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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

J. PHILIP LANDGRAVE, assistant professor of church music at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, signed the "Abstract of Principles" during Founder's Day ceremonies September 12. The Abstract is the oldest statement of faith adopted by any group of Southern Baptists and is signed by every faculty member of the seminary.

BAPTIST TABERNACLE, Paducah, opened a Day Care Center September 16. Operating in the church facilities, the program is designed to minister to children while parents are at work. The program is viewed by the congregation as an extension of its ministry to the community.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Hopkinsville, has ended a revival led by Elbert Lee James, pastor of Robards Baptist Church, Robards, Kentucky. Church pastor J. Charles Hendrick, Jr., also reports that plans have been set for a Homecoming service October 20. At that time a new building campaign will be launched.

DANIEL R. GRANT, professor of political science at Vanderbilt University and author of the series of articles currently appearing in *Western Recorder*, has just written a book entitled "The Christian and Politics," released by Broadman Press.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, Lexington, participated in a Sunday School Leadership Revival September 22-25. The revival was led by Bob Kilgore, minister of administration and pastoral care at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Ashland, sponsored a Deacons' Retreat September 20-21 at Boone's Creek Camp near Winchester. Leader of the retreat was W. Bryant Hicks, missions professor at Southern Seminary.

SOUTH JEFFERSON BAPTIST CHURCH, Valley Station, has opened a Clothing Room to administer good used clothing to persons of their community who have special needs.

CHESTER A. MOLPUS, director of administrative services for Southern Seminary, for the past two years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Chesterfield, South Carolina. He began his new position September 15.

WILLIAM T. UPDIKE had been named field representative for the west coast district for the Southern Baptist church loans department. He is a long time California pastor and denominational worker. He is the fourth person employed by the church loans division as a field representative.

GREEN ACRES BAPTIST CHURCH, Louisville, has called Ronald Hampton as associate pastor. He comes to Louisville from the First Missionary Baptist Church of Benton, where he served as minister of education and music since 1964. A graduate of Murray State University, he is married to the former Rebecca Lynn Ouland of Hazel, Kentucky. The Hampsons have two sons.



Hampson

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrodsburg, will hold special Dedication Services for their new church building October 13 according to Pastor Ty Clenney. Following the regular morning services, dinner will be served on the church grounds. Special speaker for the occasion will be Rhine McMurry of Dover, Florida. McMurry is a former pastor of the church.

LATONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, Covington, ordained Jack Oliver to the gospel ministry September 15. Examination of Oliver took place in the afternoon with the ordination service being held during the regular evening worship hour. Oliver has accepted an Indiana pastorate. William Turner is pastor at Latonia.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Paducah, recently held a training session for workers with the church's Royal Ambassador program. Leading the session was Calvin Fields, associate in the Brotherhood department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Madisonville, has just completed a series of revival meetings led by Evangelist Lloyd Bardowell. According to church pastor Archie Oliver there were five professions of faith and two were added by letter.

ELMER R. CUNNINGHAM, pastor of First Twelve Mile Baptist Church, Campbell County, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Okahumpka, Florida. He began his new ministry September 22. The church has called Larry Cunningham, son of the former pastor as interim pastor. The younger Cunningham is a student at Southern Seminary.

JIM G. HENRY, pastor of Ringgold Baptist Church for the past 14 months, resigned to accept an appointment as assistant professor in the College Education, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. His last Sunday will be August 25.

A CHRISTIAN LIFE DIVISION is being proposed for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. The proposal to be voted on by convention messengers this fall, would encompass the area of responsibility now performed by the Christian Action, Christian Life and Public Affairs committees of the convention and would eventually have a full time director working under the general board.

Politics Of Loving One's Neighbor

by Daniel R. Grant

It is at the point of loving one's neighbor in an increasingly urban and industrial world that many Christians, if not most, have a serious "hang-up," to borrow a term from the younger generation. What really does it mean to love one's neighbor in the kind of world we have today?

Even though Jesus taught that we should feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, and minister to the sick, isn't it a little ridiculous to expect each Christian to apply this to 200 million Americans or to 3 billion Asians, Africans, Latin Americans, and Europeans?

