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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

DR. GAINES S. DOBBINS, former professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville, continues his influential ministry with his latest book *Learning to Lead*, published by Broadman Press. The book deals with the principles of responsible leadership in the church. Dobbins, now retired, lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

THE NAME of the First Baptist Church of Mayfield, Kentucky, was not printed in the recent Cooperative Program report published in the *Western Recorder*. During the first six months of this convention year, First of Mayfield has given \$4,940.20 to the Cooperative Program and \$2,825.66 to designated causes.

THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE of Southern Seminary held its annual spring meeting on May 10 on the seminary campus. The program featured international students and a tribute to the late seminary professor, W. O. Carver.

A YOUTH REVIVAL at Gray Hawk Baptist Church, April 14-20, resulted in 23 decisions according to pastor Clyde Shackelford. The youth team consisted of two young ministers, a song leader and a pianist—all of them students at Hazel Green High School. This youth team is available for revivals this summer and is highly recommended by Pastor Shackelford.

MORE THAN 200 PERSONS professing faith in Christ during the recent evangelistic campaign of Baptists in Italy. Hundreds more asked for Bibles and for conferences about the evangelical understanding of the gospel.

DELBERT C. PARTIN of Campbellsburg, retired U.S. Air Force chaplain, has been invited to become interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ceiba, Puerto Rico. The church, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, is located near the large naval base in Puerto Rico and ministers to military and civilian personnel in two languages.

HAROLD MOYE, former pastor in King's Mountain and Gravel Switch, Kentucky, has been named new pastor of the Waimea Baptist Church on the Island of Kauai in Hawaii. Now in Dallas, Texas, he attended Campbellsville College before going to Texas several years ago to finish his seminary work. For the past four years he and Mrs. Moye have worked in Buckner Baptist Benevolences in Dallas.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST State Convention has begun a series of advertisements in the state's radio, television and newspaper outlets, communicating such concepts as self-identity and involvement in helping people.

EIGHT PERSONS were added to the membership of Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, during recent revival services there. Preacher for the services was William Carter, pastor of Oak Hill church in Evansville, Indiana. William Weedman is pastor of the Southside congregation.

ROBERT G. BRATCHER, translator of the American Bible Society's best-selling "Good News for Modern Man," will be honored by Georgetown College with the honorary doctor of literature degree on May 24 at commencement exercises. Bratcher, who graduated from Georgetown in 1941, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on May 23.



Bratcher

PAUL R. ADKINS, director of the department of Christian social ministries of the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, has resigned to accept the directorship of the Florida Baptist Retirement Center at Vero Beach, Florida.

GERALD S. HARVEY, former pastor of Glenville Baptist Church in Utica, Kentucky, and Mrs. Harvey have left Rhodesia for furlough in the United States. A native of Missouri, he was appointed a SBC missionary in 1954.

ROBERT E. CRAIG was inaugurated recently as the 17th president of Union University at Jackson, Tennessee. The ceremonies featured addresses by Vice-president Hubert H. Humphrey and John J. Hurt, editor of the *Texas Baptist Standard*.

DAVID A. CHEAVENS, director of public relations and head of the journalism department at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, has announced his retirement from the public relations field to give full time to teaching. Named director of public relations for the Baptist school is C. C. Risenhoover, who has directed the Baylor news bureau for the past year and a half.

W. C. FIELDS the first Southern Baptist to serve as president of the interdenominational Associated Church Press, urged the organization's members in a meeting at Washington to crusade against racism in the nation and in their churches. He is director of public relations for the SBC Executive Committee.

CHARLES R. LIVINGSTONE, formerly editor of adult life and work materials for the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, has been named supervisor of the board's newly-created youth section.

L. E. LAWSON, pastor of Windermere Baptist Church, Littleton, Colorado, has been elected secretary of evangelism and Brotherhood for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, with offices at Indianapolis.

MISS CLARA A. McCARTT, secretary and administrative assistant to the president at Southern Seminary in Louisville, was named secretary of the year by the Louisville chapter of the National Secretaries Association.

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

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What is Worth My Life?--A Question for Youth

by CYNTHIA ANN HULLETTE

As we ponder over this question and its meaning to each of our lives, let me convert it into two separate questions: "For what am I living?" "For what would I give my life?" Now, let us listen to Paul's reply in Romans 14:7-8: "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

Before we can answer these questions, we must first answer another question asked by James in his epistle, "For what is life. . .?"

Life is first of all a sense—a sense which expresses many emotions such as love, hate, fear and security; a sense created with intelligence and a will to progress and survive.

Life is an impulse, a force which leads us to act. Life is a drive, a desire to reach a goal and to move onward and upward. However, sometimes this is lacking in a person's life. For example, a man who lived in the weed-covered Bunker Hill area of Los Angeles, California, discovered that he had accumulated \$19,000 in the last 15 years. He knew nothing of his riches until he was recently approached by a reporter. He commented, "Sure, 'I want to get out of the weeds, but I have no thought of moving out now. I want this life.'" Then he pulled 44 cents from his pocket and

said, "this is all the richer I want to be—enough to buy a short jug. That's all I want out of life now." Life's desire to this man was weeds rather than riches.

Life is a pursuit—a pursuit for happiness, security and fulfillment.

Yes, my life consists of many of these things, and now, I am ready to answer the first question, "For what am I living?" My answer is found in God.

God gave me this life and He asks only that I dedicate it to Him. Several years ago God's Son, Jesus Christ, gave me a new life when He entered my heart and became the ruler of my life.

Secondly, "For what would I give my life?" It is the nature of man to count his life as priceless. It would be difficult for one to say without any thought of himself that he would give his life for another. But we remember that Christ gave His life for us that we might live.

Each individual, whether he be a new born babe or an aged adult, has within his being the capacity to love and be loved. Love, then, ideally involves self-emptying or a giving of one's self

Miss Hullette, a member of Riverside Baptist Church in Four Mile, Kentucky, is a freshman at Cumberland College. She gave this essay as the winning address at the recent Kentucky Young Peoples Speakers' Tournament at Cedar-more. She will represent Kentucky in the SBC-wide finals this summer at Ridgecrest.

to preserve and give quality to life. Is love worth my life?

Freedom, what an important word! It is a word with great meaning, a word felt by the hearts of American citizens. Freedom to some may be defined as the absence of restraint. To me this concept fails to relate itself to the common welfare of our nation's citizens. As an individual, I believe that freedom involves a definite responsibility to our fellowman, and not merely to be the recipient of the blessings of democracy.

Would I give my life for the cause of freedom as many of our young men are doing today? Or would I be like the draft card burner, and declare my life of much more value than the peace and freedom of the world? Is freedom worth my life?

Now, the most important question of all faces us: "Is Christ worth my life?" If the time came when we had to choose Christ or ourselves, which would we honestly choose? As mortal men it would be difficult for us to say, "I'll die for Christ," without any hesitation. Or would we stop and think and wonder if Christ is worth our very existence?

God breathed into man the "breath of life"—a life with impulse and pursuit, a life with love, freedom and security. What can we give God in return? For what am I living?

I challenge you to seek your answer to the question: "What is Worth My Life?"

"Denominational Politics" Among Southern Baptists

BY T. B. MASTON
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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

Some of the state denominational papers have recently carried an article of mine entitled "Denominational Politics." They have also published other articles and a few editors themselves have spoken concerning politics in the denomination.

There evidently has not been any decrease in political maneuvering, at least for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Word has come to me that a certain individual has agreed to "run for the office." It has been determined who will nominate him.

All this is being done with an expressed conviction of a divine mission. Also, it is claimed that "it is for the good of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Is there any hope that we will ever get beyond this kind of politics in our Convention? If not, let us frankly say so and bring it out in the open.

