasions. And now our weather for tomorrow. . . ." (voice fades out).

"Daddy, what's a Baptist?"
 "They are people who go to church."
 "Is our church Baptist?"
 "No, we don't believe what they believe."

"What do they believe?"
 "I don't know exactly, except they believe you are supposed to be put in a big tank and put under the water before you are baptized."

"Why did they parade, Daddy?"
 "Lots of people parade today for one reason or another. They were trying to tell the world something about a crusade?"

"What's a crusade?"
 "It has to do with preaching in churches. The preachers do like we have seen Billy Graham on TV."

"Will there be many people to come to church to hear them?"
 "I don't know, son. You run along and play and let daddy finish reading the paper."

Bowling Green, Ky. James Britt



Auburn Church Presents Drama

The Training Union of the Auburn, Kentucky, Baptist Church presented the Christian drama, "Who Cares, Anyway?" before the annual "M" Night service of Bethel Association. Since then, they have re-staged the drama at three other Baptist churches in the Auburn area. The dramatic presentation portrays the need for the church to become involved in meeting the needs of people. Shown here are the 26 members of the Auburn church who played parts in the drama.

Kentucky Tour to Pan American Laymen's Congress to be July 6-21

Forrest R. Sawyer, Brotherhood secretary for Kentucky, is leading a tour to the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Congress in Brazil this summer for interested laymen in the state.

The Congress, which is part of the activities leading up to the 1969 Crusade of the Americas, meets July 15-21 in Rio de Janeiro. Sawyer's tour lasts from July 6-21 and will include visits to SBC mission points in South America as well as participation in the seven-day Pan American Congress.

Baptist laymen from Kentucky who attend the meeting will join thousands of lay people from all over North and South America in studying the role of the laity in Christian witnessing and evangelism.

The Brotherhood departments of several other states are also sponsoring similar tours to the Congress, Sawyer said. The package price of the Kentucky tour is \$1,095.

Any persons who wish further information on this tour or the Pan American Congress should contact him at the Baptist Building in Middletown, the Kentucky Brotherhood secretary said.

Lay Involvement in 1969 Crusade Studied at Chicago

About 35 Baptist laymen from six different nation-wide Baptist conventions in North America met at Chicago to brainstorm ways of involving laymen in the forthcoming Crusade of the Americas evangelistic crusade.

The unofficial group took no votes or actions, but adjourned with the hope of leading their respective Baptist conventions to apply and adapt the ideas generated during the brainstorming sessions.

The meeting was called by Owen Cooper, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp., in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and chairman of the hemispheric-wide laymen's committee for the Crusade of the Americas.

The crusade, with major evangelistic thrusts scheduled in the spring of 1969, will involve Baptists in 28 countries in North, Central and South America. Each Baptist body is planning its own part of the crusade.

Laymen from six different Baptist conventions in the United States attended, and Cooper said they expected laymen from 11 conventions. However, heavy snow, illness, and conflicting meetings prevented laymen from five conventions from attending.

Laymen and convention officials from the following conventions attended: the National Baptist Convention of America (Negro), Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist General Conference (Swedish), North American Baptist General Conference, and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Concern was expressed especially for the involvement of laymen in praying for the evangelistic effort, Cooper stated. Plans for matching churches and families in North, Central and South America were outlined. The plan, called PACT, is being coordinated by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, but is open to all Baptist bodies in the Western Hemisphere.

Cooper said the men brainstormed ideas for lay involvement in the evangelistic effort on the local church, com-

munity, convention-wide, and inter-convention levels.

Plans were also presented for the Pan American Laymen's Congress scheduled in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-21, 1968, and ways of stimulating attendance at the conference were discussed.

Plans for mission tours for laymen prior to the hemispheric-wide laymen's conference in Brazil were also outlined.

The laymen also discussed lay involvement and attendance in a North American Continental Congress scheduled in Washington, D. C., October 10-13, at the Shoreham Hotel.

Both the Washington and the Rio de Janeiro conferences will be on invitational basis. (BP)

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Attempt to Produce Quality Film On Judson's Life is Unsuccessful

The American Baptist Convention has made an unsuccessful effort for seven years, spending \$110,000 in the process, to produce a commercially suitable film about the life of Adoniram Judson, who sailed to India in 1812 as a missionary.

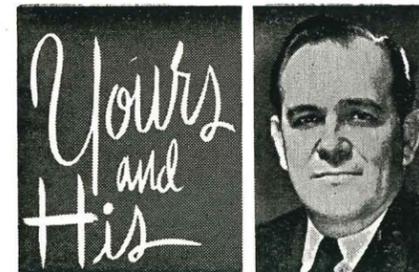
Fred Essex, the convention's director of radio and television, said several major motion picture studios had been approached, but each had turned it down at the time. Financial reasons were given as the main reasons for refusal.

