

 **WESTERN** RECORDER  
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## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**BETHANY BAPTIST** Church in Louisville has called Forrest Heeren as part-time minister of music and Mrs. Heeren as church organist. Heeren is dean of the School of Church Music of Southern Seminary. They will begin their service on September 8.

**E. N. PERRY** was named Pastor Emeritus in a resolution adopted by the members of First Baptist Church of Richmond, expressing their appreciation for his 23 years of service.

**TWO HOW-TO** books have been written by LeRoy Ford, professor at Southwestern Seminary, and released recently. They are *Developing Skills for Church Leaders* and *Using the Lecture in Teaching and Training*.

**A RECEPTION** was held for Glen and Nancy Igleheart on the afternoon of August 25 at Westport Road Baptist Church, Lyndon.

**SARAH WALTON MILLER**, author of several dramas, has written two volumes of devotional dramas, *Devotional Dramas for Stewardship Programs* and *Devotional Dramas for the Christian Life*.

**C. E. AUTREY**, director of the division of evangelism, Home Mission Board, has written *Renewals Before Pentecost*. The book is a revised reprint of his *Revivals of the Old Testament*.

**IRA SINGLETON**, missionary for Liberty Association of Kentucky Baptists since July, 1966, resigned on the first day of the annual associational meeting at Coral Hill Baptist Church. He was to assume his new duties as pastor of Temple Baptist Church of Poplar Bluff, Missouri on September 1.

**A RESOLUTION** was passed by members of Little Flock Church of Shepherdsville, expressing appreciation and love for the late Mrs. Patti Ann Overstreet, and sympathy to the families of Pastor Overstreet and Mrs. Overstreet's parents and brother. She held several offices in the church at the time of her death in an accident on June 21.

**ORVILLE SCOTT**, editor of *Charity and Children*, publication of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, has resigned effective September 30, to enter graduate school at the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

**LAWRENCE E. WEBB** of Anderson, South Carolina, has been named secretary of public relations for the Georgia Baptist Convention.

A former journalism and Bible instructor news director and publications advisor at Anderson College, Georgia, Webb succeeds Jim Lester who resigned to become editor of the *Baptist and Reflector* of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

**GLASGOW** Church WMU collected a 55-gallon drum of old clothing to send to Rhodesia, Africa.



**RETREAT**—Harvey T. Gibson, field service staff consultant with the Church Training Department, Sunday School Board, will lead conferences at the pastor-director retreat September 6-7 at Cedarmore Assembly. The retreat is sponsored by the Training Union Department, Baptist Building.

## REVIVALS

**THE CROOKED CREEK** Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, reports a successful revival with a total of 31 decisions, including 13 by baptism and two by transfer of letter. Jim Murphy, pastor of the Demossville Baptist Church, was the evangelist, and Howard Byers, pastor of the Short Creek Baptist Church, was the song leader.

**NEW LIBERTY CHURCH**, New Liberty, reports six conversions were received during revival services led by Bill Reeder. David Jicka is pastor.

**NEW LIBERTY** Church had a summer revival which resulted in seven professions of faith. Evangelist was Noble Cottrell; pastor is Overton Sou.h.

**PLEASANT VALLEY** Church had a revival resulting in seven professions of faith, two new members by letter, two persons announcing decisions to become foreign missionaries, and 16 rededications. Stanley Chaney is pastor.

**O. H. PAGE**, pastor of Walnut Hill Church, reports that Ira Singleton led a revival that resulted in three professions of faith and two additions by letter.

**FIFTEEN** professions of faith were reported at a revival at Cedar Grove Church. Raymond Grizzle, pastor of Poplar Spring Baptist Church, was the evangelist. Charles E. Lowe is pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST** Church of Paris announces that elaborate plans have been in the making since February for celebration of their 150th anniversary in September. During the month they will have four former pastors returning as special guests.

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## Abounding Lawlessness

by Larry Maddox

Lawlessness does not just exist in our nation—it abounds! It is more extensive and more excessive than ever before.

Lawlessness is reflected in the gnawing fear that grips the people of this country. National Observer analysis states, "Fifty percent of the population of the nation's larger cities are afraid to walk the streets at night."

The current crime report published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation shows that in 1966 crime increased 11 percent over 1965 while the population increased by only 1.1 percent. Crime is increasing ten times faster than the population.

Lawlessness is manifested in riots, looting, and burning. In 1967 mindless mobs destroyed portions of nearly one hundred cities leaving thousands homeless, more than three thousand injured and scores killed.

Lawlessness is expressed in civil disobedience. J. Edgar Hoover states: "Civil disobedience is a pernicious doctrine which is undermining respect for law and order. . . . To break the law even 'gently' can have eventually tragic consequences. . . . Those who espouse the theory of civil disobedience and authorities who free guilty violators must share a portion of the blame and responsibility for the turmoil in our streets." President John F. Kennedy said, "We have every right to disagree with a law but no right to disobey it."

### A Christian response

What can we do in the face of such lawlessness? We cannot be indifferent. Indifference and apathy make us unwitting allies of violence and lawlessness.

We must be involved in some way in an effort to end lawlessness. What then can we, as responsible Christians, do as we confront this crisis in our nation?

### Respect the law ourselves

J. Edgar Hoover has emphasized that "a rising contempt of and disrespect for law and order lie at the heart of the growing violence in America today."

Demonstration of disrespect is evident in the attitude toward traffic regu-

[Larry Maddox is pastor of Maywood Baptist Church, Independence, Missouri. A native Kentuckian, he was pastor of Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah, before going to Missouri.]

lations. Many citizens feel no obligation to obey these laws. Following the 1954 decision of the Supreme Court regarding integration of our schools, many newspapers and lawyers joined politicians in urging open disobedience and in planning ways to get around the law. Then came the Civil Rights movement and its advocacy of civil disobedience.

Is it ever "lawful" to break the law? Is it right for the Christian to show disrespect for the law by engaging in civil disobedience? We can point to the Biblical examples of Daniel in the Lions' den and Peter before the Sanhedrin declaring, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Or we could cite examples from history such as Martin Luther as he stood before the authorities and said, "Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me."

### Civil Disobedience

Civil disobedience is a serious matter. It is morally acceptable only when (1) inalienable rights are being violated (2) there is no other recourse, every attempt by lawful means having been exhausted, (3) it is non-violent, (4) it does not interfere with the rights of others, and (5) there is willingness to suffer the penalty of the law.

Apart from the above-mentioned conditions the Christian citizen must respect the law, heeding the admonition of Paul, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities."

Alleviation of poverty and correction of social injustice would undoubtedly lower the crime rate and reduce lawlessness, but such measures are not a panacea in themselves. The rising crime rate in the affluent suburbs and the fact that Detroit, scene of the worst riots in 1967, had a model social welfare program are but two examples indicating that the cause of lawlessness is more than material or social . . . it is also moral.

### Re-establish moral standards

Modern man has become the "measure of all things" including his moral behavior. He has no certain measuring rod for gauging character and conduct; no supreme moral authority for his life. His philosophy is summed up by Ernest Hemingway who said, "Moral is what you feel good after. Immoral is what you feel bad after." Standards of morality must be re-established.

