

SBC Day of Personal Concern

Baptist pastors in Houston met during May and decided to ask Southern Baptists across the nation to observe Sunday, June 2, as a "Day of Personal Concern" for the proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston June 4-7. Southern Baptists are urged to rededicate themselves in prayer and concern for "the healing of Christ for this fevered world."

**SOUTHERN
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**DAY OF
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JUNE 2**

"Today's burdens drive us to our knees. We must implore God to help us. Effectual prayer will thrust us out beyond our selves to meet the deepest needs of all men."

H. FRANKLIN PASCHALL
President, Southern Baptist Convention

"The depth of our concern and the commitment of our selves in this crucial hour will determine the future of America."

GERALD MARTIN
President, Southern Baptist
Pastors' Conference

"Let us seek the power of the Holy Spirit for spiritual renewal as the Convention stands on the threshold of the Crusade of the Americas."

MRS. ROBERT FLING
President, Women's Missionary Union



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

JOHN W. KURTZ, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, will unveil what he calls "The New Approach" at the Ohio Baptist Conference, July 1-3. The new approach is the use of ventriloquism in preaching and was developed by Kurtz out of his concern for the falling Sunday night and the week-night revival services attendance.

THIRTY-FIVE PERSONS were added to the membership of Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville through baptism during a recent revival, with Clyde Kendall of Atlanta as evangelist. Pastor Donald L. Zuberer reports that several of the young people of the church are participating in a visitation ministry because of the influence of the revival meetings.

MRS. DORIS MONROE, editor of primary materials in the Training Union department of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, has been named a consultant in work with exceptional persons. She will develop a church ministry to the mentally-retarded.

DALLAS F. BILLINGTON of Akron Baptist Temple in Akron, Ohio, led Northside Baptist Church of Mayfield, Kentucky, in a recent revival. A total of 28 persons was added to the membership of the church—17 by profession of faith and 11 by letter. G. Terry Clapp is pastor of the Mayfield congregation.

CARL F. WHIRLEY, SBC missionary to Nigeria, will direct training for missionary journeymen this summer. A total of 73 young people will undergo the orientation program at Virginia Intermont College in Bristol during June and July.

THE OLD ATTENDANCE RECORD at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Frankfort was broken recently when 201 persons attended the concluding service of a revival in that congregation. Johnny Talient, pastor of South Park Baptist Church in Louisville, was the evangelist. The Hillcrest pastor is J. Alvin Hardy.

J. W. FARMER, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Irvine, Kentucky, led the First Baptist Church of Phelps in a recent revival, during which five persons made professions of faith. The Irvine church paid the pastor's expenses, and the love offering was returned to the Phelps church as part of their mission work.

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY at Wake Forest, North Carolina, has dedicated a new student center.

C. M. DUPIER, assistant professor of Geography at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, has been appointed a university fellow at Indiana State University in Terre Haute for the 1968-69 academic year. He will study for the Ph.D. degree in economic geography.



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ANSIL K. GAMBRELL, pastor of the Owingsville, Kentucky, Baptist Church, has been called as new pastor of Beacon Hill Baptist Mission in Somerset. The work is sponsored by Somerset's First Baptist Church.

JIMMY F. DUNN, minister of music and education at the First Baptist Church of Bogalusa, Louisiana, has been named associational youth consultant in the Training Union department of the SBC Sunday School Board at Nashville. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and New Orleans Seminary.



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THE ANNUAL MEETING of Southern Baptist evangelists is planned for Thursday afternoon, June 6, during the 1968 SBC in Houston. It will begin at 1:00 at Houston's First Baptist Church.

TEXAS VOTERS have turned down an attempt to bring pari-mutuel betting to the state, but appear to favor liquor-by-the-drink by a margin of some 2%. State-wide referendums on the two issues were recently held.

TWO IDENTICAL SEMINARS on Christian Action in Practical Politics will be held at Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Assemblies this summer under the sponsorship of the SBC Christian Life Commission.

T. C. GARDNER, 80, director of Texas Baptist Training Union work for 40 years, and former president and vice-president of East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, died May 6 at San Angelo. He was a pioneer in Training Union work for the Southern Baptist Convention.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE dedicated one of its campus garden sites during recent commencement exercises. It is located between John L. Hill Chapel and Giddings Hall.

THE BAPTIST CLINIC in Taiybeh, Jordan, closed in 1964 because of lack of personnel, is being reopened by the Jordan Baptist Mission. A doctor and a nurse from the Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, 45 miles away, will drive to Taiybeh once a week to see patients.

PAUL W. PEACE, pastor of Hampton Baptist Church in Atlanta, has been elected an associate secretary of the Training Union department of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Ciudad Real (Royal City), on the outskirts of Guatemala City, Guatemala, was organized during April with 27 charter members. This is the 31st SBC mission-related church in that Latin American country.

WESTERN RECORDER

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

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A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation

We Face a Crisis

Our nation is enveloped in a social and cultural revolution. We are shocked by the potential for anarchy in a land dedicated to democracy and freedom. There are ominous sounds of hate and violence among men and of unbelief and rebellion toward God. These compel Christians to face the social situation and to examine themselves under the judgment of God.

We are an affluent society, abounding in wealth and luxury. Yet, one-fifth of our people, black and white, suffer from poverty. Many are hurt by circumstance they cannot escape, injustice they cannot correct, or heartless exploitation they cannot resist. Many live in slum housing or ghettos of race or poverty or ignorance or bitterness that generate both despair and defiance.

We are a nation that declares the sovereignty of law and the necessity of civil order. Yet, we have tolerated conditions that breed riots, spread violence, foster disrespect for the law, and undermine the democratic process.

We are a nation that declares the equality and rights of persons irrespective of race. Yet, we have allowed culture patterns to persist that have deprived millions of black American, and other racial groups as well, of equality of recognition and opportunity in the areas of education, employment, citizenship, housing, and worship. Worse still,

we have condoned prejudices that have damaged the personhood of blacks and whites alike. We have seen a climate of racism developed resulting in hostility, injustice, suspicion, faction, strife, and alarming potential for bitterness, division, destruction, and death.

We Voice Our Confession

The current crisis should arouse the Christian conscience. Judgment begins at the house of God. Christians are inescapably involved in the life of the nation. We therefore acknowledge our share of responsibility for the injustice, disorder and wickedness of our land. We humble ourselves before God and acknowledge that we are to blame, along with millions of other persons, for the shame of lawlessness, the agony of injustice, and the spirit of strife.

As Southern Baptists, representatives of one of the largest bodies of Christians in our nation and claiming special ties of spiritual unity with the large conventions of Negro Baptists in our land, we have come far short of our duty and our privilege in Christian brotherhood.

We implore God to create in us a right spirit of repentance and to make us instruments of his redemption, his righteousness, his peace, and his love toward all men.

We Declare Our Commitment

The crisis we confront, the opportunity we face, and the Christ we serve

compel us to action. We therefore declare our commitment, believing this to be right in the sight of God and our duty under the lordship of Christ.

We will respect every individual as a person possessing the dignity and inherent worth growing out of his creation in the image of God.

We will strive to obtain and secure for every person equality of human and civil rights. We will undertake to secure opportunities in matters of citizenship, public services, education, employment, and personal habitation that every man may achieve his highest potential as a person.

We will accept and exercise our civic responsibility as Christians to defend people against injustice. We will strive to insure for all persons the full opportunity for achievement according to the endowments given by God.

We will refuse to be a party to any movement that fosters racism or violence or mob action.

We will personally accept every Christian as a brother beloved in the Lord and welcome to the fellowship of faith and worship every person irrespective of race or class.

We will strive by personal initiative and every appropriate means of communication to bridge divisive barriers, to work for reconciliation, and to open channels of fellowship and cooperation.

We will strive to become well-informed about public issues, social ills, and divisive movements that are damaging to human relationships. We will strive to resist prejudice and to combat forces that breed distrust and hostility.

We will recognize our involvement with other Christians and with all others of good will in the obligation to work for righteousness in public life and justice for all persons. We will strive to promote Christian brotherhood as a witness to the gospel of Christ.

We Make An Appeal

Our nation is at the crossroads. We must decide whether we shall be united in good will, freedom, and justice under God to serve mankind or be destroyed by covetousness, passion, hate, and strife.

We appeal to our fellow Southern Baptists to join us in self-examination under the Spirit of God and to accept the present crisis as a challenge from God to strive for reconciliation by love.

