



### **New Building For Immanuel, Henderson**

Lyman Smith Allen (below right), pastor of Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson, and Associate Pastor John DeVoss stand in front of the new educational-activities building recently dedicated by that congregation. The two secretaries of the church are pictured at left in the spacious church office included in the new structure. The \$600,000 building contains a parlor, a library, a fellowship hall, kindergarten facilities, and a recreation area. (See article on page 6 for further details on the new building.)





## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH** of Murray, Kentucky, has passed a resolution of appreciation for the 10-year ministry of T. A. Thacker in that congregation. Thacker recently became pastor of Midlane Park Baptist Church in Louisville.

**THE 1967 LOTTIE MOON** Christmas Offering had reached \$14,664,679.30 when the books were closed on May 1. This is \$904,532.50 more than the 1966 total. Any additional 1967 Lottie Moon money received will be counted on the 1968 offering.

**THE FACULTY** of Georgetown College has passed a resolution of respect for Eric H. Clark, missionary to Kenya, who was killed recently in a hunting accident. "His warmth and directness in every human relationship made him greatly admired wherever his call took him," the resolution read in part. "He both demonstrated and lived Christ in public and in private." Clark taught at Georgetown during his furloughs from Africa in 1963 and 1967.

**THE DEADLINE** for submitting applications for the nursing scholarship offered by the hospital auxiliary of Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, is May 30. The scholarship is available to a student entering any qualified nursing school.

**HAROLD TALLANT**, former Kentucky pastor who is now a full-time evangelist from Daytona Beach, Florida, preached during recent revival services at Unity Baptist Church in Ashland. A total of 32 persons made professions of faith, and 10 persons joined the church by letter. Ira McMillen, Jr. is pastor of the Unity congregation.

**THE DEACONS** of Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville have passed a resolution of respect and appreciation for Mrs. J. C. Jones, a faithful member of that congregation, who recently died. She had served for many years as superintendent of the intermediate Sunday School department at the church.

**W. B. CASEY**, a native of Lancaster, Kentucky, who is now pastor of West Flagler Park Baptist Church in Miami, Florida, preached during recent revival services at the Lancaster Baptist Church. A total of 22 persons made professions of faith, and seven joined the church by letter. William G. Humphrey is pastor at Lancaster.

**MICHAEL PAUL PHILLIPS**, a student at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, returned to his hometown, Wheelwright, recently to lead a youth team in revival services at the First Baptist Church. A total of 13 people made professions of faith. Other Cumberland students who were members of the team are Jim Holloway, Jerry Neal, Gail Oliver and Barbara Wing. James E. Casey, Jr., is pastor of the Wheelwright church.

**STANTON JAQUAY BRINGER**, a native of Louisville, received the M.Div. (master of divinity) degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at commencement exercises April 19. Golden Gate is located at Strawberry Point in Mill Valley, California.



Bringer

**THE ANNUAL FINE ARTS FESTIVAL** at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, was held May 2-12. This annual affair at the Baptist school features musical presentations, art exhibitions and other cultural activities.

**RUSSELL L. SINGLETON** of Waynesburg, Kentucky, is the new pastor of the Beattyville, Kentucky, Baptist Church. He succeeds Ernest A. Cruse, who resigned after four years at Beattyville to become a pastoral missionary in New York State.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** of Mount Washington, Kentucky, recently concluded revival services with 23 persons registering professions of faith. Evangelist was Harold Tallant, of Daytona Beach, Florida. Wendell Romans is the Mount Washington pastor.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** of Irvine, Kentucky, has just completed a new parsonage at a cost of \$22,000. Pastor J. W. Farmer reports that the church also has renovated its sanctuary and bought an additional \$15,000 worth of property during the past two years.

**DON BRACKEN**, pastor of Vine Hill Baptist Church in Nelson Association, recently led his people in a brief prayer meeting at the bedside of former pastor James H. Duke, Jr. Duke had been hospitalized at Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville because of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

**MILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH** of Radcliff, Kentucky, recently conducted a revival with John Turpin as the evangelist. A total of 24 persons were added to the membership of the church. Ferrill Gardner is pastor of the Mill Creek congregation.

**TWELVE PERSONS** were added to the membership of Hillvue Heights Baptist Church, Bowling Green, during a recent revival. The services featured preaching by Tom Henry, pastor of the Graefenburg, Kentucky, Baptist Church, and the leadership of the revival by the deacons of the church. C. Wyman Coss is pastor at Hillvue Heights.

**100,000 PERSONS** filled the Sydney Showground for the final services of the Billy Graham Crusade in Sydney, Australia. Total attendance for the nine-day meeting was almost 500,000.

**PAUL W. BOWLES**, a former Kentuckian and now pastor of First Baptist Church, Ellisville, Missouri was the visiting evangelist for a revival at Adairville Baptist Church, April 1-7. Bob Gregory, music minister at Adairville, led the singing. Hughlan P. Richery is the pastor.

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

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## Cumberland College's Contribution to the Appalachians

The distribution map below, made by the students of assistant professor of geography, C. M. Dupier, of Cumberland College at Williamsburg, shows the geographical location in four states of the four-year graduates of Cumberland College who completed their work during the period from 1961 through 1967. This was the first seven years of Cumberland's existence as a senior college. This Baptist affiliated institution had been a junior college to 1961.

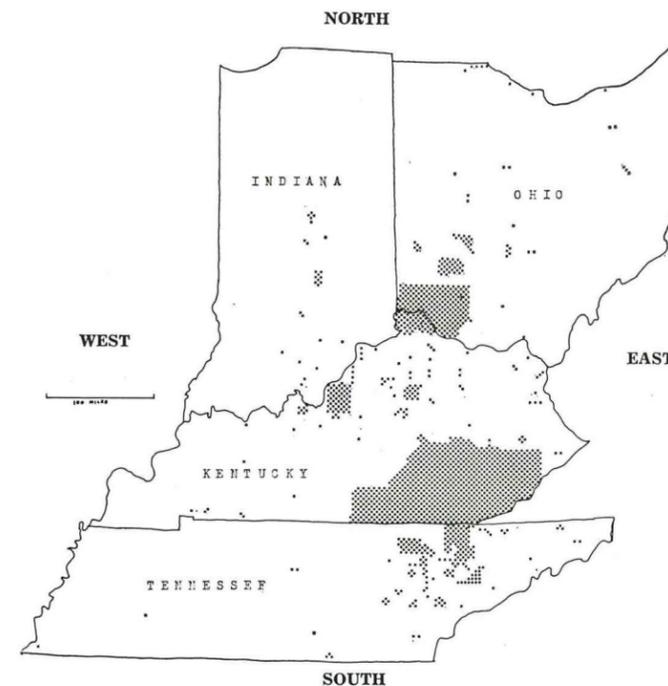
It will be noted that Cumberland College graduates return in large numbers to the geographical area from which they come, namely the Appalachian sections of Kentucky and East Tennessee.

There is a large concentration in the greater Cincinnati area, including northern Kentucky, since southern Ohio and northern Kentucky school superintendents make a strong effort to get Cumberland graduates as teachers. People leave the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee to get employment, and, as a consequence, numerous Cumberland graduates have relatives in that region who exert influence in getting Cumberland graduates to come to the greater Cincinnati area to live and work.

The lack of industry in the area in which Cumberland is located and the subsequent low employment are factors in creating a level of economy that stifles the potential of many of the region's young people.

Recognizing that education affords

## Cumberland's Contribution To The Appalachians Through Higher Education



Each dot on the map shows the present location of a Cumberland graduate.

the best and only permanent solution

of the economic and social problems of the area, Cumberland seeks to meet the needs of the section through the provision of higher education.