### Re-assert spiritual values

Values reflected by the criminal element do not differ greatly from the

values held by society. Crimes against property reflect a desire for material goods. Crimes of violence in which a weapon is used reflect force or power. Sex crimes are an indication of sensuality. What are the dominant values in our society if not the desire to secure material goods, power and influence, and sensual pleasure?

Our Lord taught, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Man is more than a trousered ape. Man is a spiritual being, created in the image of God and made for fellowship with God. Man has spiritual needs. We must re-assert a system of values that give proper emphasis to the things of the spirit.

### Reject permissiveness

Permissiveness prevails in the homes of America. Each available survey indicates that parents in all income brackets are letting their children do as they wish. There is a minimum of supervision and control. Children brought up on impulse released and accustomed to compliance to their every whim are ill-equipped to live in harmony with society and its laws.

Permissiveness pervades the campuses of America. A Newsweek survey finds "tolerant attitudes toward almost any subject—encouraged by those who counsel the students on American campuses. The epitome of permissiveness in school is seen on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. Alexander Greendon, a physicist at Cal, related the following:

"Even the abstraction 'obscenity' is better understood when one hears a speaker, using the university's amplifying equipment, describe in vulgar words his experiences in a group sexual intercourse and homosexuality and recommend these practices, while another suggests students should have the same sexual freedom on campus as dogs."

Permissiveness has invaded the courts. Garrett Byrne, District Attorney of Boston, said, "Most policemen and district attorneys feel that the Supreme Court has swiped the blindfold from the Goddess of Justice and used it to tie their hands." Criminal trials have often times become a search for technicalities rather than a search for truth.

### Redeem unregenerate men

Man is a sinner. His heart is "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Jesus alone has the power to change men's hearts. Jesus Christ is "the only sure and lasting solution."

Lawlessness must be displaced by loyalty to Christ. Only then will this crisis in our nation cease.



## Man's Inhumanity to Man on the Highways

In many ways we are the most civilized society in the history of man; in some ways we are the most uncivilized generation that ever existed. We spend millions of dollars annually in medical research to save or to prolong life, yet we go on killing thousands every year in senseless highway slaughter. Future generations will be hard put to understand why this generation was so inconsistent.

Most of the time highway deaths are mere statistics to us but occasionally they come so close home that they break our hearts. This was the case recently for the community of Paris, Kentucky, and especially the First Baptist Church of that city.

One of the most attractive, capable and dedicated Baptist families in all Kentucky was almost completely wiped out in one fatal moment on a Kentucky highway. Mr. and Mrs. William Bingham and their son, Timothy, age 11, were killed instantly and their 15-year-old daughter, Mariem, was seriously injured. It happened in a head on crash near Morehead on their return from an August vacation.

Bill Bingham, a teacher at the University of Kentucky, was a tall man physically but he was taller spiritually. He was assistant chairman of the Paris First Baptist deacons, a Sunday School teacher of adults, and along with his wife was leader of juniors in Training Union. They also served together as co-chairmen of the 150th Anniversary celebration of the Paris congregation this year.

The name Bingham is associated with Baptist leadership in other areas of Kentucky. One of Bill's brothers, Don, is moderator of the Ten Mile Association; another brother is a leader in his congregation and on the story goes.

Ermany Watts Bingham was a queenly woman from a noted Baptist family in Harrodsburg. Her sister, Emma, is a Southern Baptist missionary nurse in Nigeria. Another sister is a Harrodsburg public school teacher and a dedicated worker in the Harrodsburg Baptist Church. Two of her uncles, Loman and Floyd Watts, are long time deacons in the Harrodsburg congregation.

There is no way to understand such a tragedy. There is no human explanation for such a loss to the Lord's cause on earth. To say with resignation that it must have been God's will is not enough. Certainly it happened only by the permissive will of God, but

to consider such a tragedy as the perfect will of God is unthinkable.

In the face of such human tragedy there are at least two things of which we can be certain. One is the eternal love of God for his children and the other is that there is a mystery in God's love that defies human understanding. In such an experience even to ask "why" is not right though it is so natural. For as Helmut Thielicke says in a great sermon on prayer, to ask why is to question God and to talk about Him instead of talking to Him. In such a time mature faith lets us talk to God instead of talking about Him.

Rather than question God about such a tragedy our responsibility is to question the human folly of making for roads super powerful machines more appropriate for air travel, the easy excusing of drivers whose carelessness kills others and the general laxity with which traffic violations are treated. Highway safety has to do with life and death and very often the death of the innocent. Life is a gift of God and anything which destroys so much life must be the concern of God. Therefore highway safety is an appropriate topic for the pulpit and a man's religion should control his manner of driving.

## A Word of Caution

A word of caution is in order for *Western Recorder* readers who purchase church bonds. Ordinarily church bonds are a good and a safe investment but there are exceptions. Prospective investors should check carefully before purchasing church bonds. It is easy to assume much that may not be true.

In some states the state Baptist convention guarantees the redemption of all bonds sold by a Baptist church which has convention connection and approval. This is especially true in pioneer Baptist states where Baptist credit is not established. This is not the case in Kentucky. Such an arrangement is not needed because most any Baptist church in Kentucky that ought to borrow money or sell bonds can do so without convention backing. And so bond purchasers from Baptist churches in Kentucky can look only to the church for the payment of interest and principal.

Another common assumption is that any Baptist church in Kentucky that advertises church bonds is a Southern Baptist church. This is not so. A case in

point is a recent advertisement of Baptist church bonds in the Louisville Courier-Journal. An ordinary Baptist reader would take for granted this was a Southern Baptist church or a General Association (Negro) church.

This was not the case. This church is about as far from a Southern Baptist church as a church could be. It cooperates with the Baptist Bible Fellowship whose headquarters is in Springfield, Missouri, and who severely criticizes Southern Baptists. This is a remnant of the Frank Norris fundamentalist movement of the 1930's and 1940's.

This is not to say the bonds offered for sale by this church are not safe. They could be safer than some sold by Southern Baptist churches. It is to say purchasers should know what kind of church is selling the bonds and not assume anything.

## BAPTIST FORUM



### Baptist Men, Women Should Work Together

Dear Editor:

Some of us in the Owen County Association have been wondering why Baptist men and women cannot work together for the cause of world missions. This was discussed at the last Associational WMU meeting, and the women were favorable toward the idea.

We have many strong WMU organizations in the association, but only a few weak Brotherhood organizations. If we tried to start more Brotherhoods, we would just have more struggling groups to try to keep in existence. However, if the Brotherhood and WMU could combine, the men could be encouraged to join an already active, efficient and effective program. It would eliminate an extra meeting each month. It would get some men involved in missions who are not now involved because their church has no Brotherhood. It could be called the Baptist Missionary Union (and it would be a real **union**) or some other appropriate name. The auxiliary groups, RA, GA, YWA and Sunbeams would be together in one organization. The whole family could feel a togetherness in mission support.

This was tried by a few churches in our association for the Foreign and Home Mission studies this past December and March. The whole family (including the men) was invited to these studies. The men did not flock to the meetings, but several did attend. I believe there are many men who are interested in and concerned about mis-

sions, but who are not being enlisted in the missionary endeavor because their church has a weak Brotherhood or no Brotherhood. Is it not time to break down barriers between the sexes as well as barriers between races and classes?  
Owenton, Kentucky Tom Miller

### Servicemen Like Recorder

Dear Editor:

Our church is adjacent to Fort Campbell and consequently ministers to many service men and their families. In fact, our resident membership is about 65 per cent military. We are concerned with a ministry both to the serviceman of our local community and to those overseas, particularly the men in Vietnam.