We appeal to our fellow Southern Baptists to engage in Christian ventures in human relationships, and to take courageous actions for justice and peace. We believe that a vigorous Christian response to this national crisis is imperative for an effective witness on our part at home and abroad.

Words will not suffice. The time has come for action. Our hope for healing and renewal is in the redemption of the

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About This Statement

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Signing the statement were the following individuals (listed alphabetically):

Clifton J. Allen, Reuben E. Alley, Charles H. Ashcraft, John P. Baker, O. L. Bayless, Harold C. Bennett, Millard J. Berquist, Kendall Berry, Olin T. Binkley, Charles E. Blackman, C. E. Boyle, R. Y. Bradford, Rabun Brantley, Glen E. Braswell, Emanuel Carlson, J. Dee Cates, Baker James Cauthen, W. Perry Crouch, C. R. Daley, James O. Duncan, W. Ross Edwards, W. C. Fields, Searcy S. Garrison, Victor Glass, Marse Grant, Harold K. Graves, Roy D. Gresham, W. R. Grigg, Horace G. Hammett, Earl O. Harding, Hardy M. Harrell, Robert J. Hastings.

Jack U. Harwell, Ralph A. Herring, Roland P. Hood, Fred D. Hubbs, Robert D. Hughes, Alma Hunt, John J. Hurt, W. Fred Kendall, T. B. Lackey, Duke K. McCall, Albert McClellan, Erwin L. McDonald, E. Harmon Moore, L. H. Moore, Merrill D. Moore, Fred B. Moseley, Josef Nordenhaug, James Pleitz, R. G. Puckett, R. Alton Reed, John E. Roberts, Ray E. Roberts, Porter Routh, Arthur Rutledge, Harold G. Sanders, George W. Schroeder, Al Shackelford, James H. Smith, W. G. Stracener, Richard M. Stephenson, Paul M. Stevens, James L. Sullivan, Foy Valentine, Edmond Walker, S. A. Whitlow, Davis Woolley, and J. Terry Young.



Heralds of a New Day

Thank God for what appears on page 3 of this issue! History will judge these as some of the most significant words ever uttered by Southern Baptists whatever is done with them at Houston. This statement on the current crisis in America meets a crying need and answers the prayers of many concerned over Baptist apathy and silence in the realm of human rights. Every responsible Baptist must read this statement and prayerfully face up to its challenge.

It is significant how this statement came about. The recent national crisis caused a feeling on the part of many all over the convention that something must be said and done by Southern Baptists meeting in Houston in June. When it was learned that a small group of leaders in Nashville was taking steps in this direction, some in other places with the same concern joined those in Nashville. The result is this worthy statement of Baptist confession and commitment.

Among those involved with the formulation of the statement were Convention President Franklin Paschall and Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee Secretary Porter W. Routh. This is responsible and courageous leadership worthy of commendation.

Such a statement coming with such widespread endorsement from state and convention leaders is much more effective than if it came from one convention agency, committee or commission. If the Southern Baptist Executive Committee approves it and makes it one of its recommendations, it will have even more weight.

It is good that the statement came in time for widespread publication. This removes any appearance of a surprise or unexpected move and gives every messenger to the convention opportunity to consider carefully and decide prayerfully what his position is to be.

It is encouraging to note by the list of signers that the vast majority of denominational leaders approves this position. Those signers who minister in some areas of the deep south are to be highly commended for

their convictions and courage. Those who failed to become identified with the document have their reasons and will have to live with themselves, their consciences and their God.

There will be some opposition to convention approval of the statement but more on grounds of expediency than upon principle. Most of the messengers will be ministers and their wives who with few exceptions are ready for a new day. But they know too many of their church members are still of the old order, and trouble awaits their return home. It might even be that a few churches would withdraw their financial support to the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program if the statement is adopted. Surely responsible leaders in this day will not resort to the line of some spokesmen of other days who bragged on themselves for their love and kindness toward Negroes while opposing a declared denominational position in this direction lest it cost some denominational financial support. Courageous spiritual leadership in this hour cannot be sacrificed for materialistic consideration, for what good is money to Baptists who have lost their souls in safeguarding it?

Baptists have often been slow in coming to the right position, but they have seldom failed to get there eventually. There are signs that we are now turning the corner in the matter of attitude and actions toward black people. Here is a prediction that this forthright statement will be welcomed by a great majority of the convention messengers and passed without too much difficulty.

The implementation of its provisions and recommendations will be another matter when the messengers return to their local communities and churches. But more and more pastors and laymen are committed at any cost to a ministry of love and reconciliation which will include all the children of God. These are the heralds of the dawn of a new day for Southern Baptists.

ANOTHER EDITOR'S OPINION:

Tolerance of Hooligans

Scan the horizon and maybe you will find a ray of hope that Americans are ready to crack a few heads, if that be necessary, to turn back the hooli-

gans grasping power through mob rule.

Personally, we have had our fill of "black power" and "student power" with their creed of rule or

ruin, dominate or destroy. We are not happy with leaders in law enforcement who want police to smile at arsonists, looters, and their kin, once there is open rebellion.

But this kid-glove treatment of mobsters on the college campus, such as Columbia University, is quite another matter. It took the college administration six days to decide to call upon police to enforce the law. Meanwhile, college officials had been held for ransom and five buildings captured.

Columbia was but one of approximately 100 American campuses to experience student revolt during the academic year. Near-by Union Theological Seminary suspended classes in support of the Columbia student strike.

We can assume that students on every campus have some grievances. Some are valid, and some are not. But there is an orderly way to voice these grievances, just as in all areas of society. Admission to the college classroom does not give the student title to the campus.

We have a similar disgust with the power tactics of the "Poor People's March on Washington." This nation has not arrived at any Utopia in race relations. But it is moving, and concern is quite evident in Wash-

ington. Promoters of this project are more interested in establishing their leadership than they are in any program for poor people.

Incidentally, it is rather strange that Baptists have been denied a parade permit for Washington in October to advertise their Crusade of the Americas. We opposed the parade, but we resent the ruling when we doubt the "Poor People's March" will have any such difficulty.

The time has come for those in high places to shed their timidity about law enforcement. Maybe one or two policemen must be blind to arson and looting until re-inforcements arrive. Given these, it is time for action to establish order and respect for law.

These hooligans on college campuses are quite another thing. It should not take the administration six minutes, much less six days, to demand arrest and punishment. It is a sorry period in our time when there is even talk of negotiating with such characters.

It is silly to think democracy can survive when mob rule is tolerated. It is stupid to let one per cent or less of the people dominate 99 per cent.

—JOHN J. HURT in the Texas Baptist Standard

BAPTIST FORUM



Suggestions from "the Challengers"

Dear Editor:

About two years ago several young men of Deer Park Baptist Church in Louisville formed a group and have spent time discussing the Christian life as they were experiencing it.

Most recently we have read Dr. Glenn Hinson's book, *The Church: Design for Survival*. The discussion in this book motivated was revealing and led to several significant group opinions.

Briefly, we want to outline these opinions for you:

I. In the church's efforts to minister to the youth of today, we see several obvious things which must be corrected.

A. The "don't" complex has backed us into severe inconsistency. The church in the social conduct area screams "don't" to our youth, primarily from traditional dogma rather than sound scriptural teachings. Youth sees these "don't's" as ridiculous, especially when they know that the same adults "do" these very things.

B. Denominational bias blinds us to the fact that the young adults of today see no superiority of the "Baptist" over any other Christian group.

C. Baptists are seen trying to "save souls" while ignoring the individual's

total life situation.

D. The church is seen as a resistor—at best a follower—of social change, rather than as a motivator of that change.

II. Realizing the short-comings of the church's present efforts, we feel that this is the time to seek new ways to minister to our world in the "spirit of Christ."

A. We must be willing to try experimental ministries. This embodies the courage to risk failure, to foster constructive criticism rather than destructive judgment, to formulate and utilize new methods of witnessing rather than the out-moded tools of the past.

B. We should shed our pretense of denominational superiority and join heartily with members of the Body of Christ to give our world the new wine of the Gospel.

C. We, as individuals, must develop a better understanding of our faith. This will rid us of our fear of having our faith weakened by others.