There has been considerable response to the previous article. Some have

spoken of "denominational political machines" in certain states. Such is evidently considerably more prevalent in some states than in others.

A letter from an editor says that he might some day get the courage to list the candidates "along with a summary of their campaign material." The latter is considerable in some cases.

A lawyer who has two preacher brothers included the following in a letter he wrote to me: "Laymen have been discussing this (denominational politics) for years and have been worried and alarmed at the situation. . . . It is time that the leaders take an interest in the matter if the denomination is to be preserved."

Are we so impoverished as a denomination that we do not have men among us to whom we can and will naturally turn for leadership? Do we not have in all our vast numbers a J. B. Gambrell, an E. Y. Mullins, a John R. Sampey, a Lee R. Scarborough, a George W. McDaniel, a George W. Truett, a Fred Brown, or men of similar character and caliber?

We have some wonderful young men, but there remains a question whether

or not they will mature into the intellectual and spiritual stature of those who have provided leadership for Southern Baptists in the past.

An additional perplexing and disturbing question is: Even if they mature into real spiritual giants, will Southern Baptists permit them to provide the leadership they are capable of and the leadership Southern Baptists need?

I hope it is understood that this is not a blanket indictment of Southern Baptist leadership. Some are elected to places of leadership, even as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who evidently have not sought the office.

Furthermore, there are some wonderful men and women in our midst. Many of the latter, however, are in places of executive leadership. Certainly, we should be grateful to the Lord for the top level elder statesmen that we have among us.

And then we have some excellent men, who because of their reticence about getting involved in "denominational politics" or because Baptists in general do not care for their type of leadership, are not in places of elected leadership among Southern Baptists.



Baptist Progress in Race Relations

The recent editorials and news releases in this publication dealing with Baptists and the national racial crisis have drawn both severe criticism and high praise. This was anticipated in light of the sharply controversial views among Baptists on race relations.

In addition to criticism and praise, the question of fairness and accuracy of some of the charges concerning Baptist silence and apathy has been raised. There is validity in such a question, because blanket condemnation is usually unfair. In emphasizing a point, we tend to overstate the case. While we have done far too little far too late, not all Baptists by any means have been silent and unconcerned for racial justice. Many have acted with great Christian conviction and courage without making news headlines.

As Kentucky Baptists we have reason to be grateful to God for bringing us as far as we have come. This is much further than many of our fellow Baptists in other areas of the South have come. We have no reason to boast, however, because we have a much more favorable position than many of our brethren. The whole atmosphere of Kentucky as a border state makes it far easier for us than for states without such contacts and influences.

Not only the geographical location but the political climate of Kentucky has been helpful to religious groups dealing with race problems. Louisville has been a model city for school desegregation and other civil right advances. A state-wide public accommodations law enacted several years ago put Kentucky far ahead of other southern states in this respect, and earlier this year Kentucky became the first southern state to pass an open-housing law. Furthermore, with the possible exception of one instance in recent years we have not been plagued in Kentucky with self-serving, principleless politicians who exploited racial prejudice for votes.

Harlan Baptist Centennial and Rainbows Atop the Cumberlands

Kentucky affords many delights in the springtime. Among these are the matchless beauty of the Cumberland mountains and the hospitality of Baptists in Harlan. Either of these delights is grand; the two put together are unforgettable.

Racial integration of Kentucky Baptist churches has been going on for a number of years. Many, many white churches have gone on record welcoming all believers regardless of race. Negro churches have joined our district associations and our state convention.

There have been several pivotal events in the steady progress of Kentucky Baptists toward full brotherhood. Surely one of these was the beginning in Louisville several years ago of the joint pastors' conference of white and Negro ministers. John Claypool, Crescent Hill Baptist pastor, was the leading force in this creative step, though he had many white and black colleagues who were ready to join him. This fellowship has been climaxed each year with a Christmas banquet for the ministers and their families. In Lexington and other cities with a concentration of Negro Baptists, white Baptists have joined in the same kind of meaningful relations.

On the state level the creation of a Kentucky Baptist department of interracial cooperation no doubt has been the greatest factor in the growing fellowship of white and black Baptists in Kentucky. Secretary Herman Ihley has been very efficient in establishing the most effective channels of communication and in building the most meaningful bridges of understanding among all Baptists in Kentucky.

But even more important than any denominational interracial organization of Baptists is the person-to-person and church-to-church good will and Christian fellowship being realized all over our state. Pastors by the hundreds are taking the initiative and are leading their congregations to new levels of understanding and fellowship with Negro Baptists. In many instances white and black Baptists are working together, singing together, praying together and eating together.

Surely we have a long way to go yet, but thanks be to God we are on the way. There are rays of light that herald a new dawn of love and fellowship.

A year of centennial celebration by Harlan Baptists was the occasion for the invitation from Pastor Earl Bell to join members of the Harlan Baptist Church for a memorable day in May. Frequent visits with this congregation over the past 10 years convinces me here

is one of the warmest, friendliest and most dedicated groups of Baptists in the world.

Pastor Bell is a great booster of Harlan, the mountains and Harlan Baptists. He has the wonderful capacity to find every place he serves the best place in the world. He is also a master-planner as well as a perfect host. What he doesn't do for his visitors to let them enjoy the occasion to the fullest hasn't been thought of yet.

Earl has a graduate degree in history and so found the 100 years of Harlan Baptist history a delightful project for a book which he has already finished. The climax of the centennial celebration will take place the first week of July when most of the former pastors and many former members of the church will return.

My recent visit coincided with a recognition service for members of the Girls' Auxiliary of the Harlan Baptist Church. This provided an inspiring demonstration of Biblical and missionary knowledge on the part of many girls and revealed endless hours of hard work on the part of their adult leaders. Fifteen-year-old Gloria Johnson was recognized as a queen regent-in-service, the highest rank for a Southern Baptist girl in missionary education. Gloria is the first girl in the 100 years of Harlan Baptist history to attain this rank, and Pastor Bell and Harlan Baptists are justly proud of her. She will also represent Kentucky in the convention-wide intermediate sword drill this summer.

But the delights of Harlan didn't end on Sunday. Among Harlan Baptists is lumberman John Hubbard, who has constructed a beautiful lake near the top of Stone Mountain outside Harlan and stocked it with rainbow trout. He was generous enough to arrange a fishing expedition on Monday morning which was one to remember.

It was a crisp 32 degrees when we met Dr. Sam Cooke for an early breakfast at Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital. Dr. Cooke, an eye, ear and nose

specialist, has retired from medicine twice, made two trips abroad on the mercy medical ship, Hope, but still uses medicine for a ministry in the mountains.

The fishing party included Dr. Cooke, Pastor Bell, his father and son along with John and me. It was easy enough to get to the foot of the mountain by the highway, but from then on it was up a timber trail in a four-wheel-drive vehicle. The whole world of mountain nature shimmered with early morning freshness and beauty. Tall trees lined the trail and dogwoods at high elevations were in brilliant whiteness.

What a sight was the crystal clear lake fed by a mountain stream! My blood pressure must have skyrocketed at the sight of a school of rainbows clearly visible in the spring water. Grabbing a tiny artificial lure, the first cast resulted in a tangle between a rainbow and a preacher. In short order the stringer began to fill as all of us were successful.

John disappeared down the mountain trail only to return shortly with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and their cooking outfit. While the rainbows were still jumping with life, John and Mr. Mitchell prepared them for the frying pan made ready by Mrs. Mitchell. Before long we were stretched out on the grassy lake bank with golden fried rainbows, cornbread and coffee.

Overhead was the dark blue Appalachian sky. The sunlight unmixed with the smog of lower elevations found its way through the tall poplars, leafy maples and sturdy oaks along the lake shoreline. Across the lake against the shady mountainside was a bank of rhododendron, the wild mountain rose still several weeks away from its full glory.