One of our best received ministries to members overseas has been rendered through the *Western Recorder*, which we subscribe for them. Although personal letters and weekly newsletters are also deeply appreciated, the *Western Recorder* is a unique regular piece of mail that keeps the Baptist serviceman in contact with his church and his denomination. The Sunday School lesson for example usually arrives in Vietnam via *Western Recorder* just a few days before it is taught in our churches back home.

On the basis of our experience I would recommend that every Kentucky Baptist church provide the *Western Recorder* for its military service members in Vietnam. For the churches which cannot afford it, maybe your *Western Recorder* board of directors would consider this as a worthwhile missionary project.

Oak Grove, Ky. Harold F. Skaggs

Bonding programs have been used effectively by many Baptist churches and this writer has never heard of any Baptist church in Kentucky defaulting on a bond obligation.

Usually a bonding company comes in and for a commission helps the church set up the bonding program and helps the church sell the bonds. Some of these companies have proven to be very reliable; others are questionable. At any rate the bonding company is not responsible for the repayment to bond purchasers. This is always the responsibility of the church and therefore the bond investment is no safer than the church involved.

The *Western Recorder* some time ago decided to discontinue accepting advertising from local churches selling church bonds. We still consider church bond advertising from bonding companies which have established records of reliability.

### Book by Book Teaching, Methods Changes Approved

Dear Editor:

My *Western Recorder* came this morning and as usual I was anxious to read it.

I have always wished the Bible would be taught, book by book, and chapter by chapter, in our Sunday School. I agree with Professor Loessner, (*Western Recorder* August 22) "that only when the Bible is studied in its entirety as a unit does it become meaningful, and our hop and skip method of Bible study in Sunday School will never lead to much understanding of the Bible and its message."

I also agree with Pastor H. H. Hobbs, "Should Baptists Change Methods," of the same issue of the *Western Recorder*.

I think opening assembly in the Sunday Schools could better be spent on the lesson. And is it necessary to have so many officers and so many reports to be made?

Frankfort, Ky. Mrs. Haskell Marshall

## The Cover

Betsy Lane Baptist Church in eastern Kentucky was one of the recipients of the \$112,429.00 offering received during the week of prayer for Kentucky missions last year. Funds provided through the offering made redecoration of the church possible. This year's offering goal is \$130,000.

## First Negro Named To OBU Faculty

Walter O. Mason, Jr., director of Oklahoma City's Community Action Program, will become the first Negro faculty member at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma, when he becomes director of the school's Upward Bound program and associate professor of education.

Mason, a Baptist deacon for 20 years, has been executive director of the Community Action Program of Oklahoma City and County, Inc., since 1965 supervising 36 program units and 400 personnel.

"At a time when relations between races in America are strained, it is most appropriate for a Christian College such as OBU to bring onto its faculty a man like Mr. Mason who is amply qualified in education, experience and spiritual maturity," said Grady C. Cothen, president of Oklahoma Baptist University.

A native of Texas, Mason is a graduate of Langston University and Oklahoma State University where he has completed course work for the doctorate in education. He was an All America lineman in 1943 at Langston University.

The Upward Bound program he will direct is in its third year at the Baptist school. Upward Bound is a pre-college program funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity for high school students from low income families.

A former public school teacher in Oklahoma, Mason directed the first summer institute for secondary teachers on desegregation of public schools at the University of Langston, developed Langston's first Head Start program, and directed a project which was the forerunner of the national Upward Bound program.

Earlier this month, Mason was elected chairman of a national steering committee for the Office of Economic Opportunity and other governmental agencies. (BP)

## Government Task Force Recommends Steps For Anti-Smoking Campaign

A massive program "to protect the health of the people from the hazards of cigarette smoking" has been called for by a special task force for smoking and health after nearly a year of study of current anti-smoking efforts.

The task force, appointed by Surgeon General William H. Stewart in 1967, declares that cigarette smoking is a serious national health problem.

The far-reaching recommendations against smoking, if implemented, would

involve government at all levels, churches and their agencies, the medical profession, physicians, hospitals and a wide range of private agencies.

"We believe the health dangers are so serious and the program to meet them is need for a vigorous acceleration in protective action," Dr. Daniel Horn, chairman of the task force, said in a letter to the surgeon general.

A 1964 report of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on smoking and health declared emphatically that cigarette smoking is a serious health risk to the individual smoker and a major health problem for the nation. Lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory ailments, bad effects on babies of smoking mothers and other effects on health on a wide scale are directly traceable to cigarette smoking, according to that report.

"There is no indication that any medical or scientific body in the world has taken the position that smoking is not hazardous to health," the new report declared. (BP)



... One possible method of improving understanding between police and minority groups is to demonstrate the sincere intention of providing opportunities for such groups to become law enforcement officers. The seriousness of purpose is measured not only at the entrance level but through the promotion chart as well. The growing philosophy of group identification and pride helps to facilitate communication through use of personnel selected from minority groups.

(FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, 7/1968)

... Beer containing 3.2 percent alcohol will be sold this fall in student unions at Colorado School of Mines in Golden and at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. This is the first time ever that alcohol will be dispensed to students in a public college in the state according to *The Denver Post*. (Listen, 8/1968)

... Are teen-agers mature enough to vote? President Johnson had no doubts about the young when he recommended that Congress lower the voting age to 18. "The young people of America in this decade," he declared glowingly, "are far more ready, far better qualified, far more able to discharge the highest duty of citizenship than any generation of the past."

Medical men, however, differ on how 18-year-olds will use the vote once they get it. Some psychiatrists believe that the searching and rebellion that characterize the emergence into adulthood will lead 18-year-olds to choose candidates on the left. But there are signs that many may gravitate to the right. (Newsweek, 7/29/68)

## Five Return To Faculty After Year's Study Leave

Five Georgetown College faculty members will return from leaves of absence to their teaching positions this fall.

George Redding, chairman of Bible and Philosophy, has served the past year as visiting professor at the Ogbomosho Baptist Seminary in Nigeria. He has been a member of the Georgetown faculty since 1943.

Paul Beasley, history, recently was awarded his Ph.D. by the University of Kentucky.

Ronald Heise, English, has been working toward his doctorate at the University of Kentucky where he was a NDEA Fellow.

Else Newberry, a native of Darmstadt, Germany, and a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia, will resume her position as associate professor of German.

Miss Virginia Van Arsdale, Spanish, has also been working toward the doctoral requirements at the University of Kentucky.

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## Pressing Medical Needs Receive Attention Of Nigerian Baptists

The Nigerian Baptist Mission, in annual session at Ogbomosho July 10-16, took action to maintain and strengthen its medical ministry in spite of critical personnel shortages.

The approximately 150 missionaries who participated in the meeting voted unanimously that the Baptist School of Nursing at Eku be upgraded to meet standards set by the Nigerian Ministry of Health. This means that by 1970 the Eku Baptist Hospital must be enlarged from 120 to 150 beds and additional nursing school facilities must be provided.