III. We feel that changes must be made in our approach to the campus ministry.

A. The old wineskins of morning watch, noonday meditations, and vesper devotions are no longer relevant to the student.

B. The campus ministry should be considered a separate ministry, not simply an extension of the local church youth program. This may be accomplished by:

1. Thorough theo-psychological training for the campus ministry.

2. Full financial support—including buildings, equipment, staff salaries, and program—for the ministry, especially on the state-supported campus where a predominant portion of the college population is located.

Members of the Challengers Class
Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville

A Word to Curriculum Writers

Dear Editor:

In your conversations with Southern Baptist preachers who write books for the laity to read and especially to those who write our church school and Training Union literature, please try to impress upon their minds that their average reader has a vocabulary of a common school graduate and in many cases much less.

We who are the under-privileged in this field like also to be able to understand what we read and must do so if we are to learn as we study.

We know that these men have good educations and we are thankful to them for their time they give to these writings. But please try to make them understand that we are not all college graduates.

New Haven, Ky. H. R. Keesy

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Race Issue May Be Major Consideration at Houston

A statement concerning the racial crisis in the nation, an unofficial straw vote on changing the name of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, and election of a new president are expected to be major issues to come before the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets at Houston June 4-7.

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, predicted these and other issues which may come up during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A strongly-worded statement voicing confession of Southern Baptist failure to deal with the race issue, declaring commitment to defend people against injustice, and appealing to all Southern Baptists to take action will probably be presented to the convention. (See full statement on page 3.)

The statement was drafted by an informal ad hoc committee of leading Southern Baptist agency executives, and circulated to all executives of Southern Baptist agencies, Baptist state conventions, and editors of Baptist state papers to be presented with their approval to the SBC Executive Committee at its pre-convention meeting on Tuesday, June 4.

If the Executive Committee approves the statement, it could possibly go as a recommendation to the convention from its Executive Committee.

In what some Baptist leaders have called the strongest statement on race ever to come before the Southern Baptist Convention, the statement condemns racism and racial prejudice and admits a share of the guilt "for the injustice, disorder and wickedness of our land."

Stating that words are not enough, the statement calls for Southern Baptist agencies to set up a task force to deal with "these problems in the most effective manner possible consistent with their program assignments."

It also calls upon Southern Baptist churches, associations and state conventions to join the SBC in "a renewal of Christian effort to meet this national crisis."

Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, said that he felt the statement reflects the burden of many Southern Baptists at this time in their desire for adoption of a meaningful statement on the part of the convention.

He said that the race issue is almost sure to receive attention at the convention, for it is the burning issue of our time.

Paschall pointed out that the agenda planned by the convention's committee on order of business provides for 4½ hours of miscellaneous business. "This was an effort on the part of the committee and convention officers to respond to the desire of the messengers to

debate the issues," he said.

For the first time, the convention will have an opportunity to express itself concerning the possibility of changing the name of the convention, even though the unofficial poll will not be binding.

Rather, the straw vote will give the SBC Executive Committee guidance and information concerning three possible names which have been proposed during the Executive Committee's three-year study of the question. The names up for a tally are United Baptist Convention, Baptist General Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention.

Election of a new president of the 11-million member convention, and consideration of a record \$27,600,000 proposed budget for 1969 will also be major items of business.

The proposed budget of \$27,600,000 would be an increase of about \$900,000 over the record 1968 budget.

In addition to the \$27,600,000 operating budget, a \$5,000,000 capital needs budget for the five-year period from 1969-73 will be recommended by the Executive Committee.

Another recommendation from the Executive Committee which might spark discussion or debate is consideration of a "conflict of interest" clause as an amendment to the SBC bylaws which would prevent any person who receives funds directly or indirectly from a SBC agency from serving on that agency's board of trustees.

The Executive Committee is expected to make 20 or more recommendations to the convention, most dealing with technical business matters.

Several constitutional or bylaw changes will be presented, some of them for second and final approval, calling for four-year terms and a rotation system on the boards of trustees for Baptist agencies and institutions.

Other recommendations expected to come from the Executive Committee propose a charter for the Christian Life Commission incorporating it under Tennessee laws; a procedure for appointment of a credentials committee; a fixed item of business on the convention agenda for the SBC president's address; editorial changes in the constitution on second reading; selection of Portland, Oregon, as the site for the 1973 convention, slated June 11-15, technical or structural changes in the program statements for Southern Baptist Hospitals and the SBC Sunday School Board; a convention operating budget of \$535,000, a plan for planning SBC emphases for 1970-80; a planning system for observance of the convention's 125th anniversary in 1970; and technical and financial aspects concerning operating reserves and transfer of capital needs funds for specific SBC agencies.

Under the proposed agenda for the convention, each convention agency making an annual report will be required to devote one-third of its report time to open discussion and questions from the floor concerning its operations.

Paschall said this requirement, plus the 4½ hours of miscellaneous business during the convention, would make the convention "interesting and dynamic" as it deals with lively debate. (BP)

Southern Seminary's Denominational Service Award Will Go to President Duke K. McCall

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary at Louisville, has been named recipient of the 1968 E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award.

Presented annually by the trustees of Southern Seminary, the honor comes on McCall's 25th anniversary as head of a Southern Baptist agency or institution.



McCall
Baptist Convention.

The official presentation of the award will take place during the Southern Seminary Alumni Luncheon in Houston, June 6, during the Southern

Degree nomenclature, faculty salaries, promotions and study leaves were subjects of other trustee action.

The names of two doctoral degrees were changed to bring them in line with

recent educational trends. Effective with the fall term, the doctor of church music (D.C.M.) degree will become doctor of musical arts (D.M.A.), and the doctor of religious education (D.R.E.) will become doctor of education (Ed.D.). Requirements for the two graduate programs remain virtually unchanged.

The trustees approved an across-the-board pay increase for faculty and administrative personnel as a step toward catching up with the median salaries in other accredited seminaries. The new pay scale is contingent upon Southern Baptist Convention approval in June of proposed budget increases for the six SBC seminaries.

Two assistant professors were promoted and one was given tenure. Elizabeth Hutchens was named associate professor of religious education and Harold Songer was named associate professor of New Testament Interpretation. Phillip Landgrave, assistant professor of church music, was granted tenure effective with the fall semester 1968.

Messengers to SBC Urged to Get Registration Cards

The registration secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention, W. Fred Kendall of Nashville, has issued an appeal for messengers to the annual convention in Houston to obtain proper credentials certifying their election, and has appointed a credentials committee to screen requests from persons who show up without these credentials.

Kendall, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and elected SBC officer who handles the task of registering 10,000 to 15,000 messengers to the convention, stated that each messenger must bring with him (or her) a registration card signed by the moderator or clerk of the church which elects the messenger.

Last year in Miami Beach, there were more than 2,500 people who showed up without these registration cards, and it caused all kinds of problems, said Kendall. He added the committee would like to avoid these problems when the SBC meets in Houston, June 4-7.

Named to head the credentials committee authorized by the convention Constitution and Bylaws to handle requests for messenger cards from those who failed to bring them was Julius Thompson, pastor of Dalewood Baptist Church in Nashville.

Under convention rules, each person who does not bring a signed registration card must be approved by the seven-

member credentials committee before the registration committee can issue a messenger badge.

Kendall also reminded the messengers of constitutional provisions which provide that no church can elect more than 10 messengers. A study of last year's messenger list disclosed that there were 39 "messengers" from one church, although at the time of registration the committee did not realize this.

The signed registration cards will prevent more than the authorized number of messengers from each church from registering, he said.

Under constitutional provisions, one messenger may be appointed by each SBC church "which is in friendly coop-

eration with this convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work, and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention's work."

One additional messenger, up to a maximum of ten, may be appointed from each church for every 250 members, or for each \$250 paid to the work of the convention during the preceding fiscal year.

The "messengers" to the convention are not called "delegates" under Southern Baptist terminology, since they have no "delegated" authority to speak for a local church, and since the convention's actions are advisory and not binding on SBC churches. (BP)

SBC Nursery Will Be Teaching Agency

Trained workers will teach nursery and pre-school children using a prepared curriculum as part of their services for the children of messengers who attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, June 3-7.

Theme of the study will be "Making Friends," using teaching curriculum from the current issues of the *Church Nursery Guide* and the *Training Union Beginner Leader*, both published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

It is believed to be the first time in recent convention history that an actual study using curriculum materials has been included as part of the nursery services at the convention. This year the services were also expanded to include pre-school children, rather than only children under three years of age.

The convention nursery committee requested that parents bring their children to the Fannin Street entrance of the First Baptist Church, Fannin at Lamar, where the nursery will be provided.