What a world God has given to His children! A world of natural beauty by creation and a world of lovely people by recreation. And there is an abundance of both in the Cumberland mountains and in Harlan. How could one ever forget a Harlan Baptist centennial and rainbows atop the Cumberlands?

BAPTIST FORUM



"Amen" for Youth Rallies

Dear Editor:

I would like to voice a hearty "Amen" to your editorial concerning state youth rallies being effective. As a pastor, I have fully appreciated the efforts of our young people.

In the Greenup Association, we have a youth organization that is called The Baptist Youth Crusade. This is an attempt to get young people in our association together for fellowship and spiritual uplift. The young people plan the programs and conduct the meetings, while the adults stay in the background.

The Baptist Youth Nights have shown at least to me that our young people do want to serve Christ. Unless we give them some responsibility in our churches and let them exercise their talents for our Lord in their own way and in their own language, one day we'll not have any people in our churches.

Olive Hill, Ky. William Hartung

Fighting at the Front

Dear Editor:

This is my first time for writing, but after reading a letter to the editor stating that Dr. Martin Luther King was a communist and that you had more important things to do than write about Dr. King, I felt I must write. It is much easier to call Dr. King a communist and sit on our chairs of do-nothing. Once Baptists fought for the rights of others, but now we must bow our heads in shame.

My husband and I thank God that

voices are now being raised and things are being written such as your recent articles and also the article written on August 6, 1964, entitled "Why are Baptists Silent?" which we have saved along with others. By such articles, you are not lowering opinions but are at the front fighting for the right of our colored brethren.

Dr. King was not a communist but was one of the greatest Christians and Baptists of our time. May God give you and all of us the strength and courage to speak out before it is too late.

Louisville, Ky. Shirley Monin

Georgia Church Where SBC Formed Will Move to New 32-acre Site

The First Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, has voted to sell its historic downtown location and move to a 32-acre site five miles away.

Pastor R. J. Robinson said the final move may be five or six years away, but that the major hurdle had been cleared in the vote to sell.

The SBC was organized at the church's present location on Greene Street in 1845, in a building which was torn down in 1901. The present structure was erected in 1902.

Robinson, in his 15th year as pastor there, said a committee will be named

to plan some type of plaque or marker for the Greene Street site, designating it as the SBC birthplace.

The church, which celebrated its 150th birthday in 1967 with several major activities, including a message by Billy Graham, paid \$470,000 for the new 32-acre tract where it will relocate eventually.

The property, known in Augusta as the O'Hara property, is located at the end of Walton Way, about five miles west of the present church site. Robert C. Norman is the chairman of the long-range planning committee which, after four years study and survey, recommended the move.

Beth Haven, Lou'ville, Leads Kentucky In 1967 Baptisms

Beth Haven Baptist Church of Louisville led Kentucky in the number of persons baptized during 1967, according to a report released recently by Evangelism Secretary Thomas H. Shelton.

Beth Haven, located in Valley Station in Long Run Association, baptized 183 persons during the past year.

Other Kentucky churches placing in the top ten in number of persons baptized during 1967 are:

Trinity, Lexington, 111; First, Danville, 109; Farndale, Louisville, 100; Walnut Street, Louisville, 90; Ormsby Heights, Louisville, 87; Stithton, Radcliff, 85; Altona, Calvert City, 71; Gethsemane, Louisville, 70; and Green Acres, Louisville, 70.

The Late W. O. Carver Honored At Meeting of SBC Historians

The Southern Baptist Historical Society, meeting at Nashville, in connection with the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, formed a motorcade to Wilson County, Tennessee, where they held a memorial service commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late William Owen Carver.



Carver

he was ordained and where he served his first full-time pastorate.

Dr. Carver, a long-time president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society which conducted the service, was largely responsible for creation of the SBC Historical Commission.

A noted educator, author and Baptist statesman, Dr. Carver taught at Southern Seminary in Louisville for 50 years, heading the missions department much of that time.

He also founded the Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Southern Seminary in 1907. Since then, the name was changed to Carver School of Missions and Social Work, and later merged with Southern Seminary.

During the 100th anniversary ceremonies at the New Hope Church, one of his former students, H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, SBC Foreign Mission Board, delivered a tape-recorded message on "W. O. Carver—The Many-Sided Man."

Mrs. Ollin J. Owens, of Columbia, South Carolina, president of the His-

torical Society, presented to the SBC Historical Commission a book entitled *Small Songs for Small Children*, which had been presented her and her sister by Dr. Carver in 1919.

During the meeting of the Historical Commission, emphasis on the program was placed on the use of art in Baptist churches.

Josephine Sellers, a recent doctoral graduate of Syracuse University, spoke on "Art in Southern Baptist Churches," using paintings, art glass windows, baptismal decorations and displays of church architecture to illustrate her address.

Erwin M. Hearne Jr., an artist from Dallas who has painted a number of pictures depicting great moments in Baptist history, gave a survey of his experiences in illustrating Baptist history.

Officers of both the Historical Commission and the Historical Society were re-elected. Fred C. Schatz, dean at Belmont College, Nashville, was re-elected chairman of the commission, and Mrs. Ollin J. Owens of Columbia, South Carolina, was re-elected president of the Historical Society. (BP)

Francisco Awarded Study Grant For Oxford Research

A \$4,000 study grant has been awarded to Southern Seminary Old Testament professor Clyde T. Francisco by the



Francisco

famed Bodleian Library, and consult with leading Old Testament scholars at Oxford.

Francisco said he would attempt to translate scientific critical study into language understood by laymen in his book. He has taught courses in Genesis for 10 years at Southern Seminary as holder of the John R. Sampey Chair of Old Testament Interpretation.

Beginning in June, Francisco will spend the summer teaching in the Orient under the sponsorship of the SBC Foreign Mission Board in Japan, the Philippines, and Indonesia. He begins his work in England in the fall. (BP)

Erlanger Baptists Give "Good News" to Employees

by DALLAS LEE
HOME MISSION BOARD
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Chester Long is a near-blind father of ten children in Erlanger, Kentucky, but he has no trouble seeing the truth.

Recently, Long and his business partner-brother called the 50 employees of their Cincinnati Drum Company together and handed them each a paperback book called *Good News for Modern Man*.

According to his pastor at the Erlanger Baptist Church, Keith D. LaGessee, Long told his employees, "I want you to take this book and read it. You will get more out of the New Testament here than you will out of the paycheck in your other hand if you will just let the book talk to you."

After distributing the inexpensive modern translation of the New Testament, Long asked the men to read it and to share with him any results that came from reading the Scriptures. Many have shared experiences with him since then and have told how they have been helped by the reading of the New Testament.

"Many of these employees have social and personal problems," LaGessee said. "The Longs feel that if they are able to help these men readjust and enter society, they will make a double contribution."

Once, after the pastor had been asked to speak to a meeting of the employees, Chester Long rose and added his personal testimony. "For years some of these men had worked for him and had known him as a pretty difficult character to deal with," the pastor said.

"The evidence of change in Chester's life, wrought by the power of the Lord and the Word of God, was noticed by his men. It was probably the best advertisement *Good News for Modern Man* could ever have."



"GOOD NEWS"—Orion Long (left) and his brother Chester (center) of Erlanger distribute copies of the New Testament to employees of their firm.

All SBC Missionaries In Saigon Reported Safe

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board learned by cable (May 8) that all Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Saigon, Vietnam, are all right following several days of Vietcong attacks on the city.

Missionaries currently stationed in Saigon are Robert C. Davis, Jr. (of Hearne, Texas), James M. Gayle (of Freeport, Texas), Herman P. Hayes (of Bossier City, Louisiana), James F. Humphries (of Decatur, Georgia), Samuel M. James (of Durham, North Carolina), and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Fuller (of Lafayette, California). Except for Mrs. Fuller, the missionary wives and children are currently in Bangkok, Thailand.