The hospital will require at least two surgeons, an internist, an obstetrician, and a pediatrician. Missionary nurses now under appointment for Eku will be able to staff the school, but there will be a continuing need for specialists in nursing education.

After seriously considering the possibility of closing the Baptist Hospital in Kontagora because of the doctor shortage, the missionaries decided to try to keep it open on a limited basis as a dispensary. It will be staffed by two missionary nurses, a missionary business manager, and Nigerian medical personnel, with a doctor from another hospital lending assistance from time to time.

A missionary doctor for Kontagora is top priority item in the Mission's personnel requests to the Foreign Mission Board. "A general practitioner with some surgical training would be ideally suited for this 50-bed hospital, which exerts a strong Christian witness in the dominantly Muslim northern area.

## Kentuckian Attends Regional Youth Klesis

Among the sixty-two young people attending Klesis-68 at Southport, North Carolina, was Ricki Lee Hopkins of Murray, Kentucky.

The young people from eight states spent the week of August 12-17 at the North Carolina Baptist assembly grounds.

Designed for those interested in or committed to church vocations, persons between ages 15-21 were in attendance.

The program was designed to explore many areas of ministry such as local church and denominational programs, higher education, chaplaincy, missions, guidance, and special ministries.

Topics for discussion groups included the Bible, personal faith, individual worth, marriage and the family, the world scene and other creeds and religions.

Careful study is being given to a plan whereby the Nigerian Baptist Convention will take greater responsibility in medical work, including a larger voice in the employment of staff and the administration of the five Baptist hospitals in the country. This is in line with the policy of strengthening the Convention and developing national leadership in all kinds of work as rapidly as possible.

## Wilkinson Joins Staff Of Cumberland College

Elwyn Wilkinson, Jr., a native of Louisville, Kentucky, has been named director of religious activities at Cumberland College.



Wilkinson

His selection was announced by Dr. James Boswell, president of Cumberland College. Wilkinson, who comes here from a pastorate at Biloxi, Mississippi, succeeds Jerry Hayner, who resigned a year ago to pastor in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Wilkinson served two years as a summer missionary in Ohio (1960) and in Alaska (1961). He studied engineering for three years at the University of Louisville, then transferred to Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in math in 1961. He received a bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1965.

He was pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1963-65, and the Forrest Avenue Baptist Church in Biloxi, Mississippi, 1965-68. From 1962 through 1966 he was textbook manager of the Baptist Book Store in New Orleans. He and his wife will live on Mt. Morgan Road, Williamsburg, Kentucky.

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## McReynolds Joins SS Board

James Evans McReynolds, a native of Kingsport, Tenn., has been named an information specialist in the office of public relations, for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

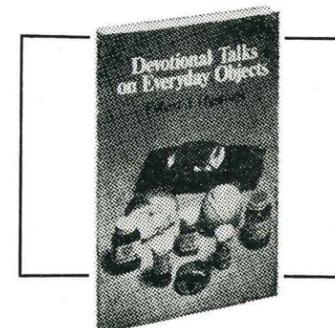
He will gather and prepare information relating to the work of the board for release through the news media, public relations director Gomer R. Lesch said.

McReynolds has been sports editor of the Huntsville (Ala.) News, religion editor of the Columbia (Mo.) Missourian, and news writer for the public relations department at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

He received his bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; the bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism, Columbia, Mo.; and the master of religious education degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City. He has also studied at Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

McReynolds has served as associate pastor-youth director at Woodlawn Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.; pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hallsville, Mo., and Kingsville Baptist Church near Kansas City, Mo. (BP)

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# TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE PUBLIC



THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR was where the people were, and Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, capitalized on the opportunity. More than 10,000 persons saw the Billy Graham film, "Man in the Fifth Dimension" and several thousand turned in cards requesting home visits from workers to discuss becoming a Christian. Some of the requests came from Jews, Catholics, and Buddhists.



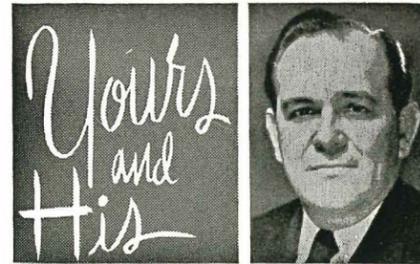
SHELBY COUNTY CRUSADE—Young people from Shelby County composed the Crusade Choir for the first county-wide Crusade for Christ staged in that area. Numerous decisions were recorded during the week long revival. A capacity crowd of 2,700 persons attended the closing service. John Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, led the crusade. Although sponsored by Shelby County Baptists, other denominations assisted in publicity and other activities.



A WALNUT Street counselor, Mrs. Sarah Rexroat, talks to an inquirer in a special counseling tent adjacent to the large tent showing the Billy Graham film.



AT RIGHT is the Seventh Day Adventist Church booth at the state fair. Several churches were taking the gospel to the fair. A Louisvillian rejected a family Bible offered to him, but a woman who won the next drawing gladly traveled 75 miles to pick up her Bible at this booth.



## A NEW YEAR

On September 1st, Kentucky Baptists began a new state Convention year of work and witness for our Lord in all the world. The old year closes with "post-mark August 31st" on envelopes with mission gifts in them—and as we write this, it is just August 28th. The final chapter is being written, but the exact story of reaching or not reaching our Cooperative Program goal of \$3.75 million is not known.

We do know that September 1st, the Kentucky Baptist Convention of messengers has adopted a larger goal of \$3.95 million for mission work during the year 1968-69, and all our work in the earth knows what goals we set.

Now, let each church decide to have a more equitable part in doing what God wants Kentucky Baptists to do to "Share Christ with the whole world."

Missions victories are won in prayer closets, in budget meetings, and church business meetings! If the Lord should come today, would you be proud of the mission giving of your church?

### State Mission Prayer and Study

A "Week of Prayer for State Missions" begins next Sunday in all the churches. The W.M.U. of Kentucky leads in this annual week when a thorough study of the work being done in Kentucky is coupled with prayer for our leaders and missionaries, and a special offering for state missions in Kentucky.

The theme is a searching question: "State Missions—Why?" The questions arising out of that theme are: "Why Love? Why Serve? Why Build? Why Lead? Why Cooperate? Why refresh? Why Pray? and Why Give?"

The Woman's Missionary Union will doubtless schedule meetings during the Week of Prayer for State Missions for women, young women, and girls. But men should come. The Brotherhood is taking an increasing part in all missionary education and mission action. State missions is the business of every Baptist in every Baptist church.

The goal this year is \$130,000 to be used in Kentucky for a vital and variety of causes dear to the hearts of Kentucky Baptists. Plan now to pray, to study, to give—above your regular church offerings and tithes.

*Harold G. Sanders*

September 5, 1968

# Six Kentuckians To Attend Alcohol Problems Conference

Six Kentuckians will journey to Washington, D. C., September 11-13 for the bi-annual convention of the United States Conference on Alcohol Problems.

Delbert Butts, state director of the Temperance League of Kentucky, will lead the delegation which will include Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. House and G. Allen West, all of Louisville. House is consultant for the state Temperance League and West is associational superintendent for Long Run Association. A Mayfield attorney and member of the state League's board of directors, Farlin Robbins, will also be in the group.