Located in and serving an area in which the per capita income is 30% of that of the nation as a whole, the college has as its main objective the helping of the people in the section in which it is situated. The cost to the student at Cumberland is low—only \$1,050 now for the academic year for room, board, tuition and fees. This is the lowest of any senior accredited denomination college in the nation. Still the school with almost three-fourths of its enrollment from Appalachian Kentucky, and Tennessee, must provide aid for at least half its students, 1,600 in number, and complete aid for over 300. These young people will not have the opportunity of obtaining a college education without financial assistance.

In order that this Baptist affiliated institution may effectively serve the geographical area in which it is located, student aid funds must be provided and money for the promotion and sustaining of special education projects, experimental and research programs buildings and equipment must be furnished.

Cumberland, through its graduates, and through programs it sponsors, is a powerful, uplifting influence on the geographical region surrounding it.

## THE TREE THAT REPENTED

BY WANDA CARPTENTER  
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY  
SBC MISSIONARY JOURNEYMAN  
TO GHANA, AFRICA

Nchor Katumba, a 16-year-old Ghanaian who has been a Christian only a few months, recently showed he understands the meaning of repentance.

One day he came to our house wanting to know what he could do to help. I suggested that he help the yard boy trim one of the trees. After quite some time I went to the door and discovered that every limb containing any sign of life had been cut away and the trunk was about all that remained.

I asked why they had cut off so much of the tree. Nchor laughed and said, "Oh, madam, the tree has repented! It is beginning all over again."

The tree truly took a new start. Now it has grown out much prettier than it was before. The Christian understanding and witness of this young man are growing daily and becoming more beautiful for the Lord as he takes opportunity for sharing Christ with his fellow students.

Won't you pray for him and other young Christians in Ghana?



**MAKING FU-FU**—Wanda Carpenter of Bowling Green helps prepare fu-fu—a dish made in Ghana, Africa, by boiling starchy food such as yam, cassava, or plantain and then pounding it. "I found pounding fu-fu almost as difficult as carrying fruits and vegetables on my head or other things which are typically African," says Wanda. "But giving all these things a try is part of a most exciting life."



**The Executive Board Has Smooth Meeting**

The Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board members conducted one of the smoothest and most harmonious meetings in several years at Cedarmore last week. A generally relaxed and happy attitude characterized the board members as they went about their business.

Several things contributed to the successful meeting. One of these was the most thorough preparation for the meeting on the part of all responsible persons and committees. Executive Secretary Harold Sanders did his usually outstanding job in coordinating all the committee work and in preparing an abundance of helpful materials for the members. Each of the board committees is headed by a competent chairman who takes his job seriously and does his work thoroughly. As a result the committee reports gave the impression of thoroughness and ready answers were available for all questions from board members.

Another factor in the smooth procedure of the board meeting is the recently adopted reorganization plan of the board to do its work. Now every member is assigned to a committee and each committee has clear instructions concerning its responsibilities. The new plan seems to have been in operation long enough by now to be very effective.

The meeting had an openness about it which encouraged confidence and trust. This has been greatly needed because in some meetings in the past members have felt they were not given the whole story on all matters. This atmosphere of openness last week was aided no little by the presiding of Kentucky Baptist Convention President Eldred Taylor who moved things along with dispatch but gave everyone with something to say full opportunity to be heard.

The absence of any really controversial issues for

**Guest Editorial:**

**Ministers' Marathon**

Without doubt the most absurd thing attempted by Southern Baptists in recent years is the program for this year's Pastors' Conference, which precedes the Southern Baptist Convention.

We have been openly critical in past years of the pre-convention meetings which drain the messengers physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially before the SBC begins on Tuesday nights. This year's Pastors' Conference schedule . . . (it just defies description!)

consideration is another explanation of the harmony. Nearly every meeting of the board in recent years has managed to come up with one or more divisive issues. This meeting was a happy exception.

The hospitality of Boone Lodge staff members and the grand style of treatment while at Cedarmore also must be considered a factor in the spirit of those who come there to take care of Baptist business. Every one from Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Byrdwell to the friendly ladies who cook and serve the meals does the utmost to make every visitor enjoy Cedarmore. The food is both bountiful and delicious and when augmented with coffee breaks and late evening snacks, a visitor might as well leave his diet at home.

The main business of this meeting was final preparation of a Cooperative Program budget goal to present to the Convention in November and the allocation of appropriations for the convention work in 1968-69. The fact that the recommendations of the finance committee were accepted without a single change indicated the fairness and thoroughness of the work of the committees.

The salary raises voted by the board members for board employees are much needed. They will take effect September 1 as will an increase in retirement contribution by the board for its employees. Executive Secretary Sanders has strongly urged regular salary increases for staff members, and executive board members are to be commended for following his counsel.

One matter of concern for all Kentucky Baptists is the fact that we are \$286,000 behind in Cooperative Program contributions the first eight months of this year. A valiant effort to recover this and reach our goal by August 31st surely should be made.

There are 106 people named on the two-day, five-session program. The officers of the Pastors' Conference either have—or want to make—a lot of friends.

There will be 55 sermons, messages, and devotionals, plus others who will "present" those who deliver sermons, messages, and devotionals. All totaled, there will be 119 different program features—90 speaking, 23 singing, plus five offerings and the election of officers.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. June 3 and

conclude at 4:30 p.m. on June 4. During this 32 hours, the program will consume at least 17 hours, leaving only 15 hours for a night's rest, four meals, transportation to meals and hotel, fellowship, etc.

This is based on the program staying on schedule—which is impossible. An example is one feature where three men share five minutes. We've never known a Baptist preacher who can clear his throat in one-minute-and-40-seconds.

There are seven former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention on the program, which may indicate the aspirations of the program planners.

The messengers will come to Houston to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. They will conduct the business of the convention, deciding on questions which determine the direction of our denomination.

Can wearied messengers really give their best attention to the issues at hand?

The SBC has no control over the Pastors' Conference, WMU Convention, and other such auxiliary meetings—except in scheduling the dates of the convention. For the sake of future conventions, let's set the SBC from Monday through Thursday. Let the minor meetings follow the convention, which is really the purpose of our gathering.

The auditoriums for future conventions are already reserved for the whole week. The shift could be easily made.

Meanwhile, for 1968 may we suggest Pastors' Conference President Gerald Martin give a special award to those who attend every session of the Pastors' Conference—a foam rubber cushion!

—By Alvin C. Shackelford, Editor, *Indiana Baptist*

**BAPTIST FORUM**



**SBC Leaders Are Only Individuals**

Dear Editor:

I am a Christian and a Kentuckian at heart, having spent 21 of my 34 years in Kentucky. I appreciate the work Southern Baptists have done in Kentucky; in fact I became a Christian in a Baptist church under Baptist preaching. So I subscribe to your paper to keep up on the work there. You have a nice paper, but I disagree with you on some things. May I express my views on one of these?

In reply to recent articles in the *Western Recorder* concerning the King assassination and Southern Baptist silence. It is not good that our leaders feel that the time has come when they should be able to speak for all the people of the denomination on any one subject.

The time has not come nor will it ever come when one person or a few people will be able to think, speak, and interpret for all the individuals in the true Christian community. Those who think it has or will be having immature thoughts. The Bible says that "no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20).

The true Christian faith is and always has been composed of individuals who interpret and apply God's message as individuals and who will stand in the judgment as individuals. Any concept that is less than this would put us on the same level with other hierarchical systems.

Let our leaders think, speak, act and interpret as individuals. Let us do the same for we shall all (as individuals)

"appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his (individual) body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10).

If our leaders are such that they feel that they must have the backing of 11,000,000 people before they can feel free to minister to or show concern or sympathy for a despised person or group, then they do not deserve to be leaders.