It does seem so, but the teaching remains, and, if a heart of compassion remains, the Christian will constantly be seeking ways to help illiterates learn to read and write, the sick to become well and the well not to become sick, the physically handicapped to learn how to earn a living, the hungry to have food, the racially discriminated against to find open doors, children to grow up somewhere other than in slums, and all people to be free from the ravages of war.

In many ways one's love of neighbor is still manifest as individual to individual in familiar acts of compassion such as we find in the story of the Good Samaritan, or through the joint action of a church congregation, such as operating a home for the aged.

Too complex

But the physical ills of the world have become so complex because of the new "giantism" in urban and industrial life that this particular image of loving one's neighbor is sadly out of date. Many of the causes of human suffering—disease, war, slums, and racial discrimination—are under full scale attack by government at all levels. The Christian who is not actually involved in helping formulate these governmental policies and programs can hardly be said to be on the major firing line in the battle against human suffering.

It should be increasingly clear that governmental action, involving a total urban community, an entire state, a geographic region, or even the whole nation, has become in many cases the only practical way to work for the accomplishment of certain of the ethical teachings of Christ.

Personal visitation of the sick is certainly not obsolete nor will it ever be. But why should not the Christian also support with all of his political skills the taxes and laws necessary for a massive program of research in preventive medicine with the objective of eliminating certain kinds of disease altogether?

Presumably there will always be a place for giving alms to the poor or the Christmas basket of food for the hungry. But why not support serious economic

research and reform efforts aimed at making our economic system work better for those willing and able to work?

Certainly it is a Christian act of mercy to send relief to hurricane victims. But is it any less appropriate for Christian citizens to take necessary political action to support increased taxes and laws for an expanded governmental program for weather research, better warning systems, and even weather control techniques?

It will always be in order for individuals and churches to send used clothing and surplus food to missionaries in underdeveloped countries for distribution to the poor. But does not the same Christian imperative call for political

action to support a far more massive foreign-aid program of research and "county-agent" type agricultural assistance to farmers overseas aimed at doubling or tripling food production?

Loving one's neighbor has not gone out of style simply because the most effective way to minister to our neighbor's need is often through action by the total community, which we call "governmental" action.

The non-Christians in the community may or may not support such programs from a spirit of love or compassion for those in need; their support may be exclusively motivated by self-interest or it may be rooted in a morality only indirectly related to Christianity. The Christian is responsible only for his own motives, however, and for the degree of compassion in his political action or inaction. (BP)

Transplants Not Religious Issue

by Vy Malik and Billy Keith

With meticulous, high speed surgical technique an elite medical team removes the patient's diseased heart leaving only part of the back chambers—the open right and left atria.

The donor heart, removed whole and split open at the back of the atria to provide overlapping tissue for fitting, is placed beside the remnants of the recipient's heart. Careful surveillance is given to the heartbeat nerve control center. The two left atria, then the two right, are sewn together and blood channeled through them.

This operation, taking from 30 minutes to two hours, offers the possibility of life for one when only moments before death was inevitable for two. Only hours, days, months and perhaps years can reveal if the newly-placed heart will accept its strange environment and continue its vital processes. Historically believed impossible, and today still considered a miracle, heart transplants are performed throughout the world.

Source of concern

As heart transplants become nearly a regular routine for some surgeons, they also have become a source of question and debate concerning the ethics of giving and taking life.

Because of such controversy a Baptist opinion poll, instituted by the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was conducted recently to receive and evaluate the opinions of Texas Baptist ministers.

Results of the more than 500 questionnaires indicate a general approval and even enthusiasm for such strides in modern medicine among Texas Baptist ministers.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and now president of the Southern Baptist Convention, answered the query concerning the

ethics of heart transplants by saying, "Transplant surgery as it is now practiced does not seem to be in conflict with Christian ethics as long as the doctor involved maintains strict conformity with his hippocratic oath, with its safeguards for human life and correct doctor-patient relationships."

He added, "in consonance with our long-standing belief that the essence of man, his soul, cannot be altered by any mortal action, there is apparently no conflict between modern surgical techniques and our Christian values."

In answering the opinion poll, ministers often cited the published opinions of both clergy and physicians, and said their personal opinions were the same.

Only a pump

Dr. Michael Debaakey, famous Houston surgeon, active Baptist layman, and professor at Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston, was often quoted in his defense of the transplant.