Featured speaker for the convention will be Paul Harvey, an ABC radio news commentator. He will speak on "America's Alcohol Problem." Others on the program include Senators Wayne Morse

and Mark Hatfield, both of Oregon, and Perry Sanders, president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

More than 3,000 persons are expected to attend the convention of the organization's 40 state groups.

In the pre-convention business sessions, Kentucky will be well represented. Walter House is a national vice-president of the Council while Butts and West are members of the national board of directors.

The American Council on Alcohol Problems is a Christian, non-profit, educational organization, coordinating efforts of individuals, state alcohol education organizations, churches of many denominations, and other agencies.

The Kentucky chapter has more than 6,000 individual members.

# Per Capita Buying Power Listed

The following table, released by Jesse Stricker, secretary, Stewardship Department, Baptist Building, gives the annual per capita buying income power for Kentucky counties and cities based on 1967 incomes.

These figures are taken from the survey of buying power published in the June 10, 1968 issue of Sales Management magazine.

The first half of the cities and counties was given in last week's issue. The second half is now released.

Counties	Cities
Shively	Paducah
Jessamine	McCreary
Johnson	McLean
Kenton	Madison
Covington	Magoffin
Knott	Marion
Knox	Marshall
Larue	Martin
Laurel	Mason
	Meade
	Menifee
	Mercer
	Metcalfe
	Monroe
	Montgomery
	Morgan
	Muhlenberg
	Nelson
	Nicholas
	Ohio
	Oldham
	Owen
	Owsley
	Pendleton
	Perry
	Pike
	Powell
	Pulaski
	Robertson
	Rockcastle
	Rowan
	Russell
	Scott
	Shelby
	Simpson
	Spencer
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Lewis	5,916
Lincoln	6,296
Livingston	5,667
Logan	6,946
Lyon	7,937
McCracken	7,883
McCracken	7,737
McCreary	3,326
McLean	5,525
Madison	7,192
Magoffin	4,134
Marion	6,430
Marshall	6,701
Martin	4,203
Mason	6,970
Meade	7,583
Menifee	4,083
Mercer	6,742
Metcalfe	5,410
Monroe	5,111
Montgomery	5,965
Morgan	4,880
Muhlenberg	6,170
Nelson	7,733
Nicholas	5,726
Ohio	5,162
Oldham	11,015
Owen	6,579
Owsley	3,848
Pendleton	6,630
Perry	5,224
Pike	5,083
Powell	5,503
Pulaski	5,804
Robertson	4,670
Rockcastle	4,819
Rowan	6,929
Russell	5,136
Scott	7,984
Shelby	7,788
Simpson	6,509
Spencer	6,022
Taylor	7,150
Todd	5,639
Trigg	5,646
Trimble	7,265
Union	6,155
Warren	7,956
Bowling Green	8,658
Washington	6,328
Wayne	5,022
Webster	5,681
Whitley	4,497
Wolfe	3,561
Woodford	8,793

# ACTION

by T. B. Maston  
Retired Professor of Christian Ethics  
Southwestern Baptist Theological  
Seminary

"The business world is where the action is." This was a statement by the president of a Chamber of Commerce to a group of college students. He was encouraging them to choose business as a career.

Several bright young ministers, in recent years, have resigned their pastorates to enter some type of government service. Some of them have justified their action by saying, "I want to be where the action is."

The implication is that the ministry and the church are not where the action is.

What is meant by the expression "where the action is"? Most who use it doubtlessly mean that it is the place where something important or significant is happening. Those who have a service motive may use the expression to refer to the type of service where they feel that they can come to grips with the real problems of people, the significant issues of our world.

## How Can We Know?

Most of us would like to be where the action is. How can we know where it is? Really, can we know?

From the Christian perspective the real action is where God is at work in the world. It is the Christian's belief, however, that God is creatively active in the total life of the world. He may be unusually active in some phase of the life of the world at a particular point in time. But who would claim to be wise enough to know where that place is?

A young minister recently asked some very pertinent questions about "where the action is." He asked, "How can we know where the really significant action is?" "Can any man know where God is at work in some unusual way?"

He further asked, "Would any one have thought when Jesus was born that

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the real action was not in Caesar's household but in a manger at an inn in the village of Bethlehem?"

## In Quiet Spots

So it has been through the centuries: the real action, the place where God was unusually active in the life of the world has frequently been in some quiet spot, in some even little known by any except those immediately involved and God himself.

This means, among other things, that we should be careful about comparing the importance of places or types of service.

The place where "the action is" for me may be quite different from "the place where the action is" for you. Each of us in our own way and in our own place is to work for and with God. And if we are where He wants us, that is "where the action is" for us.

## MH-B Trustees OK Degrees for Men

The board of trustees for Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Texas, has decided to grant degrees to non-resident males, and rejected a controversial recommendation of the "Carden Report" asking Mary Hardin-Baylor to become a part of Baylor University.

In their statement pertaining to the Carden Report, the Board said: "The trustees of Mary Hardin-Baylor College reject that portion of Dr. Carden's recommendations relating to MH-B going under the supervision of the trustees and administration of Baylor University, feeling that independence of operation is more desirable. The trustees do extend the hope that a closer relationship between the college and Baylor University might be established for the mutual benefit of both educational institutions."

In deciding to grant degrees to males, trustees urged that the historic emphasis of the college to recruit women students be continued, but believed men students should not be denied their senior year and degree.

In the past, "campus boys" could attend the school and work in campus jobs suitable for men up until the end of their junior year, but could not complete their degree at Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The decision to grant degrees to males is effective immediately, and degrees will be granted to men day students and to campus boys, but no male resident student facilities will be built.

Trustees rejected a proposal in late June to establish a coordinate college for men at Mary Hardin-Baylor. (BP).

## where is it?

Some may have a sense of divine mission while serving as a business man, a farmer, a professional man, or in some phase of the political life of the community, state, or nation. Still others may feel that "where the action is" for them is as a housewife, a school teacher, or in a church-related vocation at home or overseas.

Each child of God should have a deepening conviction that what he is doing and where he is doing it is within the will of God. He can be sure if he is permitting God to work out his will in him and through him that he is, in the deepest and truest sense "where the action is."

## Cadiz Native Appointed Coordinator of Missions

Alton Mitchell, native of Cadiz, has recently been appointed Coordinator of Missions for the Ohio Valley Baptist Association. The association is composed of 21 Baptist churches located in Union and Webster Counties in Kentucky. He will begin his appointment on September 1.

Pastor Mitchell is presently serving as pastor of the Sullivan Baptist Church in Sullivan, Kentucky. Before going to Sullivan, he was pastor of the Cerulean Baptist Church, Cerulean, Kentucky, where he served as clerk of the Little River Baptist Association.

He attended high school in Trigg County, and following his discharge from the military service, he attended Bethel College at Hopkinsville and Austin Peay College in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Mitchell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Mitchell of Cadiz, and he is married to the former Laverne Lancaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lancaster, also of Cadiz.

The Mitchells have two children, Garey, age 11, and Cassandra Lynn, age 9.

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## RA Congress:

# Globe Trotting Doctor Challenges Ambassadors

By Roy Jennings

Dr. Robert Hingson, globe-trotting Baptist anesthesiologist famed for developing the "Peace Gun," challenged 10,000 Royal Ambassadors in Oklahoma City to help him stamp out disease in the world.