A trip around the world was made to find a suitable filming location. Finally a site in Thailand was chosen. A screen play has been ready for some time.

The film, if produced, would have played in commercial motion picture houses, rather than being designed only for use within churches. Essex said

the varied obstacles to the filming included (1) previous commitment by film producers to plots with an Oriental setting, (2) the Vietnam war, which prevented the use of a Thailand location, (3) the fact that recent motion pictures with a religious subject have not been commercially profitable, and (4) absence of a financial commitment by the Baptist group itself toward the filming.

Judson, who left Boston, Massachusetts, as a Congregationalist, spent the long voyage by ship in Bible study. Both he and his wife, who accompanied him, became convinced of the Baptist position on baptism. Having to sever their original means of support in America, they turned to Baptists for funds and became the first Baptist missionaries from the United States to serve abroad.



Annie Armstrong Offering

We are now in the annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions, and taking the Annie Armstrong Offering for the home mission advance to share Christ with the millions of lost persons in America. The week of March 3-10 this year will be of tremendous significance in "Making America Christian," and each Baptist is invited to make a special, over-and-above-his-tithe offering for Home Missions.

Week of Prayer

The week is a call to prayer. It is a call to inform. It is a call to minister to our neighbors of every color, class, condition in America. The Woman's Missionary Union sponsors this annual call to prayer, information, and sharing; but every boy, girl, man and woman is urged to pray and read and give.

Goal Is A Million More

The Southern Baptist Convention goal this year is \$5,500,000—a million more than last year. The additional million is more than a goal—it is earmarked for starting 500 more churches, wisely placed where the people and the action are. Only if the total increased goal is reached will we be able to realize the new work so badly needed in the pioneer areas of our beloved homeland.

So, if you gave \$10 last year, give \$20 this year; if you gave \$25, give \$50. Give double last year's offering. We must realize Project 500.

"The Million Dollar Story" is that we need a million dollars more for Home Missions to realize Project 500.

For two years, the Home Mission Board, along with other Convention agencies, has been creating a pilot-project emphasis on evangelism and missions, Project 500—the strategic location of 500 new Baptist churches and church-type missions in pioneer mission areas during 1968 and 1969.

The effort may cost \$25,000,000 eventually. It is aimed at underchurched areas in capitals, port cities, business hubs and educational centers—where we may share Christ with the largest possible number of people—there are 75,000,000 people not reached by Christian churches.

So, pray, learn, and give—much more!

Harold G. Sanders

State Associations Prepare for 1969 Crusade

Hicks Shelton, secretary of evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, reports that more than half the associations in the state are sponsoring special training sessions this spring for the 1969 Crusade of the Americas.

Already Shelton has participated in 24 associational evangelism clinics, where he has spoken on the massive evangelistic effort. This year the clinics are majoring on preparation for the Crusade, prayer, and study of Biblical

revival. Attendance so far has been good, Shelton said.

The evangelism secretary announced that the following associations have scheduled clinics during March:

Blackford, March 11; Severns Valley, 12; Bell County, 15; Bracken, 15; Breckinridge, 18; Liberty, 18; Union and Crittenden, 19; Russell Creek and East Lynn, 19; and Pine Mountain, March 22.

Mercer Association has scheduled its evangelism clinic for April 8.

New T. U. Achievement Guide is Announced

The Training Union department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, has announced a new achievement guide that replaces the old standard of excellence for Training Union organizations in churches across the Southern Baptist Convention.

Eldon Boone, associate in the Training Union department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said the new achievement guide is being used this church year on a test basis. Response from churches using the new guide this church year will be used as criteria for strengthening the guide for future use.

The three levels of achievement under the new system are merit, advanced and distinguished, Boone pointed out. A church may apply for recognition in

one or more of these categories at any time.

The purpose of the new guide and requirements for reaching all its levels are spelled out in a new brochure, "Training Union Achievement Guide," which is available to churches writing the Training Union department at the Baptist Building in Middletown.



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Leadership training workshops at seven locations in the state have been arranged by the Training Union and Sunday School departments of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for children's workers in the state who wish to attend.

Outstanding children's workers from the Sunday School Board at Nashville and from churches in Kentucky and several other states have been enlisted to lead the sessions.

Locations and dates for the Training Union workshops are First church, Mt. Vernon, March 18; First church, Morehead, March 19; First church, Pikeville, March 21; and Campton Baptist Church, March 22.

Locations and dates for the Sunday School leadership sessions are Eastwood church, Bowling Green, March 18; First church, Hopkinsville, March 20; and

First church, Mayfield, March 22.