Baptist Students Give Opinions On Morals, Doctrines and BSU

Views on church participation, doctrines, moral questions and the Baptist Student Union were stated by Baptist young people in a recent survey conducted by the student department of the SBC Sunday School Board.

The sample included 62 schools with data collected from a limited number of students of each school by means of a random, stratified sample.

The research was conducted in order to project a ministry to the college campus and help churches to better understand the needs and attitudes of contemporary students.

Students' answers to questions on church participation reveal that 29% of the students teach a Sunday School class or have other leadership responsibility in the church. Over half indicated that they do not attend Sunday School as much as they did while in high school.

Approximately one-fourth of the sampled students stated that they attend Training Union regularly. Freshmen ranked highest and graduate students ranked lowest in attendance.

On the questions of Baptist doctrine, over one-fourth of the students indicated that they believe Baptists are too old-fashioned in their beliefs. Nearly 21% of the freshmen students believed

this, while 36.7% of the graduate students surveyed had this feeling.

Approximately 40% of the Baptist students believe that a sincere person of any religion will go to heaven. Only 11%, however, believed that all who live a good moral life will go to heaven; while 10% believe there is no hell.

Answers to moral questions in the survey revealed that two-thirds of the students believe that all sexual intercourse before marriage is wrong. Some 72% of the freshmen agreed it was wrong. Only 55.4% of the graduate students had the same belief. Almost three-fourths of the students expect their life partner to be morally and sexually pure.

On the question of moderate social drinking, 32% of the students approved, while 10% was undecided. One fourth of the freshmen stated that they approved while 52.7% of the graduate class approved.

A low participation in the Baptist Student Union pointed out the need for an effective means of communicating with students who do not or cannot attend BSU functions.

Data from the study also indicated that one-fourth of the students believe that the BSU needs a new approach. (BP)

Long Holiday Bill Revived by House of Representatives

The House of Representatives has pumped new life into the plan to change some federal holidays so that they fall on a Monday, in the hope of creating more three-day weekends for the nation.

In a vote of 212 to 83, the House voted to change three federal holidays so that they regularly fall on Monday. In addition, the House voted to create a new holiday to be called Columbus Day.

According to the action, which has not yet been approved by the Senate, the following holidays will be changed:

- ▶Washington's birthday, to the third Monday in February;
- ▶Memorial Day, to the last Monday

in May; and

▶Veterans Day, to the fourth Monday in October.

The new national holiday in honor of Christopher Columbus would be observed on the second Monday in October.

The bill, if enacted into law, would go into effect January 1, 1971.

The new bill passed by the House and now pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee, is a modification of original proposals that would also have changed Independence Day from July 4 to the first Monday in July and Thanksgiving Day from the fourth Thursday to the fourth Monday.

Also, in the Senate, the proposals would replace George Washington's Birthday with President's Day, to be observed on the third Monday in February.

The House Judiciary Committee said in its report to the House that the present bill represents "a refinement" of their judgment regarding the holidays that could be changed "without doing violence to either history or tradition."

In the several days of hearings held by Senate and House subcommittees, only one religious group testified against the creation of more three-day weekends.

Marion G. Bradwell, a spokesman for the Lord's Day Alliance said his organization opposed this because of "its effect upon the Christian education programs of the churches."

The legal effect of the proposed law would be limited to observances of holidays by federal employees and in the District of Columbia. However, state legislatures generally follow the lead of the national holidays set by Congress.

Citing "widespread support from every quarter of the nation" the sponsors of the House bill said they anticipated that the states will follow the lead of this bill and enact consistent legislation.

In the case of establishing a new holiday in honor of Columbus, Congress would be following the lead of 34 states where such a law has already been enacted. Also, the state of Massachusetts has already passed Monday holiday legislation and similar proposals are pending in several other states. (BP)

Home Missionary Will Have Unique Assistant--SBC WMU President

Robert C. Fling, a former pastor in a small Texas town, has been appointed pastor-director of mission work in Westchester County, New York, a Project 500 target area that boasts of the highest per capita income in the United States.

He will have a unique assistant in his wife, Helen, who for five years has been president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Fling describes herself and her husband as "victims of our own speaking and writing of our growing concern for pioneer missions in this day of urbanization."

Fling, who was pastor of First Baptist Church of Cleburne, Texas, will be the first pastor for Westchester Baptist Church. From the church, he will produce multiple ministries to other communities in the county.

"We expect this to be one of our most interesting and most productive situations," said Wendell Belew, secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board's department of pioneer missions.

He added that Fling "will be especially equipped to lead in this mission situation. He is experienced in the pastorate, has exceptional creative abilities and is willing to attempt new approaches

in reaching people."

He is a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Also a Baylor graduate, Mrs. Fling served six years as recording secretary of the convention-wide WMU before becoming its president.

She is a member of the executive committee of both the Southern Baptist Convention and North American Baptist Woman's Union and is a member of the commission of missions and evangelism of the Baptist World Alliance. (BP)

Mrs. Woodward Serving a Second Time as State WMU President

Mrs. J. S. Woodward, a member of Long Lick Baptist Church in Scott County near Georgetown, is serving as president of the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union for the second time in seven years.

Elected first to the office in 1961, she was chosen for the same position this year by messengers attending their recent annual convention at Hopkinsville.

Born in Woodford County near Versailles, she grew up and was baptized in Mt. Vernon Baptist Church on Old Frankfort Pike. She and her family moved to Lexington when she was 10.

Throughout her long years of service in the WMU, Mrs. Woodward has served as president of the organization in her church several times. More recently she was superintendent of the WMU for Elkhorn Association and president for the north central region.

The mother of four children, she also has seven grandchildren.



WESTERN RECORDER

William Day is Called To Bowling Green Church

William Edward Day, a 1960 graduate of Georgetown College and a former student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, is the new pastor of Barren River Baptist Church near Bowling Green. He has served several other churches in the state.

Presently he is studying toward a master's degree in history at Western Kentucky University.

Day is married to the former Lonnie Ann Hoffman. They have two sons, Eric, 6, and Scott, 2½.

Danville Pastor Resigns To Work at Deaf School

Max L. Stitts, pastor of First Baptist Church, Danville, for the past seven years, has announced his resignation to begin work with the Kentucky School for the Deaf in Danville, effective July 1.

While at the Danville church, Stitts established a ministry to the children at the nearby state school for the deaf. The church now has a fully-graded deaf Sunday School with nearly 30 staff workers.

The Stitts will continue to reside in their home on Springhill Drive in Streamland.



Reading from "Good News"

Mrs. John W. Lester of Pineville, wife of a teacher at Clear Creek Baptist School, smiles her approval as Robert Garland, 52, of Arjay, Kentucky, tests his newly learned reading skill on the Bible. They attended the recent annual meeting of the American Bible Society in New York City, where they delivered a personal testimony about the effectiveness of the Society's Bible distribution program in Appalachia. Over 400,000 copies of chapters 14 and 15 of John's Gospel from "Good News for Modern Man" are being distributed by churches and individuals in eastern Kentucky.

Foreign Board Appoints 11 Missionaries at May Meeting

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting May 9 in regular monthly session, appointed 11 missionaries, took care of routine business, and heard reports from its executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen, and other administrative officers.

Cauthen thanked Woman's Missionary Union and all others who shared in the 1967 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of \$14,664,679. He explained that most of this love offering for foreign missions has already been appropriated by the Board and that more than \$600,000 will be appropriated in June when the Board meets in full session at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina.