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, physician who has dispatched inoculation teams using his "Peace Gun" to 70 countries, called the improvement of the health of the people of the world an excellent way for the United States to brighten its image.

God is concerned about the welfare of the people of this world, and more than one billion of them are plagued with disease, Dr. Hingson told the boys.

The boys got a look at Dr. Hingson's "Peace Gun" which is capable of inoculating persons for multiple diseases at the rate of 1,000 an hour.

He shared the attention of the boys with Major William Pogue, a Southern Baptist astronaut who spoke to the boys via simulated telephone call from the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston.

A record total of 10,323 boys ages nine to 17 from 30 states registered for the

national missions conference. Oklahoma reported 2,634; Texas, 1,501; Georgia, 665; and South Carolina, 579.

Among the most popular personalities were Sunset "Kit" Carson, professional sharpshooter from Phoenix, Ariz., and Don Demeter, of Oklahoma City, a former professional baseball player.

Carson, who popped balloons dangling from the mouths and heads of girls, and signed his name on picture books with his .22 caliber rifle, told the boys he attributed his steady aim to a refusal to smoke.

Demeter, who operates a boys ranch at Binger, Okla., gave a baseball demonstration as he recounted his Christian testimony.

"God gives us a winning attitude. We as Christians should play the game of life as if it had already been won—for it has," Demeter said.

The Walter Jetton Catering Service of Fort Worth, found the boys one of the hungriest groups it had ever fed. The boys consumed 2,500 pounds of barbecue and additional thousands of pounds of beans and slaw at a special dinner. A representative of the catering service

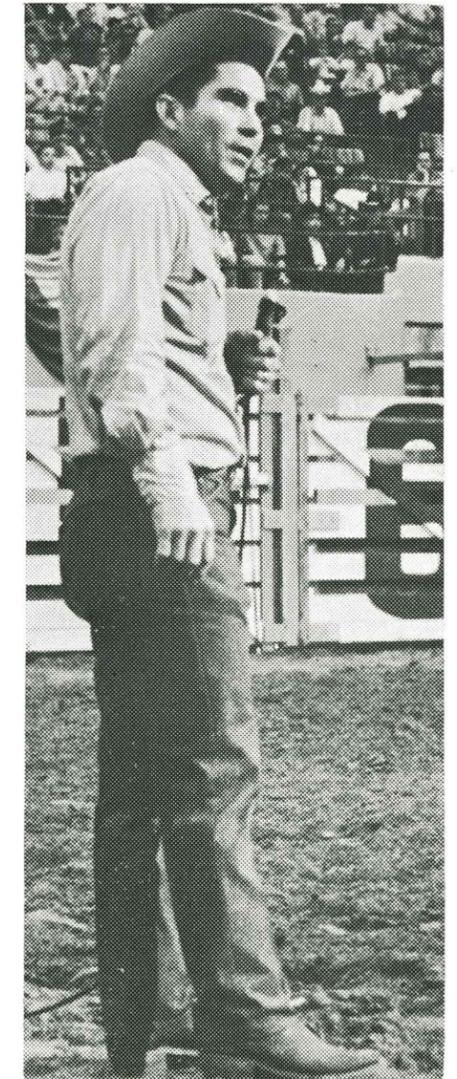
said that the boys "cleaned us out."

A two-hour rodeo, conducted by Jim Shoulders, a Methodist layman of Henrietta, Okla., and featuring Bruce Oliver, Baptist missionary to Brazil, closed the Congress.

Oliver, a former Texas cowboy while at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, tried his luck at throwing two steers, but the steers won both times. (BP).



STEADY AIM—One of the most popular personalities at the Royal Ambassador Congress at Oklahoma City was Sunset "Kit" Carson of Phoenix, Arizona. He used a .22 caliber rifle to break balloons on the heads of men and women and to douse lighted candles. The 6-6 sharpshooter attributed his steady aim to a refusal to smoke.



MAN TO MAN TALK—Husky Bruce Oliver, a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, gave a challenge from the center of the State Fairgrounds Arena in Oklahoma City for Baptist boys to return home and share their Christian faith. Oliver tried to wrestle two steers but the animals won both times.



Mrs. Blanton

### Mrs. Kentucky Title Goes To Active Baptist

Mrs. Leonard Blanton, a member of Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, is the reigning Mrs. Kentucky for one year.

She represented the state in the Mrs. America pageant in Minneapolis during the week of August 14-24. Her pastor, Ira McMillen, Jr., who declares, "I and the members of the church hold the Blantons in high esteem," feels that the church plays an important role in her success.

The competition is based not only on the ladies' church and community activities, but also on home-making ability, talent, and patriotism.

Mrs. Blanton serves as secretary of young married people in the Sunday School and as a soprano soloist in the church choir. She is 37 years of age and the mother of one son, Ted.

Her husband, a teacher of young men in the Sunday School, was coach this year of the state championship Ashland Tomcat baseball team and also assistant coach and teacher at Paul Blazer High School.

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## Regional WMU Meetings Set; Returned Missionary to Speak

A Kentucky native, home on furlough from Israel, will be the missionary speaker for each of eight Woman's Missionary Union regional meetings scheduled in the state during September.

Mrs. Robert W. Fields, the former Edwina Wehrmeyer, was born in Covington, but calls Fort Mitchell home. A graduate of Georgetown College, she taught school in Covington and Louisville before a missionary appointment in 1962.



Mrs. Fields

Her husband is working with the Foreign Mission Board's department for missionary personnel as a representative in the Midwest during the furlough which began in June. The Fields have three children—Tammi, Todd, and Valarie Carol.

The meetings will begin at 9:45 a.m. daily. Also speaking at each engagement will be Mrs. George R. Ferguson, executive secretary, Kentucky WMU, and Mrs. J. S. Woodward of Lexington,

state WMU president.

The schedule for the meetings with place and presidents is as follows:

Sept. 17: First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mrs. Charles T. Pack; Sept. 18: Harlan Church, Harlan, Mrs. Charles N. Wilcox; Sept. 19: Lexington Avenue Church, Danville, Mrs. Roscoe Halcomb; and Sept. 20: Memorial Church, Frankfort, Mrs. Fred H. Turpin.

Also, Sept. 24: First Church, Paducah, Mrs. Thomas Wilkins; Sept. 25: First Church, Owensboro, Mrs. Robert S. McGinnis, Sr.; Sept. 26: First Church, Leitchfield, Mrs. David Smith, Jr.; and Sept. 27: First Church, Carrollton, Mrs. William Ellis.

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"One woman and four daughters were reached and baptized into the membership of the mission about six years ago," said Home Missionary John W. Beam in your mission at Savannah, Georgia.

"The mother and four daughters, now ages 13-18, are still faithful and very active in the mission church. Because the mission is here, they were won to Christ and two of the girls are dedicated to a church-related vocation.

*"That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come saying,*

**What mean ye by these stones?**

*Then ye shall answer them, these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever." Joshua 4:6-7.*

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**HOME COMING** will be observed by Kentaboo Baptist Church, shown at left, this Sunday, September 8. After completion of the new pastorium at right, the church recently renovated the old pastorium into a new nursery building. The church also purchased two lots at a value of \$13,500 to provide for expansion. Felder L. Rowan is pastor. Harold Sanders will speak at special afternoon services.