All of the one-day conferences will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 2:30 p.m. Participants should bring a sack lunch, officials of the state Training Union and Sunday School departments said.

Georgetown College Speech Group To Appear at Berne

The Wordmasters of Georgetown College will appear on the program of the Baptist World Youth Congress, meeting in Berne, Switzerland, July 21-27.

During its ten years at Georgetown, the speech choral group has taken two national tours each year, but this will be its first appearance abroad. The spring and fall itineraries have taken them to churches, college campuses and many social and civic organizations.

The company, under the direction of Edwina Snyder, head of Georgetown's department of speech, will present "World Without End," a dramatic sketch which deals with man's never-ending search for faith and its growth.

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Historical Highlights

FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER

10 YEARS AGO
March 6, 1958

Leslie S. Wright, a native of Louisville, was named president of Howard College (now Samford University) in Birmingham, Alabama. He was serving as executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Foundation at the time of his appointment to the college presidency. Wright's father, the late A. K. Wright, served as pastor of Baptist Tabernacle in Louisville for 24 years.

A 228-acre tract of land on Shelbyville Road in Louisville was purchased for a new Baptist college in that city. It was bought from L. Leroy Highbaugh, Sr., for approximately \$619,000, according to the news report. At that time the school was known as the "Greater Louisville Baptist College," but it opened as Kentucky Southern College in 1960.

Membership in the Southern Baptist Convention increased by 257,432 during 1957. This brought the total membership to a record 8,966,255, according to

the research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board.

25 YEARS AGO
March 4, 1943

R. P. Mahon reported on the first semester of activities for the new Mountain Preachers' Bible School at Pineville. Enrollment during the first semester of classes was more than 30; the men represented four states, 20 associations and 32 churches. Persons in Laurel, Whitley, Knox, Bell and Harlan Counties had contributed generously to establish the Bible school.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted to cancel the 1943 meeting of the SBC, scheduled for May 12-14 at Memphis. Emergency conditions brought on by World War II were cited as the reasons for the action. According to the present Convention Annual, the SBC also omitted its annual meeting in 1945. These are the only two years in the current century that the Southern Baptist Convention has failed to meet.

Baltimore Youth "Do"--Rather than "Talk"--Missions

by HAROLD M. MARTIN
FOR THE BAPTIST PRESS

A Southern Baptist teen-ager stood at a bus stop in New York's Greenwich Village, while the wind scattered loose papers from piles of uncollected garbage during a sanitation workers' strike. She had just come out of a nursing home, where 300 patients were committed.

"This is real," she said. "You know, we're always talking about going out and helping people; this is doing it."

She and about 130 other teen-agers from the Baltimore Baptist Association were in the midst of a two-day "Sandwich Safari" which was putting into practice the theme, "Youth on Mission."

One of the highlights of the trip for most of the youth was taking responsibility for the Sunday afternoon ministry to the nursing home. Some of them led a worship service in a recreation room, leading the singing, playing the piano, reading Scripture and poetry, and giving their testimony.

At the same time, the rest of the group fanned out through the building, chatting with every patient.

"All my friends are in the cemetery," one elderly woman told one of the boys. "No one ever comes to see me."

Later one of the teen-agers, Karen Murphy from Arbutus Baptist Church in suburban Baltimore, commented that for the first time in her life she had talked with an elderly person whom she had never before met. She said she had always thought of older folks as strangers.

Ministering at the nursing home was only one part of the busy schedule for

the trip. Also on the agenda were a drive through Harlem, late-night walking tours of Times Square and Greenwich Village, a lecture and open discussion on urban sociology, a sacred concert by the Princeton Seminary Choir, a study and viewing of Euripides' drama, "The Trojan Women," and visits and worship at several of the city's churches and Christian institutions.

"This trip isn't a lark, noted James W. King, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Towson, Maryland, who directed it. "We are doing some hard thinking about the role of the church in the mass society of modern America."

"Surely one of the first tasks is to become aware of 'how it is' to live in places like New York City," he added. "We can be more effective servants of The Word if we are knowledgeable, if we know 'how' and 'where' and 'why' the Gospel can be applied."

This is the best kind of education."

observed King, who is the associational youth director. "The youth actually see and get involved in mission."

King told the youth before the trip: "It is imperative that you keep an open mind to the program. We can be sympathetic to everything which is said and done, knowing that it was meant honestly and sincerely; yet we do not have to agree with everything."

At the end of the trip every teen-ager was asked to react and evaluate his experience.

One boy in the group said, "The trouble with my church at home is that we all feel too satisfied. We all live in the suburbs in nice, clean houses, and we don't care what happens in the inner city."