He has said, "the heart has always been a special organ. It has been considered the seat of the soul, the source of courage. But I look upon the heart only as a pump, a servant of the brain. Once the brain is gone, the heart becomes unemployed. Then we must find it other employment."

Some ministers quoted Billy Graham who says he can find nothing in the scriptures for or against surgical transplants.

Ministers were asked if they believed there were religious or moral implications to be considered in the performance of the human heart transplants. More than half of the respondents answered, "No." Reasons varied, but most of them said they saw no difference between heart transplants and the transplants of other organs. (BP)

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Standing On Holy Ground

Since the days of King David 3,000 years ago Jewish pilgrims have gone to or died trying to go to the holy city of Jerusalem to worship God and, since the earthly days of Jesus, Christians have done the same thing. Moslems also have worshiped or died trying to worship in Jerusalem since Mohammed supposedly ascended to heaven from Mt. Moriah, the site of Abraham's attempted sacrifice of Isaac and of the temples of Solomon and Herod. It is no wonder that by now the soil of this holy city for three major religions is red with the blood of thousands who have died to hold or to retake its holy places.

To go today as I did last week to this holy city is to understand why so many have died through the centuries for the privilege. Jerusalem and the Holy Land are more than something to see or hear about from guides. It is an experience words could never describe.

Cool late September night winds still whisper softly the songs of David composed in the nearby Judean hills. Standing in the early morning on the Mount of Olives across the Kedron Valley from the old city looking west, one's eyes can with one sweep see the places of the entire passion panorama of Jesus—the temple and market places where He taught, the house where He ate the last Passover with the disciples, the pavement where He was condemned, the street where He fell under the load of the cross, the place of the crucifixion, the garden tomb where he was laid with tender hands to await triumph over sin and death and the mount where He was taken up to be our intercessor at the Father's right hand.

Though Jerusalem is the holy of holies of earthly places for Christians, the inspiration is in beholding her sights from a distance and not in seeing them close up. The same is true of Bethlehem and Nazareth where the smelly incense, the unlikely sounding stories of what happened where and the hawkers of souvenirs repel a non-Catholic and perhaps many Catholic pilgrims.

But by the shores of beautiful Galilee it was different for me. I walked with Him, heard Him call Galilean fishermen from their nets and ate the same fish He broiled for the weary disciples. Above the sea on a nearby mountain I heard again the Sermon on the Mount and in Capernaum by the sea where a

second century synagogue is partly restored He still seems to be teaching and healing the sick.

Anytime those who love Jesus can go to the Holy Land where He lived and died is a good time, but today is the best time in a long time to go. With the changes since the six-day war of 1967 one can visit all the holy places of old Palestine without the inconvenience of crossing national boundaries. There is no way of knowing how long this will be true. And though Israeli troops are seen in many places as are bullet marks and bombed Jordanian tanks on the Jericho road, the visitor feels rather secure. Our guide would not take us through some sections of the Jordan Valley between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea because Israeli and Jordanian troops continue to exchange fire across the River. The main concern is the occasional Arab terrorist who slips across the border but, all in all, one feels as safe or safer today in Israel as on the streets of some American cities.

Israel welcomes tourists today because tourism is second only to citrus fruit in the economy of this young nation. The number of tourists in Israel in 1968 has already passed 400,000 and 500,000 are a prospect for next year barring more serious military conflict. The Israeli Ministry of Tourism must be second to none in the world today. Those assigned to our editorial pilgrimage were extremely capable and cordial. The deluxe accommodations provided us were far beyond what I would buy or recommend for most tourists but half the blessings I received would be worth twice the ordinary price. A pilgrimage to Israel is not as expensive as might be thought. Israeli prices are equal or lower than those in the United States and any range of accommodation is available in most areas.

There are no land routes open to Israel today and so all who come must use the air or the water. Few come these days by water but air travel is fast and delightful. In fact, it was easier for me to get from New York to Israel than from New York to Louisville because of the plane-crowded air over New York.

Our twelve-hour flight from New York to Tel Aviv via London and Athens was a unique experience with El Al, the national airline of Israel. It was a bit of Israel from the moment of takeoff. We were served four meals of delightful Jewish food in the twelve

hours and treated to the same warm hospitality we found everywhere in Israel.

Baptists have never put much stock in holy places because one's true religious experience is primarily

Why Do Pastors Move So Often?