## Special Maryland Committee Advises--'Sell College Land'

The State Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Maryland approved a committee report recommending the sale of the property of the Maryland Baptist College at Walkersville, Md., "as quickly as feasible, obtaining the best possible price."

The board also voted to call for a special session of the Baptist Convention of Maryland to act on the report.

The board approved the recommendations of a special committee of seven appointed by the convention president at the request of the convention to take the necessary steps to dispose of the college property, or decide how to use it.

Anderson explained that the committee decided to recommend selling the

property by the process of elimination. "We concluded there is nothing else we could do but recommend the sale of the property," he said.

The committee felt there were three possibilities for disposition of the college property: convert it to a Baptist teaching center or assembly, retain it to see what developments would come in Baptist and national life, or sell it as quickly as feasible.

The cost of developing a training center or assembly, even for minimum facilities was prohibitive in the face of present indebtedness, the committee said.

Cost of holding the property was set at \$54,831 annually, including taxes, insurance, interest on borrowed money, utilities, maintenance, and a caretaker; but this figure has risen to \$62,500 since July 1 because the college property, once tax exempt as an educational institution, has now been placed on tax rolls.

## Capitol Punishment Opposed

A Baptist committee in Australia has adopted a statement opposing the death penalty as punishment for crimes. It says that the example of Christ supersedes the old Mosaic code under which capital punishment was meted out.

The statement originates from the social questions committee of the Baptist Union of Victoria, the second largest state in Australia in terms of population. It notes that the death penalty is seldom carried out today in Australia. No one, it says, has objected to abolishing the death penalty in cases of apostasy, witchcraft, rape, and homosexuality.

It contends further that the death penalty for a murderer does not deter others from committing murder, and that the Christian gospel makes it "morally wrong to take a life of one who has taken life." (EBPS)

## Reidland Gets New Pastor

Robert W. Campbell of Moulton, Alabama, is the new pastor of Reidland Baptist Church of Paducah.

He was in Moulton three and one-half years before moving to Paducah. Active in associational and state work, the pastor was moderator of Muscle Shoals Baptist Association and a member of the state executive board, serving on the state missions committee for two years. He served as president of the North Alabama Pastor's Conference for one year.

Pastor Campbell has a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Sarah Ann Cooper of Rutherford, Tennessee, and they have three girls: Kathy, 15; Jane, 14, and Melanie, 5.

## Woman's Committee to Meet

The annual fall meeting of the Southern Baptist Seminary Woman's Committee is scheduled for September 18. Gheens Chapel on the seminary campus will be the site of the gathering which begins at 10:30 a.m.

Church music will be the meeting's theme. Philip Landgrave, associate professor of church music, will be the featured speaker. In addition to his personal testimony, Landgrave will explain his concept of ministry as a composer and teacher in the seminary's school of music.

Also present at the meeting will be the new recipient of the annual Woman's Committee scholarship, Miss Belinda Lee.

A native of Richmond, Virginia, Miss Lee is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati. She holds the bachelor of music degree with a major in voice and a minor in piano.

All friends of the seminary are urged to attend this meeting. Additional information about the meeting may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Ellis A. Fuller, Sr., executive secretary of the Woman's Committee, at 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, 40206.

## New Responsibility Gained

Another step toward the goal of full national responsibility was taken during the 23rd annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of Costa Rica when certain affairs previously handled by a joint board of nationals and Southern Baptist missionaries were made the responsibility of the Convention.

More than 75 messengers from 18 churches and four missions attended the meeting, held July 15-19 in the First Spanish Baptist Church of Puerto Limon, on the Caribbean Sea. Pastor David Guevara, of San Ramon, was elected president of the Convention, and Missionary Sydney L. Goldfinch, Sr., was reelected treasurer.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for September 15, 1968)

## INTERNATIONAL SERIES

### Esther Saves Her People

Esther 4:8, 13-16; 7:1-7

When her parents died Esther was adopted by her cousin Mordecai and was reared by him. When Queen Vashti refused to grant the request of Ahasuerus and be displayed before drunken men, the king deposed her. Esther's beauty and graciousness won her a favored place in the king's court, but Mordecai had charged her not to let it be known that she was a Jewess. Captivated by the charm and beauty of Esther, Ahasuerus placed the royal crown upon her head and she became his queen.

All went well until Ahasuerus promoted a haughty and ruthless fellow, a notorious enemy of the Jews, from obscurity to the high office of prime minister, and ordered all to bow before him. Promotion, position and honor spoiled Haman completely, as has been true of many others. Everybody bowed before him and did him reverence except Mordecai, who was not willing to give to any man the honor and reverence which belonged to God alone. Besides, he could not respect him because of his animosity to the Jews.

Nursing his wounded pride, and filled with resentment and vicious madness toward Mordecai for refusing to bow before him, Haman proceeded to seek revenge by destroying him. So insatiable was his fury that, upon discovering that Mordecai was a Jew, Haman conceived the idea of destroying all the Jews in the realm.

Haman went to the king and told him that the Jews were disloyal subjects and did not have any respect for the laws, and should therefore be put to death. Ahasuerus yielded to the appeal of Haman and issued an order that at certain times these people should be slaughtered and their possessions confiscated. How depraved the man who proposed this satanic scheme and the one who agreed to execute it! In this attempt the nefarious and cruel Haman was like various others in that he failed to reckon with the all-powerful God, Who is always able to take care of His own.

Esther 4:8

News of the decree caused a great season of mourning and lamenting on the part of the Jews. News of Morde-

cai's deep grief was taken to Esther and she sent a messenger to ascertain the reason for his great mourning. He explained to the messenger the reason for his action and, in order that she might know the gravity of the situation, sent a copy of the decree to Esther and warned her that she too would be among the fatalities unless she interceded with the king and obtained mercy for herself and her people by persuading him to cancel his order.

Mordecai did his best to impress upon Esther that she had a tremendous responsibility resting upon her. By virtue of her relationship with the king, she was in a position to help her people in a way that no one else could. He urged her not to neglect her duty nor to lose her opportunity in the momentous crisis.

Esther 4:13-16

Recalling the rule that nobody enter the king's presence without his invitation, lest he be put to death, Esther was hesitant about doing so, as she did not want to be slain. Besides, she had not been called into the royal presence for a month. Mordecai reasoned with Esther and urged her to take the chance.

He warned her that, inasmuch as she was a Jewess, she could not expect to escape the slaughter simply because she was queen and inside the royal palace. God had brought her to her place of high honor in order that she might be instrumental in delivering her people.

Knowing that she was facing the greatest opportunity of her life thus far, and realizing that if she did not act promptly it would be too late to be helpful, Esther sent a message to Mordecai requesting him to assemble all the Jews in Shushan and call upon them to fast for three days in preparation for her approach to the king to ask him to deliver her people. At the end of the three-day fast, and doubtless after much prayer to Jehovah, Esther courageously went before the king to intercede for her people, confidently believing that God was able and willing to grant her favor with the king. She was ready to do God's will and to trust Him to protect her.