But many of the teen-agers, as a result of the trip, returned to Baltimore resolved to overcome the attitudes of unconcern and uninvolvedness in their own community. (BP)

Seminary Missions Meet Draws 760 Students

A total of 760 students from colleges in the eastern United States attended the recent annual Student Missions Conference at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

To learn about opportunities in missions and about the seminary were major motivations for most students who attended. The observation of Bob Morgan of Smithfield, Kentucky, president of the BSU at Eastern Kentucky University, was typical.

"I wanted to examine the specific areas of home and foreign missions, to

learn the qualifications for these areas and to find out how Southern Seminary will train me to meet these needs when I enroll next year," Morgan said. "I am particularly interested in doing campus student work."

The three-day conference featured small-group sessions on all areas of home and foreign missions and addresses by seminary professors, a Baptist pastor and officials of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

—FROM REPORT BY GWYNN DAVIS



State Secretaries Elect Lee

The executive secretaries of Southern Baptist state conventions meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, recently elected Robert Lee (left), executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, as president of their organization. Other officers elected were Robert Hughes (center) of California, vice-president, and Glen E. Braswell (right) of Colorado, secretary. This group meets annually with editors of state Baptist papers from throughout the SBC.



Editors Elect Gritz

Jack Gritz (center), editor of the BAPTIST MESSENGER of Oklahoma, was elected president of the Baptist Press Association during that group's meeting in Honolulu. Re-elected secretary was Don McGregor (right), associate editor of the BAPTIST STANDARD in Texas. Not pictured is R. G. Puckett of Maryland, former associate editor of the WESTERN RECORDER, who was elected vice-president of the group. Outgoing president James F. Cole of Louisiana is shown at left.



Evidence of South Vietnam War

Southern Baptist missionary Herman P. Hayes and his nine-year-old daughter, Hope, point out tanks and diving planes across the Pho Tho racetrack, immediately in front of their home in Saigon, South Vietnam. The hole in the wall was made by a tank. Hope is now in Bangkok, Thailand, where a number of missionary wives and children have gone to await more stable conditions in Vietnam.

The Perrys of Richmond Continue Active Ministry

E. N. Perry, pastor-emeritus of First Baptist Church, Richmond, has recovered sufficiently from a recent heart attack to be of limited service to the church. He has retired but is presiding at the Sunday morning service and leading prayer meeting on Wednesday nights until the church finds a pastor.

Mrs. Perry has retired from public school teaching after a long and distinguished career of 31 years in the classroom.

A native of Calhoun, Kentucky, she received her teacher training at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.

Mrs. Perry is also widely known for her work among Kentucky Baptists. She has served as state intermediate leader in Baptist Training Union, stewardship chairman of Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union for four years, state community missions chairman for three years and also is the author of a history of Woman's Missionary Union work in Kentucky.

"Involve Laymen," Speaker Challenges Seminarians

A layman entered a minister's fortress at New Orleans and leveled a series of blasts at what he called the greatest failure of today's preachers.

Speaking to the faculty and students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Tom McCord of Decatur, Georgia, charged that ministers are ignoring the capable laymen of their churches who sincerely want to become involved in church work.

"I know by name several creative laymen who have given up church work more or less because they have felt our Baptist democracy is a farce," said McCord, a construction company owner.

"I think we laymen live in a vacuum and you preachers live in another vacuum, so that we actually talk and associate without really communicating,"

he told the seminary students and faculty. Then he continued:

"If we could somehow reach this great reservoir of Christian manpower in our

church; somehow mobilize the incalculable energy of the laymen in our churches, then we could see a great spiritual awakening." (BP)

Walker Urges Protection Plan Participation

A. W. Walker, secretary of the annuity department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has reminded all Baptist ministers in the state of the new and upgraded benefits of the Southern Baptist Protection Plan of the Annuity Board.

The benefits for retirement and disability, survivors, dependent parents and children's education in the minister's retirement plan were extensively upgraded at the first of the year, Walker said.

Persons who were participating in the

old minister's retirement plan of the Annuity Board have already been placed automatically in the new program, he continued. However, those ministers who have never joined the basic plan should do so immediately to prevent the loss of important benefits, he cautioned.

"To be eligible for full benefits, you must join the program during the first year from the date of its inauguration, January 1, 1968; or one year from the date you received salary from a church or agency; or one year from your 25th birthday, whichever is the latest date," the Annuity secretary stated.

"If you fail to join under one of the above, the amount of benefits for disability, widow, child, dependent parent and education shall be reduced proportionally by the number of years you delayed."

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State WMU Convention Set April 2-4 at Hopkinsville

Outstanding missionaries, WMU officials, and denominational leaders from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are scheduled to address the annual spring convention of the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky.