The cost is \$1.00 per session for one child; \$1.75 per session for two children; or a maximum of \$2.50 per session for three or more children of the same family, with payment at the time of registration.

Parents are requested to pick up their children within 30 minutes following the close of each convention session. An additional charge will be made for those who are late.

No meals will be provided for the children between sessions, since the convention site is only eight blocks away. A noon meal, however, will be provided on Thursday provided an advance reservation is paid before noon Wednesday.

Refreshments will be served during each session to the children as a part of each department's teaching program.

Georgetown Alumni Set June 5 Meeting at Houston

Alumni of Georgetown College will meet for a light snack on Wednesday evening, June 5, at the Lamar Hotel in Houston following the Wednesday night session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tickets will be \$1.25. Georgetownians wishing to attend the fellowship meeting should send their reservations to Don Carroll at 4230 Regency Drive in Houston.

Kentucky Baptist



Historical Highlights

FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER

10 YEARS AGO May 29, 1958

►Eldred M. Taylor, superintendent of missions and evangelism for Kentucky Baptists since 1951, resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Somerset.

►The Booz, Allen and Hamilton consultant firm of Chicago recommended after a thorough study that Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville continue as a separate institution. In official action, trustees of the Baptist institution stated that "Carver School is absolutely needed in denominational life."

25 YEARS AGO May 27, 1943

►Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, wrote a check for

\$55,000 to pay off the final indebtedness of that SBC agency. In 1938—just five years before—the Home Mission Board was \$1,200,000 in debt. Southern Baptists were asked to give sacrificially during the late 30's and early 40's to make the denomination "Debt Free in '43."

►Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of Southern Seminary at Louisville, preached the commencement address at Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia during May.

►Sixty-five Baptist pastors from throughout Kentucky met at Georgetown College upon the invitation of President Samuel S. Hill for a day of fellowship and inspiration. The pastors were informed about Georgetown's efforts to raise additional funds for endowment and physical improvements on the campus.



What About the Indians?

Dear Editor:

After reading your last two observations in the *Recorder*, I felt compelled to write one of mine.

While it is true the Negro is entitled to rights and equal opportunity, I think we failed miserably and the worst where the only true American is concerned, and that's the **Indian People**. We have refused their rights for equal opportunity. Yes, it's time for all to stand up and be counted and be concerned for human rights for **all**. Our Indians are still forced to live on reservations, living in poverty and diseases. Would you be willing to stand on your convictions if they should decide they wanted their rights and freedom?

And let me say this, I'm not hanging my head in shame for not accepting Martin Luther King as a martyr, because I don't think he was. When they lift up a man on the same heights as my Lord, I'm against that man. It's true we don't have a right to take another human's life. Neither do we have a right to put him on a throne.

Martin Luther King preached non-violence but he also condoned it; otherwise, he would have condemned Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael, which he did not do for a while before his death.

Middlesboro, Ky. Mrs. Norman Desiker

No "Martyred Leader"

Dear Editor:

I must disagree with you on your editorial in the April 25 issue of the *Western Recorder*. Baptists had no reason to be a part of this display of what you refer to as a "martyred leader."

Evidently you and I do not read the same magazines. Perhaps you have not read the May 8 issue of *U. S. News and World Report* that contains an article on "How Riots Are Stirred Up." A similar article in the May 13 issue is entitled "Communist Influence in March on Washington"?

What religion is dominant in Communist countries? Not the Baptist, thank goodness.

With Mr. John R. Sampey, III, I heartily agree, "Beware of False Prophets."

I hope that pastors will speak for themselves at Houston—since all of us

cannot be there.

Let's not forget that along with the Negro we have a human rights problem among the whites, the Indians and others. But the latter two have not started riots, nor burned, nor caused the destruction that we have seen so recently in our land.

Owensboro Ky. Mrs. F. M. Sherman

Concerned About Unconcern

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your recent articles on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the race issue in general. Thanks for realizing this issue is important enough to use space in a SBC paper to try to help us face facts as they exist today.

I would like to say there are some Baptists who are greatly concerned about the seeming unconcern of our people on this issue. One gets the impression that if we keep on ignoring the problem it will go away. Not so!

Regardless of whether our leaders speak or not, each individual is responsible for his or her attitudes and actions.

Jesus who died to save my soul, Jesus who died for the church, has only one attitude and directive, "Love Thy Neighbor." We Baptists decided a long time ago this means anyone, anywhere who needs our help. Why the controversy?

To be sure we are misunderstood when we speak and take action on vital issues.

However, there is something cleansing and refreshing that comes to human hearts when we have repented, received forgiveness and go forward with greater determination to make our attitude and lives more as Christ would have us be, without apology.

Owensboro, Ky. Mrs. Eugene Miller

'68 Summer Session Begins At Campbellsville June 3

The 1968 summer session at Campbellsville College is scheduled to begin June 3 and will run to August 9. President J. K. Powell said freshmen who plan to enroll for this fall can get a head start by attending the ten-week summer term.

Courses will be offered in art, Bible, religious education, chemistry, biology, business, education, psychology, English, health, physical education, library science, sociology, mathematics, music, history, geography, economics and political science.

Louisville Pastor Accepts Professorship in London

Lewis A. Drummond, pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, since 1964, has accepted a position as the first professor of evangelism at Spurgeon's Theological College in London, England.



Drummond will establish a curriculum in evangelism and the practical field for the British Baptist institution. This is believed to be the first professorship of evangelism established at any European theological school.

A graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, Drummond earned the Ph.D. degree from King's College of the University of London in the early 1960's.

The Ninth and O pastor is a trustee of Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, and immediate past president of the Baptist Pastors' Conference of Long Run Association.

Kentucky R.A.'s Sponsor Mission Action Projects

For Southern Baptist boys, mission actions are the practical results of missionary education as Royal Ambassadors search out needs in their communities and work to fill them.

In one Baptist association in Kentucky, Royal Ambassadors' mission actions range from making flower pots for the aged to flying kites to reach the unchurched.

The boys in one Royal Ambassador chapter collect plastic bleach bottles and turn them into gaily painted flower pots for patients at local nursing homes.

Coggins Calls on Churches to Fight Poverty, Injustice

A former Southern Baptist leader now with the War on Poverty, Ross Coggins, has urged religious leaders in six Southern states to plan specific efforts to help extricate poverty, racism and injustice in the South.

Coggins, acting deputy director of the Office of Economic Opportunity's Southeast Regional Office at Atlanta, offered seven specific suggestions in a letter circulated to several hundred religious leaders, including numerous Southern Baptists, in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and South Carolina.

The former director of communications for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville suggested that churches offer camping and recreational activities to the poor, Vacation Bible Schools for poverty-level youngsters, employment of the poor, summer tutoring, VISTA Volunteers, cash contributions to anti-poverty programs and getting acquainted with the local War on Poverty agency staff and programs.

"There are so many different ways you could provide assistance, we could not begin to list them all in this letter," wrote Coggins, who also serves as regional administrator of Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA).

Coggins said his letter to religious leaders came as a result of numerous requests from religious leaders asking what they can do in the War on Poverty. He specifically suggested:

►Summer camping and recreational activities. "The chances are you have personnel and/or physical facilities which could be used much more than in

previous years. You might enlarge your programs to bring in youngsters from poverty-level families. You might even initiate special or extra programs for them."

►Vacation Bible Schools. "These might be expanded or extended to care for poverty-level youngsters. You could also employ poverty-level people in these and other programs. There are many jobs which poor people with minimal training can do well."

►Employment. "You can encourage businessmen in your church to hire more of the poor. Some of them may require special training, but money so invested usually brings rich dividends."

►VISTA associates and volunteers. "Some of your people might volunteer as VISTA associates while others may be interested in serving as regular VISTA volunteers. The VISTA office at this office will be happy to answer any specific inquiries on these programs."

►Cash contributions to anti-poverty programs. "Your church as a whole, Sunday School classes, missionary societies, men's groups or other organizations may simply want to consider making cash contributions to anti-poverty programs already underway in your community."

►Get-acquainted-with-poverty programs. "If you are not already familiar with the Community Action Agency serving your area, please get acquainted with that staff and the programs they administer. They might have some critical need you could meet or specific suggestions as to where you could provide the most help."

Coggins concluded his letter to the religious leaders, saying, "Of course you understand that most of the things we have mentioned can be difficult tasks, and could generate more criticism than thanks. The need is great, however, and the opportunity is all around us."