There was nothing to hinder our pastors and leaders, as individuals, from attending the funeral of Mr. King if they really wanted to and felt that they should. In fact, if as individuals they felt they should go and refrained because of fear of what some might say, they sinned. I know that may sound hard and I'm not trying to be harsh, but the Bible teaches that if a man knows to do good and doesn't, it is sin to him.

Wapakoneta, Ohio Wayne Jump

**A Church Open To All**

Dear Editor:

This letter comes from a deep sense of concern about Southern Baptists and their need to meet problems right where they are.

First, I appreciate very much the article in the *Western Recorder* of April 18 entitled "Americas Crusade Should Be Open To All, Rhodes Says." I am grateful Lewis Rhodes asks this question, "Will the Crusade of the Americas insist that all cooperating churches open their doors for revival, for attendance, conversation, baptism and church mem-

bership to all groups?"

Can any church with consistency and integrity enter such a Crusade without so doing? One must ask, what kind of spiritual cooperation is this which can work out an elaborate system of prayer partners across the waters but if the same partners were here in the flesh, the dark-skinned ones would be deprived of that fervent partnership?

Can any Baptist church dare enter the Crusade unless they have a real warmth (not just acceptance of, but warmth towards) other races and classes? Must our denomination continue our "long-handled righteousness" as one pastor described this?

My husband and I spent 15 years in Nigeria. Time and again we were quizzed about the churches' policies on race. We had to admit honestly that some Nigerian Christians would not be received into all our Baptist churches. Why?, they asked. For some years we tried to explain: history, tradition, cultural difference. Try that! See how limp and feeble such explanations sound in a place where white missionaries were genuinely welcomed to all churches.

Later, we simply apologized to the people who asked by saying, "Some of our Baptists have not yet grown to a measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." That was the only right thing we knew to say.

At this point, I am deeply convinced that our offerings to missions and our long-distance cooperation can never be one for the way we act where we are when we deliberately freeze out and insult and neglect those of dark skins.

Essential to preparing for such a Crusade, then, is the requirement to examine our close-up relationships where we are. Surely the Lord will not commend our far-away interests if He cannot love through us in our own Jerusalem and Samaria.

Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Wm. C. Gaventa (FORUM CONTINUED ON PAGE 13)

# Immanuel, Henderson, Dedicates New Activities Building

BY EDITOR C. R. DALEY

Few Baptist churches in Kentucky did as much for so many years with such limited physical facilities as did Immanuel Baptist Temple in Henderson. Now no Kentucky Baptist church probably has as fine and as commodious an educational and activities building as does this congregation. And so Pastor Lyman Smith Allen never tires of conducting tours for many visitors who almost daily come to see the new building.

Pastor Allen says this building is the result of long and careful planning with six years preparation before construction began. He gives all credit to the committee, but everyone knows the whole project is largely a result of the pastor's preparation of the congregation. In the beginning the congregation determined that the completed building would be something to glorify God and also a credit to this generation at the church. A visitor realizes that Immanuel has succeeded in this determination.

About \$600,000 has already gone into the building and equipment and the third floor is not finished. The building includes a suite of offices and a fellowship hall accomodating about 300 as well as a church parlor and a library. The ultra-modern kitchen would be a credit to any hotel. The corridors and the stairs are wide and spacious. An elevator will serve the elderly. Wall-to-wall carpeting is in many departments, while tile wall as well as floors make for immaculate rest rooms.

Pastor Allen and his associate, John DeVoss, are busy fitting the Sunday School to the new space and planning activities which will put the building to maximum use. The first step is the kindergarten program which started last September and has enrolled 85. Mrs. Vernon Davidson, the kindergarten director, has one full-time teacher and another part time teacher to help her. The kindergarten reaches many Henderson families judging by the response to a recent activity. The kindergarten children put on a circus for their parents and friends, and the crowd numbered over 500.

Part of the purpose of the building, according to Pastor Allen, is to broaden the community ministry of Immanuel. This has already happened in the kindergarten and also in many groups who have already used the new building. These include a mail carriers convention, a Salvation Army group and a local high school senior annual banquet.

Before the building was constructed, it was decided it would be open to all denominations and to all races. Just enough charge is made to outside groups to pay for utilities and other expenses.

Pastor Allen has many ideas for further use of the building when resources

will permit. These include a day nursery program, an adult education project, a senior citizens ministry, as well as one for the blind. The church youth is already taking full advantage of the new facilities; they have found the unfinished third floor an ideal place for ping pong and other recreation.

One doesn't have to be around Immanuel long before two things become obvious. One is an intense loyalty of members to the church, and the other is the tremendous popularity of the pastor. A most unique personality, Pastor Allen loves and is loved by his people like few pastors. His popularity isn't limited to his own congregation. He is known, respected and loved by everyone in and around Henderson, it seems.

Known as "Rev", he is waving or being greeted by almost everyone he meets. Many persons outside his church membership seek his counsel.

The "Rev" came to Henderson he says, to stay two years. That was about 23 years ago, and it's hard to think of his ever leaving. He came from Illinois, where his father and grandfather were both Baptist preachers. Two of the three Allen sons are also preachers, and the only daughter is an accomplished church musician, and serves as church pianist.

One son, Calvin Young, III, is doing a doctorate at Ohio State University and is pastor at Jackson, Ohio. Another son, Allen, is in the Marines but plans to preach. The other boy, Lyman Smith, has served in the military and is now at home while taking some college work

at Henderson Community College. Jica, the daughter, is a senior at Evansville College.

Mrs. Allen, Jesse, is as outgoing as her husband. She gives him as good or better in return for all his carrying on. It's an unforgettable experience to be around this couple. They met at a church youth meeting when Jesse was one of the program personalities. He fell completely for her at first sight. He was on foot that night, and she offered to take him home in her automobile since it was raining. In turn he asked and got permission to pick her up and take her across the water puddles to the car. That's the way it started, and it's been that way ever since.

The first few years of Allen's ministry at Immanuel saw hundreds join the church with a great emphasis being put on evangelism. The pastor has come to realize a church also must be concerned to develop the members and must plan for Christian penetration of the life of the whole community. This now is the emphasis along with evangelism.

Pastor Allen believes the greatest accomplishment of Immanuel during his ministry has been the beginning of three missions which are now separate churches with full-time programs and pastors. From the mission efforts of Immanuel have come Earl Street, Lawndale and Watson Lane churches. The heavy investment in these projects accounts for so little being done in the way of physical improvements at the home base until the new educational building.



SEVERAL OF THE CHILDREN enrolled in the week-day kindergarten program of Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson, enjoy the modern facilities of that congregation's new activities-educational building. A nursery school may be added later.

## Chenoweth Park Mission To Dedicate New Building

Members of Chenoweth Park Baptist Mission in Jeffersontown have scheduled special services at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, for the formal dedication of the first permanent unit of their building program.

The \$25,000 structure will serve as a combination sanctuary-educational building.

Speaker for the service will be Leon Boyd, director of special ministries for the Long Run Association in Louisville. Boyd served on one occasion as interim pastor of the mission congregation.

Chenoweth Park is a mission of Fern Creek Baptist Church. Joe Paul Pruett a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, serves as pastor.

## Construction of Hurstbourne Baptist Chapel Underway

The congregation of Hurstbourne Baptist Chapel, Louisville, broke ground during April to symbolize the beginning of construction on its new sanctuary and educational building.

The regular morning worship service was held in the chapel of Kentucky Southern College, where the congregation now meets, then moved to the building site of Shelbyville Road in the Hurstbourne Subdivision for the ground-breaking ceremony.

Hurstbourne is a mission of Walnut Street Baptist Church and has been organized for two years. Wallace H. DeLoach serves as pastor.