Mrs. George R. Ferguson, executive secretary of the Kentucky WMU, announced that the group will meet April 2-4 this year at First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, under the general theme, "Unto the Least of These."

Mrs. Robert Fling of Cleburne, Texas, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the SBC, will discuss the challenge facing the WMU during the opening address of the annual convention Tuesday evening. She will speak also on a similar theme the following day during the Wednesday morning session.

Other major speakers and the subjects and times of their addresses include the following:

►Winston Crawley, secretary of the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond—"The Orient Today" (Thursday morning).

►Joseph R. Estes, secretary of the department of work with non-evangelicals, Home Mission Board, Atlanta—"Home Missions Today" (Wednesday evening).

►Charles E. Boddie, president of American Baptist Seminary, Nashville—"Love's Legacy unto the Least of

These" (Wednesday morning).

►Mrs. Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, whose husband is pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church—"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" (Tuesday and Wednesday evenings) and "Unto the Least of These" (Wednesday morning).

►Mrs. Tucker N. Callaway, missionary to Japan—"Unto the Least of These in Japan" (Wednesday afternoon).

►Virgil H. Moorefield, Jr., missionary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland—"Unto the Least of These in Europe" (Wednesday evening).

Another special feature of this year's WMU Convention will be a discussion of state missions by Mrs. J. Brandon



Crawley



Mrs. Fling



Moorefield



Mrs. Callaway



Boddie



Mrs. Dehoney



Estes

Trustees Seek Federal Aid for University of Richmond

Trustees of the University of Richmond, a Baptist school in Virginia, have voted to apply for federal funds for purposes other than grants for capital construction, but they carefully stipulated that such funds must not infringe upon "academic or institutional freedom."

University of Richmond President George M. Modlin said that the policy statement was adopted in compliance with the action taken in November by the Virginia Baptist General Association.

The convention at that time approved a motion submitted by Reuben E. Alley, editor of *The Religious Herald*, requesting the trustees of each school sponsored by the denomination to formulate a policy with respect to the use of federal funds, with the exception of the use of federal grants for capital needs.

The policy subsequently adopted by the University of Richmond board of trustees would permit application for federal funds except grants for capital needs for the benefit of the school, the student and faculty as long as the following restrictions are met:

"(1) The federal funds are not to be used to provide facilities for religious instruction and programs, and (2) the use of the funds does not result (a) in any infringement on academic or institutional freedom, or (b) in any limitation on the religious program and purpose of the University."

In his semi-annual report to the trustees, President Modlin said that federal funds for education, research and training are available through more than 200 federal programs.

Modlin also reported an enrollment of more than 6,000 students, the beginning of construction on a new dormitory to house 150 men, the near completion of a \$1,750,000 fine arts building, and a current operating budget of more than \$5,000,000.

Modlin said that Virginia Baptists gave some \$340,000 to support the University of Richmond through the Co-operative Program for current operations and capital purposes. (BP)

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Proposed Baptist Parade in Washington is Criticized

Editorials in two Baptist state papers have expressed strong objection to staging a parade in Washington, D. C., as part of the Crusade of the Americas Continental Congress in that city.

Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, North American regional coordinator for the 1969 Crusade, announced plans for the parade during a recent planning session for the Continental Congress, slated at Washington next October.

Dehoney said then that such a parade, with Baptists carrying placards proclaiming the Crusade theme, "Christ the Only Hope," would "take the gospel outside the walls of the church and into the streets."

Editor R. G. Puckett of the *Maryland Baptist*, former associate editor of the *Western Recorder*, was one of the first to question the idea.

"We doubt that paraders carrying placards will accomplish what is desired," Puckett wrote. "If Baptists take to the streets in Washington in October, they will invariably be identified with all other protestors and the causes they have espoused. Though we may shout from the housetops that we are not

marching 'in protest but as a witness,' the general public may see only the marchers and miss the point of the parade."

Puckett said he felt that a parade with placards was a questionable way of publicizing the Crusade. He called it "well intended" but "beneath the dignity of the name of Christ."

In a similar editorial, John Roberts, editor of the *Baptist Courier* of South Carolina, said that the site and timing for such a march could hardly be worse.

Roberts said "the rash of violent and irresponsible acts which have accompanied many demonstrations in recent months have made anything other than a horn-blowing parade unpalatable to responsible people."

"If Dr. Dehoney persists in having the march, it will have an adverse effect on the planned Crusade," Roberts claimed. "The average viewer will look casually at the marchers and wonder fleetingly if Christ's name is being used by some group of protestors."

In spite of some negative reaction, Dehoney said plans for the parade are going ahead.