"Resources for foreign missions come primarily through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering," he said. "Both have grown in parallel line during the past 20 years of Southern Baptist foreign mission advance. If either had failed to grow, advance would have been seriously retarded."

Reviewing steps taken in April to reinforce the Board's administration, Cauthen said it is expected that additional area secretaries will be elected in June and that "other recommendations will be brought from time to time for further strengthening the Board's overall ad-

ministration." (In April the Board subdivided two of its four administrative areas, creating six.)

Winston Crawley gave a "final accounting of stewardship" for his 14 years as the Board's secretary for the Orient. His area was subdivided in April (becoming East Asia and Southeast Asia), and he became director of the newly created overseas division May 1.

While Crawley was Orient secretary, the number of Southern Baptist missionaries to the part of the world rose from 294 to 748. The number of churches and chapels related to Southern Baptist mission work and their membership nearly quadrupled, growing to 1,222 congregations with almost 80,000 members. Self-supporting churches increased from 24 to 87 percent, and the number of national pastors from 85 to 754. (Most of the 13 Orient countries to which Southern Baptist missionaries are now assigned were entered after missionaries had to withdraw from mainland China around 1950).

Also, Baptist work in Hawaii was transferred from the Foreign Mission Board to the new state's Baptist convention. Baptist student work, radio and television evangelism, and ministries to English-speaking people were greatly

expanded. Two new colleges, four theological schools, and six hospitals were opened (with two more hospitals planned). Six new publication centers were developed. Special projects in evangelism and church development were carried out in many countries.

H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, reported on the first conference of Southern Baptist missionaries to the French-speaking nations of West Africa. Missionaries from Togo and the Ivory Coast met with Goerner in Lome, Togo, April 24-26, to discuss common problems, plan unified projects, and consider expansion into nearby countries.

Effective Christian literature in the French language is rated by the missionaries as their most pressing need, Goerner said. The conferees requested a missionary writer-editor to begin a publication ministry which could lead to a publishing center for all the French-speaking areas of West Africa.

After leaving Togo, Goerner stopped briefly in Lagos, Nigeria, where he found the city apparently unaffected by the fact that fighting continues in the eastern section of the country. The Nigerian Baptist Convention was in session in Benin City.

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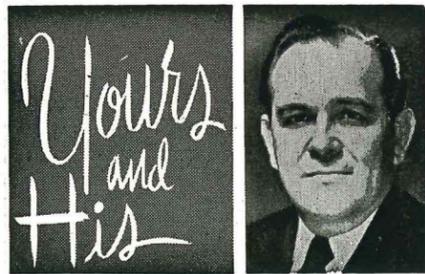
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Marion Church Increases CP

Jim Carnahan, treasurer of the First Baptist Church, Marion, Kentucky, is a man of few words and large works. I got a note from him the other day attached to a church check for \$1,060 for the Cooperative Program of world missions.

He said: we are increasing our monthly gifts to the Cooperative Program from \$500 to \$560 for the last six months of this church year, and, also giving an extra \$500 this month.

No fanfare, just faith in action. The Marion Church is one of the finest fellowships in Kentucky, and Guy Gordon is their present pastor and before him was Shelby R. Beaty, now retired in Paducah. It was my privilege to share in a revival at this church a couple of years ago. That's when I came to appreciate Jim Carnahan and so many of the fine members of that church. They felt that they did not need to wait for a new budgetary year to increase their concern for the Lord's cause in the earth! May their tribe increase.

Planning For The Crusade?

Every association should be planning to assist all its churches in preparation for their part in the Kentucky Crusade of the Americas next spring. Now is the time for associations to be organized for (1) the survey or census this summer or fall; (2) advertising program of billboards, radio in cooperation with our state evangelism secretary, T. H. Shelton; (3) assisting each church in its plans.

Now is the time for churches to be planning for their part in the (1) census or survey; (2) getting their evangelist and singer lined up; and (3) praying for revival NOW, as well as during the revivals as follows:

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By dividing the state into three parts, pastors and denominational workers may work in their own church and be available upon request by churches in the two other areas.

I, and my staff here, all offer ourselves to the churches as evangelists, singers (some of us!), and lay visitors.

Now is the time to pray much!

HAROLD G. SANDERS

SBC Information Booths Planned For Strategic Houston Locations

The hospitality committee for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 3-7 is planning to set up information booths at strategically-located spots on the major arteries leading into Houston, and at the airport.

The booths will be designed to aid the visitors in getting acquainted with the city, giving directions to hotels, and providing distribution points for information packets to convention messengers.

The information packets will include a complete schedule of the convention and its related meetings, city maps, restaurant directories, first aid in-

formation, and sight-seeing information.

The well-marked booths will be located on Interstate 10 East (from Beaumont, Texas), and West (from San Antonio); Interstate 45 (from Dallas); Highway 59 (from Corpus Christi, Texas), and in the terminal at the airport.

One local committeeman warned that the Sam Houston Coliseum where the convention meets is just off Interstate 45 from Dallas, but a visitor can pass almost directly over the Coliseum and miss it because of the maze of exits and thoroughfares. The information booths will help prevent this problem, the spokesman said. (BP)

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Historical Highlights

FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER

10 YEARS AGO May 22, 1958

►Ten years ago this month—like this month in 1968—Southern Baptists were preparing to go to Houston for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Editor C. R. Daley predicted in the *Western Recorder* that the race issue "will in all likelihood be injected one place or another on the program."

"There are those who would welcome a move to endorse school segregation in the South and to repudiate some actions and statements of the Christian Life Commission," Daley continued. "A move even to discontinue this commission might come."

►The controversy between President Duke K. McCall and several professors at Southern Seminary in Louisville was made public through reports in the

Courier-Journal and the *Western Recorder*. "The controversy . . . has come to a point of bitterness hardly imaginable," Editor C. R. Daley wrote. "At this moment the hope for settlement without severe loss is indeed dark."

►Miss Mickey Martin, educational director at the First Baptist Church of Mayfield, Kentucky, was named nursery, beginner and primary worker in the Training Union department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

25 YEARS AGO May 20, 1943

►Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, Jr., resident physician for a coal company in Lynch, Kentucky, died suddenly the last of April. He was the son of Dr. Gaines Dobbins, a professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

►Allen W. Graves, director of the young people's department of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, returned to the pastorate May 1 to serve the First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce, Florida.

50 YEARS AGO May 23, 1918

►The continued battles of World War I caused Editor J. W. Porter of the *Western Recorder* to ask, "Is War Ever Justifiable?"

"Certain kinds of wars are not only justifiable, but praiseworthy" he said. "Force will continue to be necessary so long as there are unregenerate and belligerent hearts in the world."

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Lou'villian Crusades for Sex Education in SBC Churches

by GEORGE W. KNIGHT
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Roger L. Harrington, minister of education at Highland Baptist Church in Louisville, is becoming known as something of an "expert" on sex education within Southern Baptist circles. For the past 10 years he has carried on a one-man crusade to awaken Christian parents and churches to their responsibility in teaching a Christian view of sex to their children and youth.

While serving the Highland church and studying at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Harrington has somehow found time to conduct sex education conferences at churches in Kentucky and several other states.

In 1967 he led a conference on the subject for scores of Baptist leaders in Virginia, and he considered the same topic last summer during a leadership conference at Kentucky Baptists' Cedar-more Assembly near Bagdad. Seldom a week goes by that he does not receive an invitation from some church or association to lead a similar course for them.

Harrington can't accept every invitation, of course, because of the pressure of his responsibilities in Louisville. Nevertheless, he welcomes what seems to be an awakening of interest among Southern Baptists in a Christian approach to sex instruction.

"For too long the church has considered any discussion of sex strictly taboo," the minister of education said. "We have missed the opportunity to provide our youth with a sound, Christian view of this part of life.