Student Organization to Lobby For SBC Action on Social Issues

An informal organization of Southern Baptist students called "Baptist Students Concerned" has announced its plans to attend the SBC at Houston to influence messengers to act against racial prejudice and poverty.

Terry Nichols of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, coordinator of the student movement, announced that their goal was "to get the pastors and the conven-

tion at large to make specific commitments to remove three basic weaknesses in the SBC."

He listed these weaknesses as (1) ignorance of where the struggles are, where the human needs are, and how to best meet these needs; (2) racial barriers within our denomination; and (3) lack of involvement in the plight of the poor.

Nichols said the student organization was especially concerned with "the blatant disregard for any social problem in this years Pastors' Conference." He said they would protest this lack of social emphasis by establishing a "silent, non-disruptive vigil" at the entrance of the Sam Houston Coliseum, where the Pastors' Conference meets on Monday and Tuesday.

The coordinator of "Baptist Students Concerned" said individual students hoped they would be given an opportunity to discuss current social problems with various SBC leaders.

"Also, we will be confronting pastors and lay leaders in dialogue," he said, "to raise questions, to listen, and to suggest new possibilities of Christian ministry."

Nichols explained that the student movement grew out of their concern that "Southern Baptists have done relatively little to improve race relations, to influence the anti-poverty movement in this country, or even to learn what responsibilities the SBC might bear to bring about justice and hope for the alienated, the deprived, and the exploited in American society and throughout the world."

Prayer-Bible Retreat for Kentucky Baptists Scheduled at Cedarmore Assembly July 1-4

The evangelism department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is sponsoring a prayer and Bible retreat at Cedarmore Assembly this summer to help prepare Kentucky Baptists spiritually for the forthcoming Crusade of the Americas.



Allison

Evangelism Secretary Thomas H. Shelton said the retreat is open to pastors, deacons and WMU leaders or "any Christian who is sincerely seeking a deeper life with Christ."

Scheduled for July 1-4, it will feature Bible study sessions conducted by Gray Allison, full-time evangelist from Ruston, Louisiana, and prayer sessions led

by Miss Bertha Smith, retired former missionary to China and Taiwan.

Allison, a native of Louisiana, taught missions and evangelism at New Orleans Seminary and served in the evangelism department of the Home Mission Board for several years before entering full-time evangelism last year. He has conducted evangelism clinics for Baptists in several foreign countries.

Miss Bertha Smith was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to China in 1917. Forced out of China by the Communists in 1948, she went to Taiwan, where she served until her retirement in 1958. During the past several years she has led numerous prayer and Christian life retreats for Southern Baptists in several states.

Shelton said that any Kentucky Baptist wishing to register for the retreat or receive further information should contact his office at the Baptist Building in Middletown.

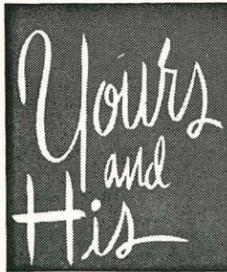
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Does your church need a way to make every member a world missionary? Most of us would never go personally as home or foreign missionaries. But to fail to go, through the Cooperative Program, is to experience the painful unrealized desire of millions. But, by the grace of God and the wisdom of the Baptist denomination, all persons can be missionaries through gifts by way of the Cooperative Program.

Does your church need to have a part in a great world missions program? Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses" in all the world. Participation in a world missions program, in cooperation with other Baptist churches, is accomplished by your gifts, pooled with those of other churches, through the Cooperative Program. Participation is not based upon your size, location, or class—but on the basis of God's command and your deep desire.

Does your church want to be assured of an efficient and economical channel for world missions? Southern Baptists have learned that in pooling their resources for missions, there is economy.

Does your church need something to stimulate interest in all mission causes? When the Cooperative Program is recognized as the chief means of doing world missions, the members often develop a deeper interest in all missions.

They know that the dollars they give support the teaching ministry in seminaries and schools. They know that a healing ministry is supported in our hospitals. They know that orphans are being cared for, that youth are being trained, that the lost are being won to Christ.

They know the work is going on wherever Southern Baptists are represented in the earth.

HAROLD G. SANDERS

Resolution on Church-State Issue Slated for Presentation at Houston

A resolution reaffirming the separation of church and state as "a fundamental principle of Baptist belief and practice" will be presented for consideration by the Southern Baptist Convention in sessions at Houston June 4-7.

The statement was released by Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta and president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Among the other cosigners with Newton were four others who also are former SBC presidents, including J. D. Grey of New Orleans, J. W. Storer of Nashville, C. C. Warren of Charlotte and Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City.

Following is the complete text of the resolution:

"Whereas, the doctrine of soul liberty is basic to Baptist beliefs, its corollary being the doctrine of a free church in a free state, and

"Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention has again and again expressed itself for separation of church and state, and

"Whereas, some Baptist institutions, including churches, find themselves in the peculiar position of being urged to accept federal gifts for their operations and programs, with the very lives of some of these institutions seeming to depend on such acceptance,

"Whereas, our stand must be taken between accepting tax monies to meet these extreme needs on the one hand and our basic principles on the other,

"Therefore, be it resolved, "That, with slight alterations, we reaffirm the resolution offered by W. L. Pickett of Georgia 55 years ago (1913), and reaffirmed in principle repeatedly since that time, namely,

"Whereas the . . . separation of church and state has ever been and is now a fundamental principle of Baptist belief and practice: and

"Whereas in many places there are efforts being made to divert state . . . municipal (and federal) funds to the maintenance of certain religious schools and other institutions:

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Southern Baptist Convention reaffirms its unalterable belief in the . . . separation of church and state, and hereby expresses its sympathy with all who are having to fight efforts of any who would try to violate this . . . principle."

Other cosigners include C. Roy Angell of Miami; J. W. Dawson of Corsicana, Texas; Earl Guinn of Pineville, Louisiana; Earl Harding of Jefferson City, Missouri; John J. Hurt of Dallas; E. S. James of Denton, Texas; Norris Palmer of Baton Rouge; Mrs. Robert Fling of New York; John Barnes of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; H. C. Chiles of Kentucky; Jack U. Harwell of Atlanta; Joe Tutten of Jackson, Mississippi; Jaroy Webber of Mobile, Alabama; Lucius Polhill of Richmond, Virginia; Archie Ellis of Columbia, South Carolina; and W. O. Vaught of Little Rock, Arkansas. (BP)

Kentucky Winners Named in Youth Speakers Tournament and Intermediate Bible Drill

Cynthia Ann Hulette of Four Mile and Gloria Johnson of Harlan were declared state winners in the Kentucky young people's speakers tournament and intermediate Bible drills, respectively, during recent competition at Cedarmore Assembly near Bagdad.

They will represent Kentucky in the SBC-wide events this summer at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina.



Miss Hulette



Miss Johnson

lina. The speaking events are scheduled July 4-10, followed by the Bible drills July 11-17.

Miss Hulette is a freshman at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. She plans to transfer eventually to Georgetown College and study home economics in preparation for service as an overseas missionary.

For the past three summers the state speakers winner has served in vacation Bible schools in Bell County. In high school she served as president of both the F.H.A. and 4-H organizations. Her father is pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Four Mile.

Miss Johnson, a member of Harlan Baptist Church, recently achieved the queen regent-in-service step in the Girls Auxiliary in that congregation. She is president of her Sunday School class and sings in the church choir.

A sophomore at Harlan High School, she is president of senior girl scouts and a member of the drama club.

Mississippi Pastor Helps Rebuild Negro Church

A conscience-stricken Baptist pastor at Meridian, Mississippi, has led in the formation of a county-wide Committee of Conscience to rebuild a burned-down Negro church that was fired on Easter Sunday, two weeks after the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I got all shook up about it" when the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church was burned to the ground, said Harold E. O'Chester, pastor of the Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church.

O'Chester expressed his concern to the Baptist Pastors' Association of Lauderdale County, where there have been about 11 Negro church burnings in the last few years, and a resolution was passed urging creation of the county-wide Committee of Conscience to raise funds to rebuild the church.

The committee has already raised about \$1,000 and is planning for a county-wide "Day of Restoration" on May 26, when it hopes to raise about \$25,000.

In a strongly-worded article in his church's bulletin the week after the burning, O'Chester said he was deeply troubled by the "veil of silence over the entire matter by most people since it happened."