The former Southern Baptist Convention president, who now is pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, said his letters had been running four-to-one in favor of the parade. He said he wrote to the leaders of all Baptist bodies involved in the Crusade, Baptist editors, and all members of the steering committee asking for responses. (BP)

Baptist Exhibit Set at Texas Hemisfair

by AL MORGAN

Summer visitors to San Antonio, Texas, will not only find a world's fair in progress with all its gaiety, but will see western man's search for God from the Aztecs to the cultures of the United States.

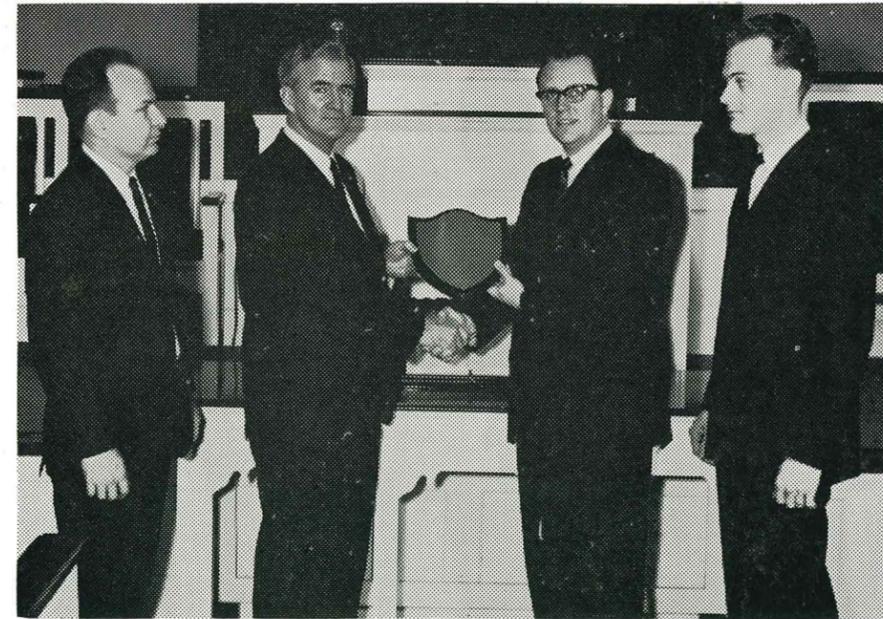
The search is included in the Baptist pavilion which is jointly sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas in cooperation with the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as well as the San Antonio Baptist Association.

The pavilion is the only one of its kind in Hemisfair '68, which has been called the new World's Fair. A unique and distinctive international exposition, Hemisfair '68 will tell the tremendous story of the development and future of the Americas.

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Southern Baptists are going all out this year to make their pavilion a top attraction to persons of all cultural backgrounds, as well as to tell the story of Baptists around the world.

The audio-visual presentation of the Baptist pavilion is a 10-minute film written and presented from the point of view of an archaeologist who lives at a point in time perhaps a half million years in the future. (BP)



Award for Eighteenth Street, Louisville

Vance Vernon (center left) of the church administration department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, presents an award to Pastor Richard T. Wilkins of Eighteenth Street Baptist Church, Louisville, in appreciation for that congregation's use of long-range planning materials produced by the SBC agency. Eighteenth Street was one of four churches in the SBC chosen to use these church administration materials on a test basis for one year. Also pictured here are Byron Rogillio (left), minister of education of the church, and George Nell (right), a deacon who recently supervised a church survey for Eighteenth Street.

World Baptist Membership Climbs to 29,800,000

The membership of Baptist churches around the world shot upward by 2,600,000 last year. Figures released recently by the Baptist World Alliance shows a world Baptist membership of 29,817,707 as compared with a total compilation of 27,183,622 a year ago.

Lancaster Baptist Church Ordains Bryantsville Pastor

Albert Owens, pastor of the Bryantsville, Kentucky, Missionary Baptist Church, was ordained to the ministry February 25 by his home church—Lancaster Baptist of Lancaster, Kentucky.

Several ministers and deacons from the Lancaster area participated in the service.

Those having parts in the special service included William B. Craig, pastor of Rosemont church, Lexington, who preached the ordination sermon; C. R. Hill, missionary of South District Association, who delivered the charge to the candidate and the church; William G. Humphrey, pastor of Lancaster Baptist Church, who presented a Bible to the candidate; and Tom C. Mix, former pastor of the church, who led the ordination prayer.

Mississippi Church Launches Program to Aid The Poor

The First Baptist Church of Yazoo City, Mississippi, has established a program to help poor people buy food stamps to stave off hunger.