Target date for completion of the building is sometime this fall.



Wallace H. DeLoach, pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Chapel, turns a spadeful of earth to symbolize the beginning of construction on the congregation's first permanent building.



## Baker Addresses Virginia Pastors

R. D. Baker (left), superintendent of missions for Laurel River Baptist Association in Kentucky, is pictured in a recent conference of Baptist ministers in Virginia. He was invited by the Home Mission Board to address the Virginia pastors on "Awareness of Ministry through Associations." The major part of his address was based on the work being done through the Laurel River Association. Another Kentuckian appearing on the program with Baker was J. Edward Cunningham of Lexington, distributions secretary for the American Bible Society.

## Kentuckian Gives Concert in North Carolina

A Baptist pastor's wife in Kentucky recently returned to her college alma mater in North Carolina to play a number of selections from her senior recital which she presented originally in 1938.

She is Mrs. Bruce Hartsell of Shepherdsville, whose husband is pastor of the First Baptist Church there. Mrs. Hartsell and her family were guests of Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she played during a special performance at chapel services.

Two of her former Meredith professors were in the chapel audience. Mrs. Hartsell said she could not resist "playing some of the selections from my senior recital."

"This will really be a performance I can't forget," she said after the recital. Numbers she played included Mozart's Rondo from Sonata in A Major and Chopin's Nocturne in E Flat Major.

Mrs. Hartsell is a former music instructor at Campbell and Mars Hill Colleges in North Carolina and Southern Seminary in Louisville. She teaches private piano and organ lessons at her home. One of her main interests, however is playing concert benefits.

She has done benefits for numerous civic and charitable organizations, including recent performances for the

public library in Bullitt County and the Bullitt County cancer crusade.

A native of Valdese, North Carolina, Mrs. Hartsell has been rehearsing there in preparation for the 75th anniversary celebration of the settlement of that Waldensian community.

## Sparta Church Calls Pastor All the Way From Australia

The Sparta Baptist Church in Kentucky has called a pastor from 7,000 miles away.

He is Jack Munday, who entered the school of religious education at Southern Seminary, Louisville, in February. Before coming to the United States for college and seminary work last year, he served as a pastor in Australia and as director of Christian education for the Baptist Convention of Queensland, his home state.

Actually, this is the second time Munday has been in the United States. In 1966 he was one of 75 Australian Baptist ministers who were invited by the Missouri Baptist Convention to conduct revivals in that state to return a visit made by more than 100 Missourians to Australia in 1964.

## Executive Board Approves Record Budget for '68-'69

A record \$3,950,000 budget for the period, September 1, 1968, to August 31, 1969, will be recommended to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in November by its Executive Board. The 140-member board, presided over by Convention President Eldred Taylor, approved the budget recommendation in a May 7 meeting in Boone Lodge at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

Other actions of the board included approval of new personnel, clarification of employment policies, increase in salary and retirement benefits for employees, the appointment of a special committee to study the direct mission program and the adoption of a statement to Kentucky Southern College trustees concerning the financial obligation of Kentucky Baptists to the school.

The new Cooperative Program goal of \$3,950,000 for 1968-69 is a \$200,000 increase over the present budget. The increase will be divided between Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Convention with \$138,000 for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and \$62,000 for SBC causes.

### Increased Kentucky Costs

The increase in Kentucky will go mainly for personnel salary increases, higher costs for supplies and services, increasing expenditures for Social Security and retirement benefits and for promotion of the 1969 Crusade of Americas in Kentucky. The \$62,000 increase to the Southern Baptist Convention will be used according to the division formerly adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The budget proposals were introduced to the board members by Executive Secretary Harold Sanders, who reviewed the steps in arriving at the recommended expenditures. Verlin Krukowski, Elizabethtown, chairman of the finance committee of the board, presented the budget. The board members discussed several budget items but approved the recommendations.

Executive Secretary Sanders in his regular report to the board announced that contributions from Kentucky Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program are \$286,000 behind the eight-month period goal for the year. Gifts, however, are 3.4% or about \$75,000 ahead of last year at the same time. Other items in the secretary's report dealt with the Crusade of Americas plans, the recent Youth Night rallies in Owensboro and Richmond and the recent tornado damage to Baptist churches and homes in northern Kentucky.

The Executive Board, upon a recommendation from its Administrative Committee, will advocate cancellation of the 1969 Youth Rally plans due to a

conflict in dates with the Crusade of Americas revivals in some areas of Kentucky.

Two Baptist Student Union workers were approved for posts. Emery Smith, Baptist student director at Morehead State University, will become associate state Baptist Student Union secretary with special responsibilities for schools in eastern Kentucky. Morgan Dukes, pastor in Walhalla, South Carolina, was elected director of student activities at Cumberland College in Williamsburg.

A statement of employment policy of the Executive Board was adopted unanimously which called for employment of all qualified persons without regard to race. No problems have arisen calling for such a statement, but the administrative Committee members thought it would be helpful and appropriate.

A final disposition of the residue of the Bethel College assets was made by the Board. The approximate \$98,000 remaining from the college liquidation will be used as permanent endowment for the other three Baptist colleges in Kentucky. It will be divided according to the present CEA formula for undesignated gifts.

Under these provisions Georgetown College would receive about \$48,000, Campbellsville about \$21,000 and Cumberland about \$29,000. The funds would remain as a Bethel College memorial endowment with the income used as the colleges determine.

The board will ask the Convention to approve salary raises for Executive Board personnel. Counting the cost of living increase granted earlier this year, the total salary raise during the year will amount to nearly \$700 a year for department heads and proportionately smaller amounts for other employees.

Another benefit for these board workers will come from increased retirement contributions by the convention if approved in November. Beginning September 1, 1968, the executive and administrative level workers and all others working for as long as five years for the board would receive 5% of their total salary for retirement plans through the Southern Baptist Annuity Board. Another 5% would be added September 1, 1969, bringing retirement contribution to the 10% level now recommended by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

The camp and assemblies committee reported to the board members on Cedarmore plans and progress. The total value of Cedarmore property, including 1,376 acres of land, is set now at \$1,597,000. The Cedarmore indebtedness stands at \$845,634 with plans to repay most of this by 1975 at the rate of about \$156,000 a year.

The occupancy rate of Boone Lodge

figured on a six-day week, 50-week year is slightly over 24%. Cedarmore manager Marvin Byrdwell reported Boone Lodge registration this year is much ahead of last year.

Dedication of the new Ferguson-Jaege Conference Centers was set for August 27.

Two matters earlier referred to the program committee of the board were deferred until later for consideration. An extension of time for study of the relationship of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation to the Kentucky Baptist Convention was requested and a statement on the relationship between the Executive Board and the Kentucky Baptist Convention was promised for later. The Convention last year requested such a study and report by the program committee of the board. The committee will present its report to the convention but probably will release it for earlier publication.

### New Executive Board Members

Several vacancies on the Executive Board were filled as well as vacancies on the Child Care Board, Georgetown College trustees and Campbellsville College trustees. The Executive Board members elected and their associations are: Calvin C. Wilkins, Blood River; J. Howard Sutton, Caldwell; Vernon King, Casey County; D. F. Wigginton, Gasper River; L. H. Owens, Red River; Orion Bell, III, West Union; and C. A. Easterling, Three Forks.

New Child Care Board members are: Charles Chandler, Paducah; Joe D. Cross, Louisville and Mrs. Dan Corman, Lexington.

E. Keevil Judy, Henderson, was named to the Georgetown College trustees, and Alton H. McEachern, Louisville, was selected for a Campbellsville College trustee.