"Parents, too, have largely shirked this responsibility," he continued. "Consequently, our young people are forced to learn about sex from the worst pos-

sible sources—their friends, suggestive books or movies, and the standards of a secular society."

Harrington's interest in church-centered sex education began more than 10 years ago, while he was working with youth as a layman at a Baptist church in Niagara Falls, New York. A discussion of boy-girl relationships with the intermediates there revealed their gross misunderstanding about the basic fundamentals of sex. So Harrington decided to plan a sex education conference for those of intermediate age within the congregation.

When the youth worker began to



ROGER L. HARRINGTON looks over the manual he has prepared to assist church leaders in conducting sex education programs in their congregations. It is entitled "Sex Education in the Church."

search for information on a Christian approach to sex, he found there was practically no resource material of this type available. Furthermore, no pastor or trained church workers in the Niagara Falls area felt qualified to lead such a seminar.

Harrington finally invited a physician to help and adapted secular and sociological materials on sex into a Christian and Biblical approach for the seminar. The course was so successful that he was asked to lead similar conferences for other churches in that area of New York.

After entering the ministry and studying for several years at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Harrington became minister to youth at the First Baptist Church of Columbia, South Carolina.

In 1963 he and Dr. Reuben Herring of the family life department of the Sunday School Board at Nashville led a sex education conference at the Columbia church for 279 young people ages 10 through 18.

That one-week session featured films on the development of the human body and the process of human reproduction and a discussion of anatomy by a physician. At several sessions the boys and girls were given opportunity to turn in written questions about sex, which were then answered for the whole class by a panel of qualified adults. This is essentially the same approach still used by the minister of education in all the sex education conferences he conducts.

After an article on this course was published in a family life periodical, Harrington began to receive invitations from churches all over the Southern Baptist Convention to conduct similar seminars for them. In addition to Kentucky, he has assisted churches in Virginia, Alabama and Mississippi in this emphasis.

Although there seems to be an awakening of interest in Southern Baptist churches in sex education in the church, there is still a lack of curriculum materials and resource books on the subject, Harrington says.

Consequently, he has written his own resource booklet to assist church leaders who are planning a sex education course. Entitled "*Sex Education in the Church*," the 42-page manual contains information on all phases of this subject, including an annotated bibliography of major works in the field published within the past 10 years.

Harrington, who receives the M.R.E. degree from Southern Seminary this semester, is returning during June to Tallahassee, Florida, where he will be minister of education at the First Baptist Church.

As his schedule permits, he hopes to continue leading sex education seminars for local churches and Southern Baptist leadership conferences.

Suggestion for State-wide Liquor Sales in Georgia Studied by Maddox

A recommendation for a uniform state liquor law to permit whiskey and beer sales in all Georgia counties is contained in a report of the Governor's Crime Commission, but Gov. Lester Maddox said he would seek answers to several questions before endorsing the law.

Gov. Maddox said, "If making all Georgia counties wet would reduce our problems, as suggested in the report, then an explanation must be offered as to why, during the past three years, the percentage of illicit stills, destroyed in wet counties, equals the percentage of stills destroyed in dry counties."

He also said he must be shown that there are just as many social problems, traffic problems, drunk drivers, speeders and alcoholics in dry counties as in wet counties.

Gov. Maddox asked if the amount of alliances between public officials and illicit liquor interest is less or greater in wet counties.

The governor agreed that Georgia's liquor laws need to be revised, but insisted first there should be "far more effort to enforce present laws."

Other recommendations expected to be made by the Governor's Crime Commission include internal investigation units for medium and large police departments, a high school diploma or its equivalent for every state law enforcement employee, ending of jury sentencing in noncapital cases, merger of the state pardons and paroles board with the state probation department and others. (BP)

Kentucky Baptist Progress in Race Relations

by GEORGE W. KNIGHT
ASSISTANT EDITOR

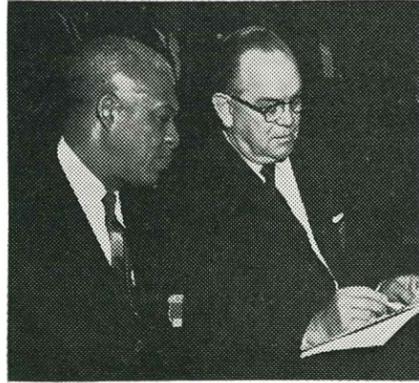
A study of major developments in the Kentucky Baptist Convention during the past two years reveals that Baptists in the state have made significant progress in race relations and interracial cooperation during this period. Following are short summaries of the most important events:

► **Joint meetings of white and Negro Baptists**—On November 10, 1967, white members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Negro members of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky gathered at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville for the first joint meeting of the two Baptist groups. That evening Negro and white young people from all over the state met at Freedom Hall at the state fairgrounds to sing and pray together in a joint Youth Night meeting. Young people from both Baptist communities in the state also met together for Youth Night this spring, held during April at Owensboro and Richmond.

► **Dual alignment of churches**—Messengers to the 1967 Kentucky Baptist Convention approved a resolution encouraging white Baptist churches to affiliate with the Negro group and Negro churches to seek membership in the white Baptist convention. So far, three Negro churches have become members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

—Corinthian church of Frankfort, New Hope church of Ashland and Washington Street church of Paducah.

► **Establishment of interracial department**—During 1967 Kentucky Baptists established a department of interracial cooperation with Dr. Herman Ihley as



INDICATIVE of the relationship between white and Negro Baptists in Kentucky is this meeting between Harold G. Sanders of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and J. H. Taylor, pastor of Mt. Zion church in Bowling Green. Taylor brought fraternal greetings from Negro Baptists of Kentucky to the 1966 session of the KBC.

secretary. This department has already pushed ahead to open up many areas of cooperation between white and Negro Baptists in Kentucky. Ihley works closely with a joint advisory committee—an interracial group composed of a committee from the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a committee from the General Association of Baptists.

► **Race relations conferences**—For the first time this February, white and Negro Baptists in the state planned a series of one-day race relations conferences throughout the state. They were held at Louisville, Lexington, Owens-

boro and Hopkinsville to insure maximum attendance from both Baptist communities in Kentucky.

► **Response to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.**—Kentucky Baptist pastors and churches were not silent following the recent assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King. At the May meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board, almost every pastor present indicated he had called attention to the tragedy in some way during the Sunday services following his death. One of the largest white Baptist churches in the state was used as the meeting place for a joint memorial service honoring the Negro leader the day after his death.

► **Pulpit exchanges**—For the past two years a large number of white and Negro Baptist pastors in Kentucky have exchanged pulpits in observance of race relations Sunday throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Negro ministers have also appeared with increasing frequency on the programs of official meetings of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, including the 1966 and 1967 sessions of the Convention, Youth Night meetings in 1966 and 1967, and the Woman's Missionary Union convention. A week of special services before Easter this year at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville featured Dr. Charles E. Boddie, president of American Baptist Seminary in Nashville.

► **Joint evangelistic conference**—Evangelism secretary Thomas H. Shelton and Herman Ihley are currently working with Kentucky Baptist Negro leadership in planning a joint evangelistic conference for January of 1969. This conference, to be held on the campus of Southern Seminary at Louisville, will prepare both Negro and white Baptists for participation in the 1969 Crusade of the Americas.

San Antonio Church Hosts HemisFair Guests

An old-fashioned fellowship for Baptist visitors to Baptist Day at HemisFair,

Saturday, June 1, is slated by the First Baptist Church of San Antonio for Sunday, June 2. Conventioneers on their way to Houston are urged to stay for a luncheon on Sunday after seeing the World's Fair on Saturday (Baptist Day).

The First Baptist Church of San Antonio has slated a Sunday School lesson for all out-of-city visitors.