The new CARE program will provide funds to enable poverty-stricken families who do not have enough money to purchase the food stamps to do so.

A special bank account has been set up by the church authorizing the Yazoo County Public Welfare to write checks on the account.

When a poverty-stricken family comes to the welfare office to buy the food stamps but lacks enough money to do so, the welfare department will write a check on the First Baptist Church account to make up the difference.

The CARE program initiated by the church largely is the brain-child of Charles Jackson, vice-president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp. and a deacon at the First Baptist Church.

Jackson is chairman of a five-member

committee of the church which is administering the program.

"We have recognized all along that there was a great need for some type of program to assist these needy people throughout the year," Jackson said. "With the advent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Food Stamp program, it seemed that this could be a vehicle through which some continued assistance could be given to the neediest people," Jackson said.

The problem of hunger in the Delta section of Mississippi got national publicity several months ago when a Congressional committee investigated the

situation and a national newsmagazine carried photographs depicting the conditions.

The Baptist church at Yazoo City became concerned about the situation and the CARE proposal was a practical expression of this concern.

James F. Yates, pastor of the church, explained that under the program, designated contributions from church members will be used in the CARE program.

"Donations to the First Baptist Church CARE Fund are tax deductible and will be accepted from anyone wishing to have a part in this humanitarian endeavor," Jackson explained. (BP)

Who Are the Doubly-Dead?

It is what happens to the person whose burial place is marked by no suitable memorial stone. Soon they are forgotten. When their relations and personal friends have likewise perished, it is as if they had never been. They are numbered among the *Doubly-Dead*. Like those who are drowned at sea "the great waters have gone over their heads." After a while, no one will know where they lived, nor when, nor to what purpose.

That is one of the reasons why memorial stones are set up beside the burial places of our loved ones, that there may remain after them a spot where their memory may be recovered and the quality of our own lives bettered.

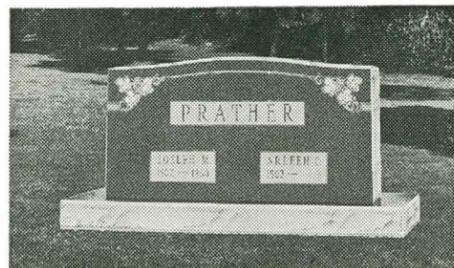
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(These Lessons for March 17, 1968)

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THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

Speaking to His followers who had become discouraged because they did not think that things were going as they should in the Christian movement, Christ informed them that before long they would be doing the same works as He had done. He gave them great hope by assuring them that the Holy Spirit would provide the power which they would need in their work.

I. The Promise (John 14:15-17)

A Christian is a person who has experienced the pardoning love of Christ and in turn has an abiding love for Him. Love for Christ will manifest itself in thinking, reading, hearing and talking about Him, and in obeying Him. Every good Christian strives to do the things that please Christ. The only real test of love for Christ is that of obedience to Him.

During His ministry among His disciples our Lord had guarded, protected, encouraged and guided them, but now that He was leaving them He promised them that the Holy Spirit was coming to be with them, and to assume the responsibility of being another guardian of the same kind as He had been. Christ made it perfectly clear to them that the Holy Spirit is a Person Who knows, feels and wills.

II. The Presence (John 14:18-24)

Having persuaded those whom He has made conscious of their guilt of sin to believe on Christ and to receive the salvation which was planned by the Father and provided by the Son, the Holy Spirit then imparts the divine nature to them. He also gives the assurance of salvation, strengthens the saved, guides them in study of the Scriptures, directs in the Lord's work, comforts Christians in their sorrows, dispenses gifts, and empowers for service. He teaches Christians the will of the Lord for their lives and guides them in the doing of that will.

Every person who has received Christ as his Saviour and been born of the Spirit is obligated to obey the scriptural injunction, "Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). If a Christian is not filled with the Spirit, he is disobedient and his life is largely one of fruitlessness.

Those who truly love Christ are obe-

dient to His commandments. If we love Him, we shall strive diligently to do the things that He wants done and commands us to do. The only way that we can prove that we love the Saviour is by our obedience to Him. All of God's children who walk in the pathway of obedience to Christ are assured the blessed presence, protection and power of God the Father and Christ the Son. All who disobey Him deprive themselves of this blessedness. How reassuring to hear Christ say: "I will not leave you orphans!"

III. The Peace (John 14:25-27)

The Holy Spirit teaches us the things that we need to know, leading us deeper and deeper into the truth of God, reminding us of what Christ said, and keeps us right in our conduct. Human wisdom gives us knowledge about the Word of God, but the Holy Spirit, Who is the author of the Scriptures and their interpreter, gives us the understanding of the Word itself. That is why we

should always seek His guidance in the study of the Scriptures.