He wrote that it wasn't just another burned church, but "another nail in the coffin of liberty, another encroachment on the part of bigoted people."

Meridian is located in eastern Missis-

issippi about 30 miles from Philadelphia, where three civil rights workers were killed several years ago. The area has reportedly had the highest percentage of church burnings in the state, said one Baptist pastor in Meridian.

O'Chester contacted the Mississippi state-wide Committee of Concern which has rebuilt about 40 burned-out Negro churches since 1963, but it was decided that more benefits would accrue to the local community if a county-wide committee were organized and the money raised locally.

Three Baptist pastors and the association superintendent of Baptist missions were among the 32 original members of the committee. O'Chester was named chairman of the committee. A Negro Baptist pastor who works with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, C. O. Inge, is also on the committee.

Land Secured for Baptist Hospital in India

Land for a Baptist hospital in Bangalore, India, was dedicated during April in a ceremony shared by representatives of local churches and by three Southern Baptists who have helped plan for the institution. (Construction plans are incomplete.)

The dedication sermon was preached

O'Chester said he had received very little opposition to his stand, only a few crank phone calls and one or two "hate" letters. He said he felt frustrated because numerous young people had thanked him for what he was doing, but expressed concern because the purpose of the committee was so narrow.

Another Meridian pastor, Beverly Tinnin of First Baptist Church, said that there was not so much overt opposition as there was "muttering" among the people.

Both Tinnin and O'Chester said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was investigating the burning, and that there was strong evidence of intentional arson.

When asked why the church was burned, Tinnin said he had heard that some people just wanted "to get those Negroes off the hill because they were a nuisance, since white people live around there." (BP)

by Winston Crawley, director of the Foreign Mission Board's newly-created overseas division and former secretary for the Orient. Dr. Ralph C. Bethea, medical missionary, and Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, the Board's medical consultant, were among others on the program. Several government officials attended.

N. Joshua, Indian pastor, reported on the growth of Baptist work in Bangalore since the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Bethea in September, 1966:

Three churches have been organized, with a total membership of 154. These churches have baptized 77 persons this year, including four from the caste Hindu community. The churches have Sunday Schools (average combined attendance: 75) and women's associations and sewing classes organized by Mrs. Bethea. Women are learning to do their household sewing and make fancywork for sale.

Two mobile clinics have treated nearly 6,000 patients, 14 of whom are now baptized Christians.

Nearly 300 persons have enrolled in a Bible correspondence school, started in February, 1968, and some have completed the first course, "Who Is Jesus?" Ten students have professed faith in Christ, and three have been baptized.

In order to improve economic conditions among the Indian people, Dr. Bethea started a poultry project. Seventy-five laying chickens have been distributed, and approximately 500 chicks are now growing. This project will be enlarged when suitable land is secured.

The Bethea family and Indian Christians go out for street preaching and personal soul-winning every Sunday evening.

Baptists witnessed to their fellow citizens with a sunrise service on Easter.

1968 Kentucky Baptist Conventioneers Urged to Make Motel Reservations Now

Persons planning to attend the Kentucky Baptist Convention November 12-14 at the Florence Baptist Church are urged to make hotel and motel reservations immediately. According to Florence pastor, Jack Sanford, the fall

horse racing season will be on during this time and those seeking reservations late may fail to find them.

The Statler-Hilton Lamplighter Motel has been designated headquarters hotel. The locations and rates of the recommended motels are as follows:

►Florence Motel, 7111 Dixie Highway, Florence—single, \$9.50; double, \$9.50 and \$14.50.

►Homelike Motel, 7009 Dixie Highway, Florence—single, \$5.00; double, \$6.00.

►Statler - Hilton Lamplighter, 1939 Dixie Highway, Fort Mitchell—single \$12.00; double, \$16.00.

►Ridge Motel, 6501 Dixie Highway, Florence—single, \$9.50; double, \$13.50.

►Barkley House Airport Hotel, Cincinnati Airport, Erlanger—single, \$11.00; double, \$14.00 and \$16.00.

►Holiday Inn South, 2100 Dixie Highway, Fort Mitchell—single, \$10.00; double, \$16.00.

►Airport Motor Inn, Airport Road and I-75, Erlanger—single, \$10.00 and \$13.00; double, \$15.00.

►Wildwood Motor Inn, 7809 U.S. 42, Florence—single, \$8.00, 9.00 and \$10.00; double, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00.

Ralph Couey to Become New Pastor at Winchester

Ralph R. Couey, who has been retired from the pastorate for the past seven years, is re-entering the active pastoral ministry as leader of the First Baptist Church of Winchester, effective September 1.

The church called Couey as full-time pastor after he had served the congregation for several months as interim.

The new Winchester pastor has previously served the First Baptist Church of Carrollton, Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, and the Carlisle, Kentucky, Baptist Church.

A graduate of Baylor University in Texas and Southern Seminary at Louisville, he was awarded the honorary D.D. degree by Georgetown College.

More Than 18,000 Decisions Recorded in California Crusade

by THE BAPTIST PRESS

Encounter California, billed as the largest state-wide evangelistic effort ever held by a Baptist state convention, has resulted in an estimated 18,860 decisions in the 46 central crusades in major metropolitan areas, and in local church revivals at Baptist churches throughout the state.

The estimated total number of decisions was reported in Fresno, California, by the head of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California's evangelism department, Eugene Grubbs.

Grubbs said that total decisions for Christ in the 46 central crusades were 2,961. In the local church revivals, 15,900 decisions were registered, he said.

Grubbs said that figures indicating the number of duplicated decisions in the central crusades and local church revivals were not available, but he said information from other Encounter-type crusades in other areas showed not more than 75% of the decisions made in central crusades are duplicated in local church revivals.

Based on these figures, said Grubbs, it is estimated that 16,640 different persons made decisions.

Cumulative attendance at the 46 central crusades totalled 179,607, with average attendance of 29,601.

Grubbs said that the 2,961 total decisions in the central crusades included 1,236 professions of faith, 1,423 rededications, 80 commitments to special service, and 222 other type decisions.

The 15,900 local church revival decisions included 4,940 professions of faith, 3,974 decisions to join churches by baptism, 1,531 transfers of membership, 213 commitments to special service, and

9,214 other decisions.

In an editorial at the close of the encounter crusades, *California Southern Baptist* Editor J. Terry Young, called for comprehensive analysis of the results of the crusades, in an effort to determine who made the decisions and why.

The three-month crusade effort involved training of church members as personal witnesses, a state-wide religious survey to identify prospects, an intensive program of prayer support involving churches in Texas and California, plus the 46 central crusades and the 800 local church revivals.

Encounter California was sponsored by the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, with assistance of the Home Mission Board of the SBC which provided some financial undergirding, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Kentucky Churches Give to Co-op Program

In a recent issue of the *Western Recorder*, the names of several Baptist churches in Kentucky were omitted from the list of congregations which contributed to the Cooperative Program and other designated causes during the first six months of this convention year.

In all cases the amounts of their contributions were published, but the names of the churches were not given. Following is a list of the congregations whose names were inadvertently omitted from the financial report:

	Co-op.	CEA	Other
Bell			
Calvary Mission	1.73		
Garmeada Missions	49.40		
Blood River			
Grace	25.00		71.09

Emery Smith Appointed Associate Student Secretary

Emery Smith, Baptist campus minister at Morehead State University, has been named new associate in the student department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, effective June 1.

Smith has been BSU director at Morehead since 1964. Prior to that time he served for two years as director of religious activities at Louisiana College in Pineville.

A B.A. graduate of that school, he also earned the M.R.E. degree from New Orleans Seminary and has studied during the summer at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

The new associate student secretary is married to the former Amelia Ann Wharton. They have one daughter, Kimberly Ann 6.



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Central Temple		7.50
Gasper River		
Mt. Vernon	26.72	
Graves		
Clarks River	340.05	204.15
Cuba	488.94	476.51
First, Mayfield	4,940.20	2,825.66
Mayfield First	2,500.00	1,885.03
Greenup		
Concord	36.00	
Raceland First		54.50
Liberty	60.00	25.00
Laurel River		
Pleasant Run		30.00
Long Run		
Hurstbourne Chapel	135.43	50.00
Lynn Camp		
Liberty	32.91	10.50
Ohio Valley		
New Hope	51.42	50.00
Owen County		
Old Cedar	1,116.35	280.37
Pulaski County		
Oak Grove I		156.00
Beacon Hill Mission	125.00	
Russell Creek		
New Hope		4.25
South Concord		
Cooper	10.00	185.00
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Meadow View		460.52
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SBC Youth Appointed for BSU Summer Mission Work

A group of Arkansas students will migrate to Burley, Idaho this summer where they will rotate shifts hoeing beets and caring for migrant children in the first student summer missions project of this type ever sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The 19 Arkansas youth are among 883 students who have been appointed for summer missionary service in each of the 50 states as well as Puerto Rico.