After the 11:00 worship service, guests who have given prior notice of their intention to attend will be served a meal at which Roy Akers, president of Texas Baptist Men and a deacon in the First Baptist Church, will preside.

Persons planning to have lunch are urged to write to Dr. Jimmy Allen, First Baptist Church, 202 Fifth Street, San Antonio, Texas 78215.

Current Social Issues Considered in SBC Study Unit

Deprivation, poverty, race relations, segregation and open housing are dealt with in a new Training Union resource unit to be released June 1 by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Need for the resource unit and picture set, "We Hold These Truths," prepared by the board's Training Union department, came about "because of the disorder in our society today which points up a need for special Christian understanding," according to James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer for the board.

It is the first time that the Sunday

School Board has produced a curriculum unit on a two-month accelerated production schedule in order to deal with a current moral issue. Most resource units are produced on a one-year schedule.

Sullivan indicated in a letter to pastors and other church and denominational leaders that "we have pushed production schedules to the limit to provide these two literature items for you by June 1." Planning for the project began early in April.

Six sessions of study material are provided. They are titled: Historical Setting, Poverty and Unemployment, Open Housing and Segregation, Race

Relations, Destiny of Dissent and Which Way America?

The material will be in magazine form, size 8½ x 11, with 52 pages, including the cover.

The unit will have three main sections: (1) feature articles, (2) training activities that suggest the use of the unit by individuals or family, small church groups or entire church, and (3) list of additional resources to give insight to the nature of the present unrest in America.

The last section includes resource information by such authors as John R. Claypool, pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville; Max Lerner, former editor of *The Nation*, and now a syndicated columnist for the *New York Post*; Bill Lawson, Negro pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston; T. B. Maston, retired professor of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; and Daniel Liu, chief of police, Honolulu.

The picture set includes 11 photographs 14 x 22 inches in size. Pictures illustrate cultural deprivation, poverty and unemployment, slums and ghettos, race relations, dissent and civil disorder, and oneness in Christ.

Sullivan's letter, scheduled for a May 20 mailing, contains an order card for the materials. The resource unit itself will cost sixty cents each for one or two copies; fifty cents each for three or more. The picture set will cost \$1.35 regardless of quantity ordered.

One of the resource units will be needed for each individual studying the material. One set of pictures will be sufficient for a group, the letter said.

The literature will also be on sale at the church literature exhibit of the board at the convention in Houston, June 4-7. (BP)

Elmer S. West Named to Staff Of Christian Life Commission

The Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission has elected Elmer S. West, Jr., of Mars Hill, North Carolina, as director of program development, effective June 15.

West, 45, is pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, and former personnel secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the commission, said that West's coming will greatly strengthen the commission's total ministry in the field of applied Christianity.

West will be responsible for channeling the commission's emphasis on Christian social ethics through other Southern

Baptist programs, organizations, and publications; and his work will involve



West

developing materials and activities to correlate denominational emphases with pressing contemporary moral concerns, Valentine said.

The new Christian Life Commission staff member will fill a similar post left vacant by Ross Coggins who accepted the directorship of the Southeast Region of Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) a year ago.

West, a native of May's Lick, Kentucky, began work with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., in 1953 and for ten years served as personnel secretary. Prior to his election as a mission board staff member, he served for four and a half years as a member of the board.

In 1963, he accepted the pastorate of the Ravensworth Baptist Church in Annandale, Va., a Washington, D. C. suburb; and since 1966 he has been pastor of the Mars Hill church. (BP)

Two Kentucky Students Win Seminary Scholarships

Two Kentucky college students have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships by Southern Seminary at Louisville. Miss Kitty Deborah Ray of Murray was awarded a Judson Scholarship, while Ira Vinson Birdwhistell of Lawrenceburg was presented a Rice Scholarship.

For advanced religious study, Judson Scholarships are for persons planning a religious vocation outside the United States. Rice awards are given those contemplating religious service in this country. Applicants for both scholarships are judged on the bases of leadership, scholarship and churchmanship.

A senior at Murray State University, Miss Ray has been president of the Baptist Student Union and was briefly interim Baptist Student Union director there. She served as a summer missionary to Jamaica for one summer.

Birdwhistell, a senior at Georgetown, has been president of the Baptist Student Union and sports editor of the college newspaper. He was a class officer and served as a student senator. Birdwhistell has an A academic average.

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A righteous man is one who has trusted in God, and has received the divine nature which He has imparted to him and the righteousness which He has imputed to him. Thereafter he strives to prove that he is righteous by living properly and exemplarily before others, in compliance with the revealed will of God.

The Old Testament does not reveal any higher standard of righteous living than the one by which Job lived. Job's friends heartlessly and mercilessly attributed his sufferings to his personal sins, but he denied their allegation. In making his defense Job did not claim sinlessness, but he did affirm his integrity and moral uprightness.

I. Job's Conduct (Job 31:5-8)

With monotonous consistency Job's "friends" repetitiously attributed his misfortunes and troubles to his personal sins. Hurt and grieved upon hearing their charges, which he knew to be unfair and untrue, Job emphatically denied that he had been guilty of impure thoughts, deceitfulness or waywardness. He simply refused to remain silent under false charges made by those who were sadly mistaken in thinking that personal calamities are always positive evidence of individual sins on the part of the victims.

Job rightfully wanted to be weighed in the divine balances rather than in the inaccurate opinions of men. After all, there is a tremendous difference between the balances of God's judgment and those of man's so-called justice. Job was perfectly willing to submit his conduct to God's through examination, knowing that His perfect knowledge and judgment would guarantee the right decision and complete justice.

Since he had not walked in the ways of wicked men, or indulged in their impure and sinful practices, or used deceitful methods to defraud others and thereby acquire riches hastily, Job firmly believed that God's careful scrutinization of his conduct would result in the discovery that his integrity had been such as to clear him of the unjust accusations of improper and unbecoming conduct with respect to his dealings with others.

What a joy and satisfaction when

one's conduct has been such as to merit the approval and commendation of God! To that end each of us should strive daily.

II. Job's Compassion (Job 31:16-22)

In addition to living a clean life, righteous Job had a genuine concern for the welfare of the poor, the unfortunate and the underprivileged. In his day, men of means frequently either completely neglected or deliberately took advantage of the poor, but Job never yielded to that temptation.

Because Job was a faithful servant of the great Master, by Whom he was to be judged, he consistently treated his personal servants with such fairness that none of them could offer any just complaint against him. He had a special interest in and concern for the widows who were dependent upon their relatives and friends for charity. He was especially compassionate toward the orphans who had to shift for themselves in the event that their relatives failed to take them into their homes and support them.

This tenderhearted and compassionate man refused to exploit the underprivileged for his personal benefit. Even though the judges who sat in the gates

might have acquitted him for defrauding and oppressing the poor and the unfortunate, Job declined to take advantage of them.

Inasmuch as this God-fearing man, out of a heart of compassion, provided food for the hungry and warm clothes made from the wool taken from his own flock, it was only natural for him to be grieved deeply by the false charges that were made against him. Certain that he had been compassionate toward others, in compliance with God's will, Job invoked a curse on himself if he were proved guilty of the things whereof they had accused him, such as inflicting hardships upon the poor or jeopardizing the rights of the needy. He readily admitted that, if he had failed to aid the helpless, he deserved to be punished.

From this lesson we learn that there is no greater test of one's character or a better barometer of his spiritual life than the manner in which he uses the possessions with which God entrusts him.

III. Job's Confession (Job 31:23)

As a righteous man, Job made a very frank confession in which he readily admitted that he feared God his Creator, Whom he held in the highest esteem, and Who had given him the rules by which He expected him to live, that he had a deep sense of reverence for Him, that he had committed himself to do His will, and that he had an abiding longing to be obedient to Him.