Although the words of Christ in verse 27 are not in the lesson text, they are so significant and relevant that we must not overlook them.

If there is any word which excites pleasing sensations, it is the word "peace." From time immemorial man has longed, prayed and hoped for peace. Wonderful as is peace in the family, social, national and international realms, it is nothing in comparison to the peace of mind and heart which comes from being right in one's relationship with God. This latter kind of peace is a condition in which we are brought by the Holy Spirit as a result of complete reconciliation with God through Christ.

Salvation always precedes peace with God. It is the cause of which peace is the effect. Christ paid the price for this peace, so it cannot be purchased or earned by man. Rather, it must be received as a gift.

Peace with God is the most valuable blessing one can enjoy on the earth. Peace was the gift which Christ singled out, above all others, to bestow upon His disciples as a parting legacy.

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Hebrews 11:1-11, 39-40

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Abel brought unto God a sacrifice of atonement of the firstlings of his flock, acknowledging himself to be a sinner who deserved to die but who was trusting in the mercy and forgiving love of God. His sin-offering of blood and life was a confession of sin and of his faith in the interposition of a substitute and of a plea for forgiveness.

2. Enoch (11:5-6)

All that we know about him is that "Enoch walked with God," which is the highest praise that can be bestowed on any man. Enoch's faith in God produced friendship, congeniality, fellowship, companionship, and unity of thought, affection, will and energy.

3. Noah (11:7)

God warned Noah of the approaching destruction of mankind because of the prevailing wickedness. Accepting God's warning of a forthcoming devastating flood by faith, Noah set himself to the task of preparing a mammoth ark for the safety of himself and his family. In

his prompt and meticulous obedience we have one of the greatest examples of faith recorded in the Bible.

4. Abraham (11:8-10)

A summons came from God to Abraham to leave his native country and go into a land which He had chosen for him. God called him away from the sinful manner of life of his countrymen unto fellowship with Himself, unto purity of worship, and unto the purposes which had been formulated for him in heaven. God's call was to faith, obedience, separation and dedication.

As a superlative example of faith, in response to the call and command of God, Abraham went forth immediately without asking any questions, "not knowing where he was to go," and without any knowledge of what the future held in store for him.

5. Sarah (11:11)

When Sarah was long past the age of childbearing, God promised to give her

a child. Unbelief convinced her that, since it was against nature and reason for a woman of her age to give birth to a child, the fulfillment of that promise was an utter impossibility. Then, it dawned upon her that God was the Promiser; therefore, the promise was true, even though it sounded astonishing and incredible. By faith Sarah received power to give birth to Isaac.

III. The Effects of Faith (Hebrews 11:30-40)

The words "these all" are restrictive and exclude those without faith. The heroes and heroines, whose faith God approved, achieved within God's purpose, but they were not permitted to remain on earth and see the fulfillment of God's promise when the Messiah came. Their examples in life and death should inspire us to endure our trials, which are less severe, in the expectation of appropriate rewards at the time which God has designated.

State World Missions Conferences Scheduled

The annual schools of missions throughout Kentucky will enter the 1968 season with a new name and a new director.

Effective this year, the familiar "schools of missions" were renamed "world missions conferences," although the purpose remains the same.

Also this year for the first time in Kentucky, the world missions conferences will be under the direction of the state Brotherhood department rather than the department of direct missions.

Forrest R. Sawyer, state Brotherhood secretary, said 14 associations in Kentucky sponsored world missions conferences last year. A total of 59% of the churches in these associations participated in the sessions.

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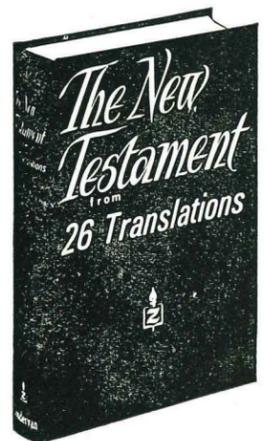


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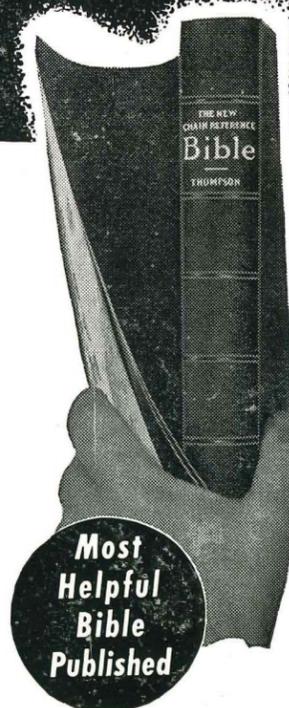
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