Three motions from board members were approved in a miscellaneous business session. One called for the communication through denominational news releases of progress made in race relations among Kentucky Baptists and Kentucky Baptist churches. Another motion was approved calling for the appointment of an eleven-member committee to study the present direct mission work of the board.

After considerable discussion a motion was approved which will inform Kentucky Southern College trustees that the present financial aid from the Kentucky Baptist Convention to the college will be withdrawn if the school merges with another school or otherwise ceases to be a private Christian college.

The next meeting of the board will be on November 11 at Florence immediately preceding the annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## Five Executive Board Employees Honored May 6



DORIS YEISER . . . accepts words of appreciation from Eldred Taylor and the gift from the Executive Board.



SUE COKER . . . listens to a testimony about her work from L. C. Ray of Louisville.



ROY BOATWRIGHT . . . and his wife Goldie wait for his turn to be honored by the Executive Board.



MARVIN BYRDWELL . . . and "Mrs. B" receive a check of appreciation from Convention President Eldred M. Taylor.

Five career employees of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention were honored for their years of service to Kentucky Baptists during a special recognition banquet at Cedarmore, May 6.

Honored with words of appreciation and a cash gift before the full meeting of the Executive Board were the following persons:

►MARVIN M. BYRDWELL, manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. A native of Tennessee and a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School in Kentucky, Byrdwell has managed Cedarmore as an Executive Board employee since 1951, when the Kentucky Baptist Convention purchased the assembly from Long Run Association.

►MISS DORIS YEISER, secretary to the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Miss Yeiser began work with Kentucky Baptists in 1951 as secretary to the Superintendent of Missions. Later she was named secretary to W. C. Boone and remained as secretary to Harold G. Sanders when he came to Kentucky in 1961.

►GARNETT B. MORTON, business manager. Morton has served the Kentucky Baptist Convention since 1952 when he left a job as office manager for a business firm to supervise the business affairs of Kentucky Baptists. He is a native of Farmington, Kentucky.

►MISS SUE COKER, office secretary in the annuity department. Miss Coker served as office secretary for the Kentucky Baptist WMU for five years before joining the annuity department in 1952. A native of Georgia, she graduated from Kaigler's Business College in Macon and attended Mercer University.

►ROY BOATWRIGHT, secretary of the Sunday School department. Boatwright came to Kentucky in 1952 from Missouri, where



G. B. MORTON . . . and Mrs. Morton follow a printed statement about his work as Harold G. Sanders (standing), executive secretary, reads it aloud.

he served in several pastorates and as a state and associational missionary for the Missouri Baptist Convention. He earned the Th.D. degree from Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas.

## "Bill Wallace" is Coming Soon, Gregory Walcott Says

Gregory Walcott, Baptist layman from California, has announced that the film version of "Bill Wallace of China" should be released to commercial theatres across the United States within a few weeks.

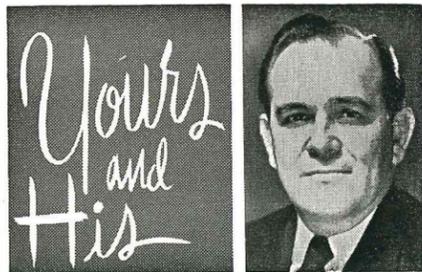
Walcott, interviewed in Columbia, South Carolina, while on a speaking

tour, explained that the final version of the film would be quite different from what Southern Baptists saw in rough preview last summer in Miami Beach.

"The film has had a 30% pictorial change but only eight minutes added time," he said. The Baptist actor added that the most significant additions were

scenes about the arrest and interrogation of Dr. Wallace. Also added were excerpts from Wallace's boyhood days in Tennessee and his early romances.

Walcott plays the title role in the movie, which recounts the events leading to the martyrdom of a Baptist medical missionary in China.



## Where You Going This Summer?

Most people are going on some kind of trip or vacation or retreat or all three this summer. What about spending a few days in the beauty of the Kentucky hills and lakes at Cedarmore this summer?

So many fine things are planned for leaders in the church—Sunday School leaders, Training Union leaders, pastors, Brotherhood leaders, music leaders, WMU leaders, ministers of education,—have you looked up the calendar for Cedarmore? It's wonderful.

You can, of course, just come out and loaf. When we are having any other program there, if there's space, you can just come for a vacation. Write or phone Marvin Byrdwell, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky—phone 502-747-8911.

But, its great to combine spiritual enrichment with recreation—and that's exactly what any leadership week at Cedarmore offers.

## CAMPS FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

Several associational and area camps, as well as our state camps for boys and girls at Cedarmore offer a rich and varied Christian experience for your boys and girls. While they may be called "RA" and "GA" camps, yours do not have to be enrolled in a RA-GA group in your church to come. Of course, they might become interested in a RA or GA chapter for your church. But, they can have lots of fun and deepen their faith in God and man, and get some fine missionary education in one of our camps.

At Cedarmore, there are 10 weeks of boys camps starting June 17—and a boy can stay more than one week if he wants to. My son, Ronny, always wants at least two weeks! Write the Brotherhood Department, Middletown, stating which week you want—and \$1.00 fee.

There are eight weeks of GA camps, starting also June 17. They fill up quickly, so select a week—1st, 2nd, choices and write WMU Department, Middletown 40243 with \$1.00 registration fee—NOW!

Of course there's music assemblies for youth and intermediate (youth) week, and college orientation week (high schoolers getting ready for college), and junior music camps, too—write Eugene Quinn, Middletown with \$1.00. Well?

Harold G. Sanders

## Negro and White Baptist Pastors Of Atlanta Set Joint Meetings

Negro and white Baptist pastors' conferences in Atlanta met recently for the first in what will become a monthly joint meeting of their groups.

The joint meeting was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where recently, the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr., was held. The late King's father was one of about 70 Baptist ministers present, about evenly divided between Negroes and whites.

The joint meetings grew out of an interracial theological seminar which E. A. McDowell had been teaching at First Baptist Church in Atlanta for two years. The meeting originally had been set for April 9, but was delayed because of King's funeral.

(A former Southern Baptist Seminary professor, McDowell is minister of teaching for First Baptist Church of Atlanta until June 1 when he will devote full time to lecturing and writing.)

At the April 16 meeting, McDowell made the motion which authorized interracial committees of the two conferences to decide on a meeting time, programs and other details for regular monthly meetings.

Harold D. Zwald, pastor of West Man- or Baptist Church, is interracial chair-

man for the Atlanta Baptist Pastors' Conference (white). Benjamin W. Bickers, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, is interracial chairman for the Atlanta Ministers' Union (Negro).

William Holmes Borders, pastor of Wheat Street Baptist Church—Atlanta's largest Negro Church—made a fervent speech at the joint meeting.

He said: "We pastors in Atlanta ought to see to it in every way possible that we will work for better education, better housing, more job opportunities, better rehabilitation programs for people in prison and do everything possible to make this community better.

"We can make Atlanta the headquarters of the world. We preachers have the primary responsibility in this cause. Religion is the mother of human culture. We've got to be wise, but we also have got to perform. If we don't we had better turn in our ministerial credentials."

Borders also mentioned the late Dr. King briefly, saying, "He gave his last measure of devotion. If we don't give ourselves to the divine task of obtaining democracy for the common man, monuments and words will be of no effect." (BP)



## Missionary House Car

Mr. and Mrs. Kent W. Balyeat, SBC missionaries to Argentina, and their children (left to right) David, Susan, Mike, and Merry, are spending most of their current furlough touring the United States in this house car and speaking about their work in Argentina. Setting out on February 4, they visited 16 states before (his photograph was taken at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, in early April.

## Health Benefit Plan Open Through May 31

Applications are being accepted now through May 31 for coverage to begin July 1 in the Health Benefit Plan.