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and sweet spirit constituted a witness against and a rebuke to the sinful and sordid lives of His contemporaries.

Christ warned the early disciples against the folly of expecting to have an easy time in life. He was frank enough to tell them that because they were His followers and representatives that they would be hated also. To avoid any misunderstanding on the part of the disciples, Christ informed them that the hatred of the world was one price that every true Christian must pay for following Him.

As a means of unifying the various groups within the Roman Empire, the government required all to worship Caesar. After one had burned incense in homage to him and exclaimed, "Caesar is Lord," he was free to worship any other God whom he desired. Unwilling to call any man "Lord," the Christians naturally incurred the wrath of the government officials who regarded all who refused to worship Caesar as disloyal and dangerous citizens.

It is a historical fact that the early Christians refused to worship Caesar, or to practice idolatry in any form. Consequently, they encountered bitter oppo-

sition, hostility and persecution. Many of them were excommunicated from the synagogues, and cut off from the love of their relatives and the fellowship of their friends, and multitudes were put to death because of their devotion to Christ. All sorts of slanderous statements about the early Christians were circulated widely.

Some are now laboring under the impression and misapprehension that it is possible for one to be a genuine Christian and to be popular with the world at the same time, in spite of Christ's plain statements to the contrary in verses 19-20. Having been chosen and called out of the world, and called upon to live a separated life, our lives should be so different from those who are not Christians as to distinguish us from them unmistakably before we speak words of testimony for Christ.

Through His life and teachings Christ exposed the sins of men and emphasized the fact that they were responsible for them. He also taught them that increased knowledge and great privileges invariably bring with them great responsibilities. Those who witnessed His life and hear His teachings had had demon-

strated to them both by deed and by word the kind of a life which God wanted and rightfully expected them to live.

The Lord Jesus Christ challenges the readers of this passage to contemplate something that would have been terrible, had it been true. What if He had not come? What if He had not spoken? What if He had not done the works which He did, and which no other could have done? If Christ had not come into the world, man never would have dreamed of the possibility of human helplessness requesting divine omnipotence. Moreover, man never would have known the ultimate truth.

Inasmuch as Christ had come and borne His witness to men both in His words and His works, and now that His bodily presence was soon to be withdrawn from them, He assured them that He would send to them the Holy Spirit, Who would do for them many of the things which He had been doing for them, and additional things also. He would impart to them the protection, guidance, inspiration and power which they would need from time to time.

SBC Missions Gifts Continue Climb During April

Southern Baptist Convention world missions gifts continued their upward climb during the month of April, when an end-of-the-month tally disclosed that Baptists have contributed \$24,700,000 so far during 1968 to SBC missions causes.

The \$24,700,000 exceeds missions contributions for the same period in 1967 by \$1,400,000, or 6.19 per cent, reported the SBC Executive Committee.

Of the total missions contributions for SBC causes, \$8,700,000 has been channeled to 19 different agencies of the convention through the Cooperative Program unified budget plan, an increase of \$436,392 or 5.24 per cent in Cooperative Program gifts over last year.

An additional \$15,900,000 has been contributed to specific, designated missions causes, mostly foreign missions, so far during 1968. Designations are up \$2,000,000 over 1967 figures.

During the month of April, contribu-

tions to the Cooperative Program reached \$2,100,000 and designations were \$2,600,000, bringing total gifts for the month to \$4,800,000.

Cooperative Program gifts have exceeded the \$2,000,000 mark every month so far during 1968, said John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee. Last year, Cooperative Program gifts fell beneath the \$2,000,000 level during three months out of the year, including April.

Williams pointed out that Cooperative Program contributions passed the \$2,000,000 mark for the first time in a

single month during 1965, and that the \$2,000,000 figure was passed twice in 1966. In 1967, it jumped to nine months out of the year that \$2,000,000 was exceeded.

Biggest recipient of the \$24,700,000 has been the SBC Foreign Mission Board which supports missions efforts in 69 countries. So far during 1968, foreign missions has received \$19,000,000 in designated and Cooperative Program funds.

The SBC Home Mission Board has received \$3,000,000 to support mission efforts in the homeland. (BP)

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Louisville Negro Pastor Named To Staff of Home Mission Board

Emmanuel L. McCall, the first Negro ever to hold a professional staff position with a Southern Baptist agency, already has singled out his primary target: "The lack of honest Christian dialogue between the races."

McCall was elected as an associate in the department of work with National Baptists of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board at Atlanta in the May meeting of the agency's board of directors.

Currently serving as pastor of the 28th Street Baptist Church in Louisville, a congregation affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention, McCall will come to Atlanta July 1.

"Pressure for merger between Negro and white Baptist groups should be minimized now," McCall said, because of "fear and suspicion on both sides."

"The approach now is to find ways of cooperating and of working in ways that complement each others' efforts."

In the new position, McCall will be planning and promoting cooperative encounters between Southern and National Baptists.

Fellowship between pastors is the starting point, the young pastor said—"Then pulpit exchanges, congregational exchanges, brotherhood exchanges, and so on, can follow."

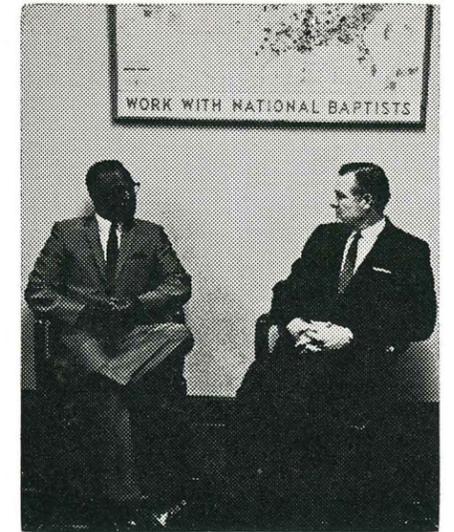
McCall, who for two years was president of the interracial Louisville Baptist Ministers' Conference, said he was "amazed at the amount of ignorance whites and blacks have about one another."

One of the real surprises that cooperation and people-to-people exchanges can provide, however, is that Negro and white Baptists are not as far apart as some might think, he said.

McCall will have particular responsibility in communicating with Negro youth through religious vocational conferences, scholarship programs and efforts at recruiting Negro students for summer missions.

McCall said he felt there had been confusion among white Baptists at the point of stepping forward and being counted in the church's struggle with the racial matters.

"But I believe this is a real concern



EMMANUEL L. McCALL of Louisville discusses his new assignment in the department of work with National Baptists of the Home Mission Board with department secretary Victor Glass.

on the part of many Baptists," he said.

McCall is a graduate of the University of Louisville and Southern Seminary in Louisville, holding the bachelor of divinity, master of religious education and master of divinity degrees. (BP)

SBC Superintendents of Missions to Meet on June 3

The annual Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Superintendents of Missions meeting at Houston Monday, June 3, will open with an address on "Changing Attitudes Toward Associational Missions."

Hugh O. Chambliss, superintendent of missions for the Madison Baptist Association in Huntsville, Alabama, will bring the opening address.

Sessions will be held at West End Baptist Church, 802 Shephard Drive in Houston, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m., Monday, June 3. D. E. Strahan, superintendent of the East Central Illinois Baptist Association in Champaign, Illinois, is president of the organization.

Of the eight speakers to the organization, all but two are superintendents of missions for the local-level associations of Baptist churches. Most of the speeches will deal with strengthening the work of the associations.

The two outside speakers will be Loyd Corder, associate director of the division of missions for the Southern Baptist

Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Miss Elaine Dickson, assistant to the director, promotion division, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama.

The Superintendents of Missions conference meets the day before the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention June 4-7. (BP)

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