In addition, six missionary teams have been appointed to bolster inner-city areas in St. Louis, Detroit, New York, Worcester, Mass., Los Angeles and Charlottesville, Va.

Other special projects include team ministries in resort areas and church construction and renovation work in several states, Hammonds said.

The majority will be involved in general missions work such as Vacation Bible Schools, weekday ministries and surveys.

Appointed through the Home Mission Board, the students—most college sophomores or above—will serve June 10 to August 16.

The Arkansas students are among 162 who were appointed in cooperation with a state Baptist Student Union. Other

states supporting BSU missionaries include:

Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

A total of 62 students from Kentucky will participate in the 1968 Home Mission Board summer missions program. They are listed by home-town, college and assignment:

- Nancy Abernathy, Louisville—Kentucky
- Southern—Maryland
- Frank Brown—Georgetown—New England
- Joyce Carroll, Nicholasville—Eastern—Kansas-Nebraska
- Beverly Duncan, Cecilia—Morehead—Georgia
- Barbara Edwards, Pleasureville—Georgetown—New Mexico
- Marsha Eichenberg—Southern Seminary—St. Louis
- Sharon Felty, Henderson—U. of Kentucky—Michigan
- Mildred Flippo—Campbellsville—Maryland
- Rose Floyd—Berea—Oregon-Washington
- Candace Godby—Georgetown—Maryland
- James Greene—Berea—Kansas-Nebraska
- Peggy Griesser, Burlington—Georgetown—Northern Plains
- Wayne Hasenmyer—Campbellsville—Texas
- Dianne Helton, Bowling Green—Western—Colorado
- Warren Helton, Bowling Green—Western—Colorado
- Janice Hill—Berea—Texas
- Lawrence Hopkins, Louisville—Eastern—Missouri
- Phyllis Hopkins, Marion—Murray—New Mexico
- Thomas King, Sandy Hook—Cumberland—Utah-Idaho

- Linda Kottke, Louisville—Georgetown—Louisiana
- Sue Lefler, Louisville—Southern Seminary—North Carolina
- Harold Lefler, Louisville—Southern Seminary—North Carolina
- Donald McCall, Ashland—Austin Peay—Colorado
- Leo McMannis—Morehead—California
- Bill Maggard, Louisville—Eastern—Missouri
- Joan Mann, Springfield—Campbellsville—Michigan
- Melva Neafus, Louisville—Georgetown—Oregon-Washington
- William Matkin—Southern Seminary—Oregon-Washington
- Lois Muff, Florence—Eastern—New Mexico
- Vicki Mullins, Florence—Eastern—Kansas-Nebraska
- Mary Noe, Russellville—Austin Peay—Kentucky
- Carolyn Noffsinger, Bremen—Western—Northern Plains
- Ethel Patrick, Booneville—Georgetown—Arizona
- Susan Perry, Lexington—Georgetown—Arkansas
- Donald Phillips, Bremen—Campbellsville—Northern Plains
- Brenda Price, Bowling Green—Western—New Mexico
- Helen Raymer, Pleasure Ridge Park—Georgetown—Texas
- Robert Reed, Cynthia—Georgetown—Oregon-Washington
- Patricia Reeves, Philpot—Kentucky Wesleyan—Texas
- Vivian Rich, Louisville—Western—Oklahoma
- Elizabeth Rose, Prestonsburg—Berea—Michigan
- Barbara Roundtree, Orchard—Berea—Pennsylvania
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James Lester of Atlanta Named New Baptist Editor in Tennessee

James A. Lester, secretary of promotion and public relations for the Georgia Baptist Convention in Atlanta, has been elected editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*, weekly publication of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Lester will join the convention staff on August 1, and assume the position as editor on October 1, immediately after the retirement of Richard N. Owen, current editor, on September 30.

He was elected to the position by the administrative committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board, which confirmed his appointment.

A former newspaperman and pastor, Lester was for six years copy editor and state news editor of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*.

He has been pastor of churches in Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, and has directed the music and educational programs at First Baptist Church, Ponchartraine, Louisiana.

A former school teacher, he has taught high school English and chemistry, and in the public schools of Mitchell County and Thomas County in Georgia.

He has also had experience as a pho-

tographer, dark room technician, and accredited commercial pilot.

A graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, Lester also attended Norman Junior College, Norman Park, Georgia, and earned the master of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Doris Elizabeth Holland, Augusta, Georgia, who is a former elementary education worker for Baptist churches in Georgia. They have two sons, James Earl, 14, and Edwin Oliver, 12. (BP)

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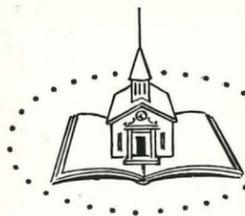
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THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Even though Job was an upright man who revered God and turned away from evil, he had not learned the importance and value of self-abnegation. Because Job was prone to think too highly of himself, and God wanted to teach him to be humble and submissive to Him, God permitted Satan to effect the loss of Job's possessions, his children and health. Job's three friends, who came presumably to comfort him, expressed the mistaken idea, which some people still entertain, that misfortune and suffering are always the result of sin.

I. God's Greatness As Challenger (Job 38:1-3)

After his friends had argued with Job that he had been guilty of secret sins or the judgment of God would not have fallen upon him, they urged him to confess his sins and be healed. Knowing that he was a sinner, as were all of his contemporaries, but that his friends were wrong in their contention, Job refused to admit that secret sins were the cause of the dire calamities which had befallen him.

Turning from their admonitions, Job steadfastly exercised his faith in God, and, though he was penniless, childless, healthless, jobless and friendless, Job lifted his voice and uttered one of the finest statements of his entire career: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15). There is no such thing as defeating and crushing men who trust God as Job did.

It is encouraging to recall that when God permits His children to be tested severely, as in the case of Job, He always has a gracious and beneficent purpose in it. Sometimes He permits such experiences to correct undesirable and wrong conditions in their lives. Such testings frequently redound to God's own glory in exhibiting the wondrous workings of His grace in the lives of His children.

In Job's case there was a real need for a specific revelation from God, so He spoke to him out of the whirlwind, similar to the one which killed his children. How appropriate! In the midst of his mental confusion Job heard the voice out of the storm, reproving him for speaking authoritatively about matters beyond his knowledge and concern-

ing which he had little understanding. God wanted Job to understand that he was wrong in thinking he had not been dealt with in a just manner.

Since Job apparently thought that he knew so much, God called upon him to answer some pertinent and fundamental questions, which Job perhaps thought that he could do with ease. God's presence with and interrogation of Job made him thoroughly aware of his ignorance and helplessness.

II. God's Greatness As Creator (Job 38:4-7)

Instead of vindicating His servant as Job had been hoping that He would do, God revealed to him His own greatness as Creator. God informed Job that He had created all things, and then sought to impress upon him some of the marvels of His creation. Creation was the mighty act of God. He made sure that everything which He made was straight and right in every respect.

Since Job had commented about creation, even though he had not been born until centuries thereafter, and no human being had been created at the time when God created the heaven and the earth, God called his attention to the fact that he really did not have any right to criticize either the Creator or His creation. From this reminder we can learn that it is not wise for us to speak about situations about which we know very little and express our opinions about them.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

CALLED TO BE LEARNERS

Today's lesson emphasizes the fact that the church is a fellowship in which every member is to be a learner. What a tragedy when Christians, who are called to be learners, do not have a real desire to learn, and especially about Christ and His will for their lives.

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III. God's Greatness As Controller (Job 38:31-33)

Not only did God create the universe, but it is held together and controlled by His mighty power. Since He created the sun, the moon and the stars, directs their courses, keeps them in their spheres, and determines their influence, it should be clear to us that His entire creation is controlled by His beneficent wisdom and power.

Since men cannot turn the winter of adversity into the spring of prosperity, it is best for them to submit to the sovereign will of God and let Him change the undesirable circumstances. Inasmuch as the clouds, the winds and the rains are at His disposal, we, who are His creatures and His children, should be also.