The Health Benefit Plan, a conventional insurance plan offering hospital-surgical-major medical benefits, is open to all salaried ministers, church and agency employes (except hospital personnel).

Baynard F. Fox, director of the life and health benefits department of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, emphasizes the ever-increasing costs of hospital and medical care. "Many older programs of insurance are becoming obsolete and inadequate for present-day costs," Fox said. "The Health Benefit Plan is more than hospital and surgical coverage—it has major medical provisions to meet physician's bills incurred in or out of the hospital."

The Health Benefit Plan has paid more than \$3,000,000 in benefits during the last two and one-half years; more than 13,000 members and their families are currently enrolled.

The plan is administered by the Annuity Board and underwritten by Blue Cross-Blue Shield.



## Kentuckian in Brazilian Crusade

Charles W. Holland (second from left), pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington, was among the seven Baptist pastors from the United States who recently conducted revivals in Brazil at the invitation of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. The evangelistic revivals are part of the Crusade of the Americas, which will culminate in 1969. Other persons pictured are (left to right) Robert Cheek, Baytown, Texas; Holland; Rubens Lopes, president of the Crusade for Brazil; Fred Tarpley, Jackson, Mississippi; Lloyd Self, Greenville, South Carolina; Hoge Hockingsmith, Hamilton, Ohio; Ralph Lattimore, Fort Sill, South Carolina; and Amelio Giannetti, evangelism secretary for Brazil.

## Pan American Laymen's Congress Scheduled July 15-19

Involvement of laymen in the Crusade of the Americas will be the theme song off repeated at the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress slated at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-19.

The program was outlined by Owen Cooper, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp., in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and chairman of the laymen's committee for the Crusade of the Americas Directory Council.

Evening sessions during the five-day conference, expected to attract about 750 Baptist laymen from nearly every country in North, Central and South America, will feature evangelistic messages and sermons, and will be open to the public. Evening sessions will be held at the 33,000-seat Maracanazinho Auditorium.

Morning sessions will feature Bible study led by John Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, testimonies from laymen, and messages on the congress themes.

Afternoon sessions will include meetings by interest groups and occupations or vocations. Both morning and afternoon sessions will meet at the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro.

Principal speakers for the evening sessions at the congress will be, Cooper

said, David Gomez, secretary of the Home Mission Board for the Brazilian Baptist Convention (Monday); Samuel Libert, area coordinator for the Crusade of Americas for Southern Latin Amer-

## Graves Honored for 15 Years at First, Middletown

I. Ferd Graves was honored during special services on May 12 for his 15 years of service as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Middletown.



Graves

Kentucky Southern College, and the Middletown Ministers' Conference and other local civic organizations.

During the services, Graves also received a plaque of appreciation from the Middletown Fire Department. He has served this group as chaplain.

ica (Tuesday); Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (Wednesday); and Nilson Faninni, pastor at Niteroi, Brazil, just across the bay from Rio de Janeiro (Thursday).

Each morning session will close with an address on the theme for that session. Speakers include Maxey Jarman, chairman of the board of Genesco (formerly Jarman Shoe Co.), Nashville, Tennessee; Roy L. Lyon, Southern Baptist missionary in Venezuela; and the closing address on Friday morning by Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville and North American coordinator of the crusade.

During the last evening session of the week on Thursday night, the president of the Crusade of the Americas, Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, will make a presentation outlining the comprehensive plans of the crusade to reach North, Central and South America with the gospel during 1969.

Immediately following the congress, the Baptist laymen attending plan to divide into teams and conduct week end laymen's revivals in churches throughout Brazil on the week end of July 19-21.

About 250 Baptist laymen from the United States are expected to attend.

# Washington Baptists Asked to Aid Poor People's March

BY W. BARRY GARRETT

The Executive Board of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention has called on its churches to help during the Poor People's Campaign which began the last of April.

The resolution voted by the Baptist board also urged "upon Congress and the President of the United States their continued concern for the domestic crisis and accelerated action toward eradicating poverty, discrimination and racism from the land."

The action of the Baptist board came at a meeting that was delayed a week because of the curfew imposed on the District of Columbia during the civil disorders that followed Martin Luther King's assassination.

Earlier in an editorial in the *Capital Baptist*, publication of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, James O. Duncan defended the Poor People's Campaign and urged Baptists in the area to cooperate with it.

The campaign, directed by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which Ralph D. Abernathy is head, is designed to be a massive, nonviolent lobby activity to influence Congress and the administration to begin immediately to end poverty.

Specifically, the objectives of the campaign are: meaningful jobs, adequate income, elimination of the welfare system, adequate housing and medical care for all people.

In the event that these talks fail to

produce satisfactory results, the campaign leaders will move in approximately 3,000 poor people from all parts of the nation. These people will live in a camp, called "New City," as close to the U.S. Capitol as possible.

Nonviolent demonstrations are planned on the issues of jobs, incomes, welfare, health, housing, education, human rights. These demonstrations will be aimed at government centers of power.

Finally, if the government does not respond, the same philosophy of civil disobedience used in the civil rights demonstrations of Selma and Birmingham will be used here.

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention Board's resolution confessed fail-

ures to help meet the issues before the nation. It said that Baptists have had "apathetic attitudes" and that they have been guilty of "failure to act" with Christian courage.

The board said that "we commit ourselves to the task of rebuilding that which has been destroyed physically and that which has been destroyed in the attitudes and spirits of men."

Duncan's editorial said: "During the summer, when the poor are here, there will be things that churches can do to help."

"These people will need food, medical supplies, etc. The food will have to be brought to them. It will not be an easy summer for any of us," he said. (BP)

**Kentucky Baptist** **WESTERN RECORDER**

BAPTIST BANNER AND WESTERN PIONEER

**Historical Highlights**

**FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER**

### 10 Years Ago May 15, 1958

J. Howard Williams president of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, died of a heart attack during April. He was 63. A graduate of Southern Seminary at Louisville, Williams had served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Middletown during his student days.

Georgetown College announced it would confer an honorary doctoral degree on Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, at its May 30 commencement exercises. McDonald served for several years as secretary of the Christian education department in Kentucky before going to Arkansas.

Terrill Mays, a senior at Georgetown College, was elected state BSU president during the spring retreat at Cedarhurst Baptist Assembly.

### 25 Years Ago May 13, 1943

Robert G. Bratcher, a second-year student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, was ordained to the ministry by Fourth Avenue Baptist Church in that city. He was pastor of a Baptist church in Rising Sun, Indiana. Bratcher is now special translations secretary for the American Bible Society in New York City; he translated the recent best-selling New Testament version, "Good News For Modern Man."

### 50 Years Ago May 16, 1918

Editor J. W. Porter criticized the proposed action which would admit women messengers to the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"To our mind, there can be no doubt that the very life of the Woman's Missionary Union is threatened by the proposed admission of women messengers to the SBC," he reasoned. "All things considered, would it not be well to amend the motion granting the right of women to become messengers of the Convention by embodying a request that men be given the same right in the WMU."

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### Take A Good Look At King

Dear Editor:

After having read three articles in the *Western Recorder* concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. and the way they lean toward what he was, what he did, what he said, I can no longer in good conscience keep from saying that some people need to re-read Romans 13 and take a good look at the record of this man. Also we must realize that Satan will come in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravaging wolves.

I am happy to hear that for the most part Southern Baptists kept quiet about his death, for it makes me realize that most Southern Baptists still think straight, and are not taken in by words that are spoken from the mouth and not from the heart.

It is also shocking that Mr. Mallow does not consider Southern Baptists a responsible religious body of the nation.