Esther 7:1-7

Attired in her royal robe, and perhaps as attractive as the first time she

appeared before Ahasuerus, when he chose her as queen, at the possible cost of her own life Esther went into the presence of the king not knowing whether he would offer her the golden scepter or the sword of the executioner. Impressed by her remarkable beauty, the king happily held out to her the golden scepter and inquired, "What is thy request?" Her simple request was that he and Haman come to a banquet which she had prepared for them. This pleased the king very much, and he sent word to Haman to make haste and do as Esther had requested.

At that banquet Esther invited them to another on the following day. At the right moment and with a masterpiece of diplomacy, Esther made known her wish. She remonstrated with the king against the cruel edict which had gone forth for the extermination of the Jews. She confessed the fact of her Jewish blood and identified herself with her kinsmen, and earnestly requested that she and they might be rescued from the intended massacre.

When the king inquired as to who had dared to contemplate such a dastardly deed, Esther exposed Haman as the instigator of that terrible plot to slay all of the Jews. Haman was shocked when he observed the fury in the king's face, and doubtless revealed great terror in his own face. In great anger the king arose from the banquet table and went out into the royal gardens to allow his wrath to cool. Upon his return to the banquet table, he discovered that Haman, in his desperation, had cast himself before the reclining queen and was pleading earnestly that his life might be spared. The incensed king then issued an order that Haman be hanged immediately on the very gallows that he had prepared for the execution of Mordecai, and that Haman's estate be confiscated. The attendants promptly led Haman out and hanged him on the very gallows he had erected for another. Thus Haman became the supreme victim of his own resentment and ill will. He struck out at another, but the blow landed on his own head.

Ill will invariably backfires. One of the paradoxes of life is that the would-be executioner always becomes the executed. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai."



## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### Abounding in Love

Like faith and hope, love is one of the continuing goals in Christian learning. God is the source of love. He pours love into the hearts of His children, commands them to love others, and imparts unto them the ability to do it.

John 13:34-35

It was love that prompted Christ Jesus to leave the glories of heaven, to come to the earth, to yield Himself to unjust and hateful treatment without complaint, and finally to give His life on the cross as a ransom for many. His love was so self-forgetful, unselfish and sacrificial that He willingly laid down His life in order to save others from their sins.

On the night before His crucifixion, after Judas had left the company for the purpose of carrying out his nefarious plans, Christ turned to the other members of the apostolic band and said: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

The old commandment, that we should love our neighbors as we love ourselves, was not abrogated, but this new commandment was added to it. This commandment is still new to many. Christ emphasized the fact that one characteristic of believers in Him was their love for one another. Love is that deep and abiding respect for others which expresses itself in confidence, good will and mutual helpfulness.

Christ told His followers to love one another as He loved them. His love for them was self-denying, gracious, condescending, bountiful, practical and endless. One prominent characteristic of the early Christians was that they loved one another. According to Tertullian, the enemies of the Christians said: "See how they love one another." Can the enemies of Christ say as much for His followers today?

One purpose of this love for one another is to prove our Christian discipleship. Love for our brethren proves to the unsaved that we are the children of God. Without real love for one another Christians can never prove to others that they belong to Christ and are truly following Him. Genuine love between Christians is a most effective testimony for Christ.

Romans 13:8-10

These verses deal directly with the duties and obligations of Christians to their fellow-believers and to their fellow-citizens outside the Christian fellowship. If we love them as we should, we shall observe these commandments with reference to them.

A Christian must meet his obligations to others. We do not think that Paul

here meant to brand all credit-buying as un-Christian, for he, himself, ran a "charge account" with Philemon. He was teaching, "Do not leave any debt unpaid." In other words, do not be like the man who was called "a human dynamo" because everything he was wearing was charged. A debtor must never defraud his creditor.

A Christian should live within his means and pay his bills promptly. It is not wrong to borrow, but it is a sin if one fails to pay back that which is borrowed. If we treat others as we would like to be treated, then we shall not defraud them of those things which rightfully belong to them.

I Thessalonians 3:12-13

Regardless of what the Lord had in store for Paul and his companions, the Apostle's earnest desire was to be with the Thessalonians and impart unto them some spiritual gift. Not knowing whether or not the Lord would permit him to visit them again, Paul prayed that God would grant unto them the spiritual blessings which they needed so much—an increase of faith and of love.

## PROFESSOR SAYS:

### Balance Spiritual, Physical Needs

A professor of missions and world religions at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville has urged Baptists to strike a reasonable balance between ministering to physical needs and spiritual needs.

W. Bryant Hicks, speaking during the Woman's Missionary Union Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, declared: "In missions we must not think only of men's souls. People consist of soul and body. Missions must try to meet all a person's needs."

Hicks spoke to about 3,600 persons registered for the conference, making the Woman's Missionary Union Conference the largest ever at Ridgecrest.

Calling for a greater emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit, Hicks said that Southern Baptists "have a great machine, but there's not enough motive power to run it to capacity."

He commended Southern Baptist mission boards for expanding their concepts of missions and praised recent changes in age limits for missionary appointees, expansion of types of mission work, and more adequate financial support of missionaries.

Turning to the Woman's Missionary Union, Hicks pointed to the fact that the separate missionary organization education affords more direct interest within

I Thessalonians 4:9-10

This chapter was written for the purpose of giving practical advice about the conduct of Christians. Paul assured the Thessalonians that he appreciated the purity of their lives and the Christian love which they manifested. Since they had already been taught by God to love one another, and they had done so, there was not any particular reason why Paul should exhort them to do it, but he did want to commend them and express his gratitude to them for it. They were conspicuous for the way in which they had practiced love for their brethren.

Love for our brethren in Christ is one of the evidences that we are the children of God and the followers of Christ. Without real love for one another believers can never prove to others that they are genuine Christians. True faith in God should manifest itself in self-denying and sacrificial love for others.

Firmly believing that Christians should live in such a manner as to merit the respect of those who had never made a profession of faith in Christ, Paul earnestly besought the Thessalonians to love one another increasingly as time passed, and to strive diligently for a more perfect exemplification of the love which God had revealed in His Son. Certainly this should be the ambition and goal of every Christian.

denominations which have curtailed separate missions organizations and said, "this is the generation in which people are interested only in the things they are involved in."

Missions should be taught through other church programs, he said. "By whatever cooperative means you have, see that Sunday and the Sunday worship services offer at least a minimum of missions." (BP)

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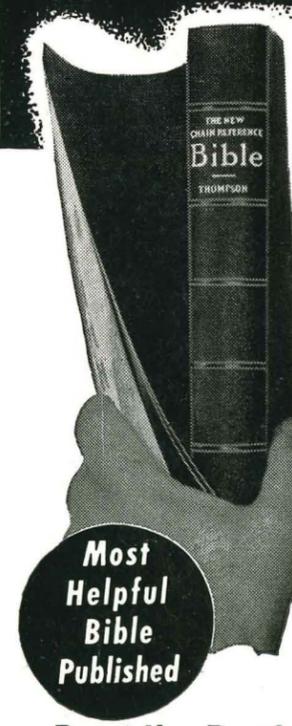
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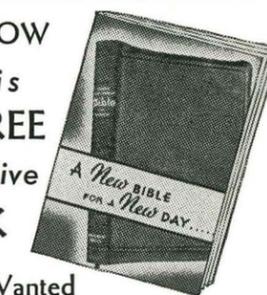
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