IV. God's Greatness As Corrector (Job 40:2)

When compared with others of his day Job made a wonderful showing. However, like many of us, Job did wrong in expressing himself so freely about some of the things which God had done. After all, it was not any of his business what God had done or why He did it. It is always unbecoming when anybody pretends to instruct the all-wise God, Who gives all the wisdom that any of us has, or attempts to reprove Him for His words, works or ways, finding fault with either of them, and implying that God has been unfair about anything. Such an attempt exposes the lack of wisdom.

Job came into the presence of God, acknowledged that he was of small account, confessed his sin in complaining, expressed his regret in speaking so hastily and rashly, and cast himself upon the mercy of God, whereupon he was restored to a place of blessing and usefulness.

John 1:35-39

John the Baptist had many friends, whom he called his disciples, who went about with him and assisted him in numerous ways. One day as he stood with two of them, one of whom was Andrew, and presumably the other was John, the Lord Jesus passed by and the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" We can scarcely imagine the tone of voice in which John the Baptist said that. What emotions must have stirred his soul as he thus bore his testimony

to the person and work of Christ!

That was truly a red-letter day for John's disciples. When they looked upon the long-expected Messiah, at the suggestion of John the Baptist, these open-minded and inquisitive disciples desired further acquaintance with knowledge about Christ. When they demonstrated their desire to get better acquainted with Christ, by following Him, He said to them, "What seek ye?" Apparently He asked this searching question in order to test their motives and to draw them out.

Thoroughly understanding that they were anxious to be in His presence and to obtain additional information from Him, Christ invited them to His place of abode.

Matthew 11:25-30

Two things stand out prominently in these verses:

1. Revelation. Matthew 11:25-27.

Here we have a prayer of thanksgiving and praise which Christ offered unto His Father. When was it that His heart was so filled with deep gratitude? Instead of it being at a time of great victory, unusual joy and remarkable bless-

ing, it was in the midst of a season of spiritual declension when He was about to turn His attention away from Israel as a nation after he had sought to win the people and they had spurned His love.

One is greatly encouraged by the fact that the opportunity is given to the simplest believer to trust God, to take the revelation of God's truth in His Word, and to impart it to others through the power of God with far-reaching results. The messages which God's messengers carry for Him are far more important and valuable than any that any mere earthly ambassador could ever hope to carry.

One can never reach the acme of spiritual growth until he recognizes the truth which Christ revealed in verse 27, that no one can ever know the Father except through the mediatorship of His Son.

2. Rest. Matthew 11:28-30.

Hoping to find peace of mind, the people to whom Christ was speaking were laboring to keep the law of Moses, but they had not been able to do so. With a sense of hopelessness in their labor,

Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

whole of life. Let us call men to faith in Christ. Let us dare to accept the full demands of the love and lordship of Christ in human relationships and urgent ministry. Let us be identified with Christ in the reproach and suffering of the cross.

We express the earnest hope that the Executive Committee and the Southern Baptist Convention will take the following actions:

1. Approve this statement on the national crisis.
2. Authorize the agencies concerned in these areas to set up a task force

to deal with these problems in the most effective manner possible consistent with their program assignments. It is understood that the chairman of the Inter-Agency Council will convene the meeting of interested agencies as soon as possible for organization. Immediate action may be necessary in some cases. Long range plans should be worked out through the Inter-Agency Council.

3. Call upon the churches, the associations, and state conventions to join the Southern Baptist Convention in a renewal of Christian effort to meet this national crisis.

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they succumbed to a perpetual weariness.

How like those who try to earn their salvation by what they do! Isn't it strange that after 19 centuries of gospel preaching there should still be some who think that salvation can be obtained in that way, when God's Word declares that such is an utter impossibility (Ephesians 2:8-9)?

Christ would have all to cast off the yoke of the law, accept Him as their Saviour, experience forgiveness of sin and deliverance from the fear of judgment, become His disciples, and learn from and work with Him. If one is to learn from Christ, there must be a real submission to His will.

Christ promised that His yoke would be easy and His burden light. A yoke is made for two, and, as this expression is used here, it is eloquent with the fellowship of the believer with his Lord. It is not always easy for the Christian to serve Christ, but being yoked with Him, He makes the burden light for His yoke is padded with divine love.



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Literacy Workshop Slated In Louisville June 17-25

For the third time in three years a convention-wide literacy workshop will be sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board June 17-25 at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

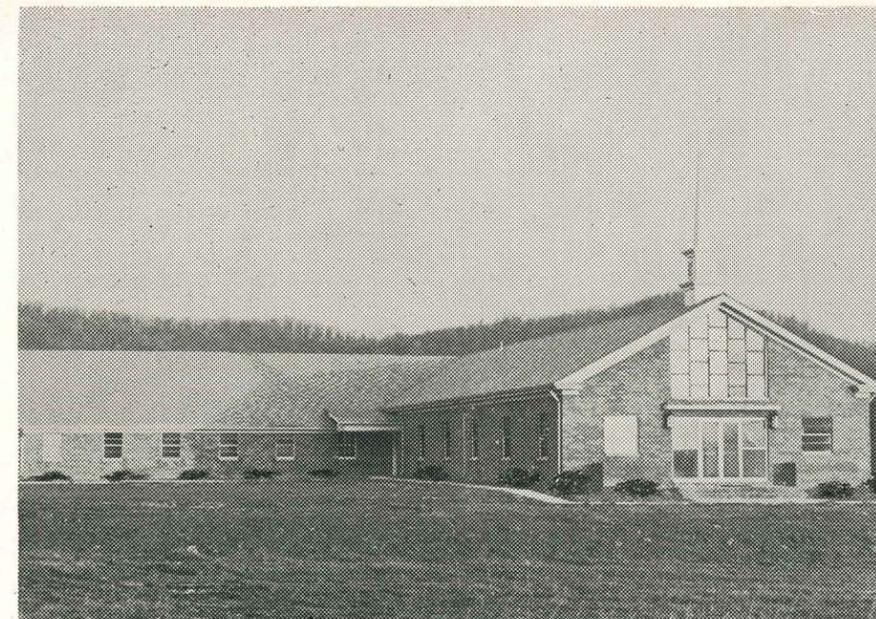
The workshop is a training ground for persons who will conduct similar workshops on a community level, training teachers to work with adult nonreaders and non-English speaking persons.

These are the most intensive training sessions offered in the Home Mission Board's literacy ministry, according to Mildred Blankenship, an assistant in the department of Christian social ministries, who will direct the workshop.

"The Theology of Helping," a discussion of the sociological aspects of a literacy ministry will be led by Bill Amos, who recently joined the Christian social ministries department as consultant on Baptist centers.

"If we don't understand the people and their context, we are not helping them," Amos said. "We are superimposing a prescribed standard of society upon them."

According to Miss Blankenship, "A Christian literacy class is able to offer friendship and a personal contact that sometimes an ordinary class is unable to offer."



New Building for Gethsemane, Louisville

Gethsemane Baptist Church of Louisville recently dedicated this \$150,000 sanctuary-educational unit at its new location on Blue Lick Road in southern Jefferson County. The worship area has a seating capacity of 360. In addition to classrooms, the educational building contains church offices and a kitchenette. Hayward Casey is pastor of the congregation.

Negro Pastor is Revival Preacher for Kentucky Church

Another plateau in race relations among Kentucky Baptists was reached recently when a Negro Baptist pastor preached during revival services at a white Baptist church in the eastern part of the state.

Richard Hill, pastor of Mill Street Baptist Church in London, served as evangelist for a one-week revival at the nearby Lily Baptist Church. According to Pastor Hargis Shackelford of the Lily congregation, the church was filled every night with members and visitors from the surrounding area. Eight persons made professions of faith.

Among the persons who attended the revival were two Southern Baptist missionaries to Africa who were on fur-

lough—Miss Ethel Harmon of Nigeria and Mrs. Charles Evans of Kenya. Both were delighted at the warm spirit of the revival services.

The Negro pastor had previously supplied the pulpit of the white congregation in the absence of the regular pastor. On that Sunday two persons made professions of faith and two joined the church by letter. The members of the

Lily church were so impressed with Hill's preaching that they insisted he be invited back to conduct their annual spring revival services.

A graduate of Simmons University in Louisville, the Negro pastor serves as vice-president of the Laurel County Ministerial Association and is a favorite chapel speaker at Sue Bennett College in London.

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