Debord, Ky. Thomas C. Watson

### Southern Baptists Not Silent

Dear Editor:

Mr. Mallow, whose article on the King assassination appeared in the May 2 *Western Recorder*, must have been supplying someone's pulpit if he did not hear Southern Baptists express "shock, anger, and concern" over the taking of a life by an assassin.

Every Baptist pastor to whom I talked during the days following the assassination expressed sorrow and regret that hate was so dominant in our world that men would take another man's life. They expressed concern over our apparent ineptness at improving the lot of those being discriminated against, and our slowness in learning as a people that color, or lack of it, does not make a man.

And these thoughts were expressed from the pulpit, and careers were placed on the line. Some preachers were chastised and threatened by their people.

As far as I know, none of these men called a "press conference" or made the "headlines," but they "spoke out." They have not signed contracts with "tenure" but are subject to dismissal on any given Sunday. Still they preach.

They do this every day, but they don't get many headlines or sermons in the paper. They spoke out when the drunk drove his car over the curb and killed the child playing on the sidewalk, but they were told to be

patient and try to understand alcoholics. The idea of "collective guilt" was not as prominent then—even in a society which apparently condones murder by drink, but abhors murder by hate.

Mr. Mallow was right when he accused us of assassination with words but he was wrong when he attributed it solely to "our Southern-oriented society." To quote Mr. Mallow, "If you don't like what a man says or does, assassinate him. If you don't have the courage to kill him, then assassinate his character, call him a communist, or an atheist, or an immoral man, but don't listen to him—"

Mr. Mallow left out an oft-used assassination adjective in the list, but he remembered to use it when he called "responsible leadership" in our denomination hypocrites. Now there's an all inclusive word, and it's a safe assassination word. It cannot be denied or refuted, for it's true of us all—even Mr. Mallow.

We know what the ideal society is supposed to be—one where God's will is done—and we're trying as best we know how to be His instruments. We look to our colleges and seminaries for ethical and Biblical interpretations, not for name-calling. You see, we already know we are hypocrites.

Frankfort, Ky. Malcolm G. Lunceford

### The First "Conscientious Objector"

Dear Editor:

In this age of "Conscientious Objectors" the question might arise; who was the first known conscientious objector? The answer is Maximilian, a Numidian Christian. In 295 A.D., at the age of 21, he was conscripted for the army, but declared, "I can not serve as a soldier. I can not do evil. I am a Christian."

He was executed.  
Somerset, Ky. Alvin L. Hudson

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## Gethsemane Leads Kentucky In Study Course Awards

Gethsemane Baptist Church of South District Association continues to lead Baptist churches in Kentucky in the number of church study course awards earned since October 1 of last year.

Since that date, members of Gethsemane have earned 303 awards in several categories of the study program.

Listed below, by association, are the top 25 Kentucky churches in number of awards earned during this period. They are listed in the order in which they placed:

Gethsemane (South District Association); Campbellsville (Taylor County); Ashland Avenue (Elkhorn); Central City (Muhlenberg); Corinth of McQuady (Breckenridge); Severns Valley (Severns Valley); Stittton (Severns Valley); First, Hopkinsville (Christian); New Salem (Nelson); Grace (Elkhorn); Farmdale (Long Run); First, Bowling Green (Warren).

Buechel Park (Long Run); Twelfth Street (West Union); Ralph Avenue (Long Run); Beth Haven (Long Run); Chapel Park (Long Run); First, Benton (West Union); Porter Memorial (Elkhorn); First, Somerset (Pulaski); Bruners Chapel (Mercer); Lees Lane (Long Run); First, Frankfort (Franklin); Corinth of Winchester (Boones Creek); Valley Station (Long Run).

## Virginia Avenue, Louisville Is Given a Church Bus

The Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, has been given a church bus by one of its members, Mrs. Clema B. Dunn. The bus has been greatly needed for some time, according to pastor Jim Daniel, but purchasing and operational costs made it prohibitive for the church.

Virginia Avenue Baptist Church is located in one of the rapidly changing communities of Louisville and some of the members must be provided transportation in order to attend services. The bus is filled to capacity almost every Sunday morning.

Pastor Daniel says the gift was a direct answer to prayer and concern. The donor, Mrs. Dunn, has been a Virginia Avenue member for 38 years. She is active in all phases of the church and has served as Woman's Missionary Union president for several terms.

## Kentucky Campus Minister Named to Study Committee

Glen Yarbrough, Baptist campus minister at Georgetown College, has been appointed to a 27-member committee that will make a detailed study of Southern Baptists' work with college students. The committee, composed of persons from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, will study both the program of student work (the Baptist Student Union), and the placement of the student work program in the convention's organizational structure.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



These Lessons For May 26, 1968

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## The Story of Job

Job 2: 1-10

Experience, observation, history and the Bible prove that suffering is a reality in the lives of God's children. None of them escape suffering in this life. They suffer physically, mentally and spiritually. Frequently they wonder why the loving and merciful God permits suffering to come into their lives. Job, who was one of the world's greatest sufferers, was perplexed over the same question.

### I. Job's Character

Job was a man of sincerity, uprightness, integrity, piety and consistency. He was faithful to the trust that was reposed in him. Job was not sinless, and never pretended to be, but he feared God, did that which was right, and hated evil. God blessed Job with a large, active and happy family, as well as with great riches. Apparently his riches consisted principally of great flocks and herds of livestock. Moreover, he had come into possession of these in an honest and honorable manner.

### II. Satan's Challenge

When the sons of God appeared in His presence, Satan, the Adversary, presented himself also. With delight God praised Job. In cynical tones Satan challenged God's statement about Job's character. Charging that Job served God for self-interest, Satan contended that if Job's possessions were removed he would curse God to His face. When Satan accused Job of being good merely because of his prosperity or because of what he got out of it, God accepted the challenge by giving the Adversary permission to test Job in any manner which he desired except the taking of his life.

### III. Job's Calamities

Satan did not lose any time in using God's permission to test Job. All of Job's property was swept away from him. In one day the richest man in the East became bankrupt. That in itself would have driven many into absolute despair. All ten of Job's children were killed in a terrible storm. To this calamity and great sorrow Job responded with the words, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." What a timely

and helpful lesson for those who have become resentful and bitter because they have lost a loved one!

Then Job was smitten with tortuous and loathsome boils from his head to his feet. This calamity caused him to lose his position. The "greatest man in the East" was compelled to sit "among the ashes," scraping the terrible sores on his poor body. If any man ever had any reason to think that God had turned against him, Job was that man. His case was an extreme one, but it was recorded that all who are called to pass through extreme conditions may know that God is able to deliver one from the most extreme afflictions.

Perhaps the hardest blow of all that Job suffered was when his wife, with whom he had shared the days of prosperity and who might have been expected to stand with him in his dark hour, failed him, and urged him to give up his faith in God, and to commit suicide. God pity the person who is hindered in his or her religious life by some sated member of his immediate family,

or who has to stumble over some relative in his effort to be loyal to God and the right!

Even though Job was baffled as to why he had to suffer as he did, he realized that his afflictions were all due to the permissive will of God. One admires his admirable attitude as expressed in his words: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." We would do well to remember that genuine Christian faith does not guarantee that we shall not have troubles and afflictions.

### IV. Job's Confidence

In spite of the fact that Job did not understand why God dealt thus with him, he reprimanded his wife for her foolish and sinful suggestions, maintained a remarkable and an invincible confidence in Him, and was sure that God had some good purpose in permitting him to suffer as he did.

From this man of tremendous faith and unflinching dedication we learn that it is more important that we have the right attitude toward our sufferings than it is to know the reason for them. The attitudes of self-pity, surrender and resentment on account of them are wrong. Earnest prayer, Christ-like resignation and greater usefulness should result from them.

## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### Essentials For Service

John 15: 1-12

In His farewell message to His disciples on the night when He was betrayed, Christ presented to them a beautiful picture of the relationship existing between Himself and them. Although He was going to leave them, He wanted them to know that it would be their privilege to maintain an intimate fellowship with Him, which relationship

was like unto the figure of the vine and its branches.

This chapter does not deal with the way of salvation, but how to serve Christ and bear fruit for Him after we have been saved. It teaches us that fellowship with Christ is the secret of a radiant personality, of the over-coming life, of the untroubled heart and of effective service. Fellowship with Christ results in fruit-bearing for Him. Because Christ is the life-giving vine, it is to be expected that believers, who are the branches, will perform their God-given function and bear fruit.

In order to bear much good fruit there is a real need for pruning, purging and cleansing. While this process is not always pleasant, it is profitable. Let us thank God for the pruning knife when its work is needed. Often, when the Christian thinks that he has done his best, God comes along and purges or cleanses the branch in order that it may

produce more and better fruit. The pathway to real fruit-bearing is the cleansing by the Word, the pruning by the Lord, and the abiding by the disciples.

For abundant fruitfulness in the Christian life there must be a regular study of the Word of God for instruction and correction, a frequent calling upon His name in prayer, and a consistent dependence upon Him for the necessary strength for victorious living. Christ's statement, "Without me ye can do nothing," is the death blow to the pride of man. Natural man believes that he can do much without Christ, but he cannot.

While it is true that without Christ man cannot do anything, it is encouraging to know that in Him there is power for all things that are harmonious with God's will. When Christ's strength and the Christian's surrender unite, proper fruit will always result. Thus the

Christian is able to fulfill His purpose in the world. God is glorified when a Christian bears fruit. The more he bears the more God is glorified.

Christ has commanded us to continue in His love. By that He means that we are to exemplify it. Love walks in the straight way of obedience to the commands of our Lord. When we love Him enough to do the things which He has commanded us, we shall enjoy His favor upon us. Fulness of joy comes from abiding in Christ and His love, and from doing the things that are pleasing to Him. If we truly love Him, we shall strive diligently to do the things that He has commanded us to do.

It is somewhat surprising that our Lord spoke of His joy in that particular dark season through which He was passing, for He was about to be plunged into a sea of suffering the like of which never engulfed another. To be speaking of joy at that time was amazing. He

stated that He wanted His people to be the possessors and exhibitors of His joy. Christ's joy did not consist of material possessions, physical enjoyment or human approbation, but rather in a proper relationship to God the Father, and a redemptive ministry for others.

True Christian joy comes through self-surrender to God and submission to His blessed will. A Christian cannot have true joy unless he is willing to say truthfully: "Thy will, O God, be done." Nobody can be full of joy who is out of harmony with God. There is no joy to be compared with that which issues from introducing people to Christ and influencing them to do His will.

The joy which Christ would have us possess is that of sonship in God's family, doing His will throughout our Christian lives, and being His co-workers in influencing others to enter a saving relationship with Him and to render the services which He requires.

## World Missions Conference Set at Glorieta July 25-31

A Southern Baptist leader who supervises 2,300 missionaries in 65 countries will share plans at the World Missions Conference, July 25-31 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico for a Baptist global missions effort to field 5,000 witnesses for Christ.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will outline Baptist foreign missions during the week-long conference sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

Baptist families attending the World Missions Conference will find activities for every age group. Many of the sessions will be led by the missionaries themselves.

Missions progress in the United States will be reviewed, too, with the Home Mission Board's Personnel Secretary, Glendon McCullough, leading discussions on missions strategy in congested American cities.

Mrs. Michael E. Naranjo, of Espanola, New Mexico, the first person in her home to accept Christ, will tell about her

work in the Southwest as a missionary to American Indians and Spanish-speaking persons.

Southern Baptists attending the World Missions Conference will get an opportunity to tour mission points near Glorieta to see first hand the problems, results, and thrills of this homeland witness.

A report on missions in one of the world's most remote areas will come from Mr. and Mrs. John Rufus Isaacs, missionaries at a Southern Baptist outpost in Alaska.

Another look at Baptist missions will be given by Miss Eva Marie Kennard, who works with internationals in the San Francisco Bay area of California.

Other World Missions Conference topics include witnessing in an urbanized society; testimony from laymen serving Southern Baptist churches in areas of the nation where the denomination is struggling for a foothold; and the application of Christ's teachings on such issues as poverty, peace, moral problems, and race relations.

Persons wanting reservations should write Mark Short, Jr., manager of Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, 87535. Fees of \$3.00 for every person nine or older and \$1.00 for each child under nine should accompany requests. Accommodations range from \$5.00 to \$10.50 per person per day, including meals.

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## SBC Schools Establishing Projects To Fight Poverty and Prejudice

Four Baptist colleges throughout the Southern Baptist Convention recently announced programs that indicate their desire to enter the fight against poverty and racial prejudice in the United States.

Following are individual reports about the projects which they have established:

### TEXAS STUDENTS TO WORK AGAINST RACE PREJUDICE

Some 1,300 Texas Baptist college students have pledged themselves to work to eliminate "every trace of racial discrimination in our Baptist Student Unions, sororities, fraternities and clubs, as well as in matters of student housing and employment."

The pledge was made in a strongly worded statement on racial problems which was approved unanimously at the annual Leadership Training Conference of the Texas Baptist Student Union on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene.

As part of the statement, the students from 75 Texas campuses pledged to "make personal sacrifices and engage in collective action to express our commitment to lessening racial tension and to contributing to racial harmony," and urged all Texas Baptists to join them.

As a concrete evidence of their concern, the students directed the 1968-69 state Baptist Student Union Presidents' Council to design a program of implementation.

### BAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP SET TO HONOR KING MEMORY

A scholarship fund for a Negro student has been established in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, the nation's largest Baptist School.

Baylor President Abner V. McCall made the first contribution to the fund, established by the Baylor administration, and Baylor students and faculty members added to the fund during an outdoor rally coinciding with King's funeral services in Atlanta.

One day earlier, at least ten Baylor students marched with an estimated 25,000 others in Memphis, Tennessee, saying each felt they needed to take some type of positive action to honor King.

Following the news of King's death, tables were set up on the Baptist college campus where students could sign letters to their congressmen in support of pending civil rights legislation, and obtain information about working in the War on Poverty among the people King sought to help. (BP)

### HOUSTON BAPTIST COLLEGE STUDY SET ON INTEGRATION

A professor at Houston Baptist College, Jerry Robinson, has been awarded a \$176,898 grant for a three-year study on the mental conflicts public school teachers experience in adjusting to teaching in integrated classrooms.

The study is being financed by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Robinson is a former assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church in Brookhaven, Mississippi, and assistant professor of sociology at the Baptist school.

The study will be carried out with the cooperation of the Houston Independent School District, and will evaluate the effectiveness of special training programs conducted last summer at Texas Southern University, the University of Houston and the University of St. Thomas, which were designed to reduce the mental conflicts of teachers adjusting to integration.

### BAPTIST COLLEGE GETS GRANT FOR UPWARD BOUND

Mars Hill College in North Carolina has received a federal grant of \$66,609 from the Office of Economic Opportunity to establish and operate an Upward Bound program for about 50 economically and culturally disadvantaged high school students in two counties.

It is believed to be the first Baptist college in the state to participate in the Upward Bound program of the War on Poverty. Mars Hill is located at the edge of the Appalachian Mountain range in western North Carolina.

Heavily concentrated in the summer but continuing through the normal school year, the program will enroll 25 sophomores and 25 juniors.

Objective of the Upward Bound program is to take the students where they are academically, culturally and physically and guide them and encourage them in their progress in each area as much as possible, with hopes of preparing them for college. (BP)

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