Most Baptist pastors these days are called indefinitely but few stay indefinitely. The turnover rate in the Baptist ministry seems to increase every year. Why do so many Baptist pastors move so frequently? Is it the Lord's doing every time a pastor moves? This is usually the claim, but it is doubtful if it is the case every time.

Many things move a pastor besides the Lord. The Lord is left to make the best of a less than best situation.

Some of the mobility of the ministry today is a result of the current style. Thousands of American families change jobs and residences every day. We are a nation on the move and the ministry is not exempt from this dominant trend.

The concept of success in our society is an important influence in the mobile ministry. Promotion to a place of more responsibility with more salary is the American concept of success. In the Baptist ministry it works like this. A preacher starts out with a relatively small congregation and a low salary. If his ministry is popular and successful, the word gets around. Soon pulpit committees are camping on his doorsteps offering a bigger field and bigger pay. The Lord knows he generally needs more pay and it's a rare preacher that cannot find the Lord in one of these offers.

Another reason pastors move is their own immaturity. They start out gloriously, but soon they have used their best sermons. In the meantime the pastor has found some discouraging things about the church and the members have discovered the weaknesses of the pastor. The honeymoon is over and rather than dig in to solve the problems and burn the midnight oil of study, the pastor finds another congregation. As a result some pastors' ministry is a series of honeymoons with each one becoming shorter and less happy.

More often it is the immaturity of the congregation more than the immaturity of the pastor that moves him. The superficial and false concepts in the minds of the members of what a pastor is called to do makes much heartache for him. The craze for something new and different leads many church members to want to trade preachers like they trade automobiles. They say they have nothing against the pastor but they feel a new face and a new voice in the pulpit would be good.

a matter of the heart and not geography. But now I know the heart's experience is heightened by standing on holy sites. I could hope many *Western Recorder* readers could one day visit the Holy Land where the One we love was born, lived, died and arose.

And the pastor agrees if he has some place to go. After all he is weary of spiritual baby sitting with so many members who ought to be at least somewhat mature. He knows he is not called by God to do this and so moves on hoping and praying he will find more spiritual adults. Most often he finds the same predicament wherever he goes.

Some pastors move because they have no choice. They are voted out and not on justifiable grounds. These are trying days of moral and social upheaval. True preachers of God have to take a stand on highly controversial matters and this in too many Southern Baptist churches means rejection and even expulsion. The race issue has cost some true preachers their pulpits. Moreover pastors involved in such controversy are considered untouchable ever afterwards by most other congregations.

Finally, most pastors move because the Lord moves them. They search earnestly for the will of God and proceed only when they believe they have found it.



A BLENDING NEEDED

Dear Editor:

I heard it again today: "The Negro doesn't want to worship with us. This isn't the answer. He has a different type of worship. What we need to do is make it possible for him to worship as he desires and likes. He just wouldn't fit in with us. Let's help him build better buildings, give him more literature, and share our success programs instead of encouraging him to worship and serve with us!" TOMMYROT!

I didn't want to go to school either; wanted to get my education in the cornfield, the tobacco barn, and by the old mill stream. I was spanked (at home) for the first seven days of school, scolded for the first seven months, but by the second year I was passing two grades and I have loved formal education ever since.

I didn't want to go to the town church when we moved to near Hartford, either. They didn't worship like we did back home. But my parents knew they offered more and better ways of worship and learning of God and Christian character and service. We found out church was more than Saturday afternoon business meetings, a Sunday morning lecture in Sunday School, and a high-toned breathless sermon once a month; that revival was more than a once-a-year fun and emotional time with plenty to eat and religious rock-and-roll music.

In fact, if I had stayed where I felt most at home and wanted to stay, I would have had very limited education, a thwarted outlook on society, less limited opportunity of real

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Cumberland Appoints Taylor Director of Alumni Affairs

James A. Taylor has been named Director of Alumni Affairs at Cumberland College it was announced recently by Dr. J. M. Boswell, Cumberland College president.

Taylor, a Cumberland graduate, had been an assistant to Boswell since last February. He assumes the duties of Director of Alumni Affairs previously held by Russell Bridges, Vice President in Charge of Development. Bridges will continue as vice president.

A Cumberland alumni, Taylor was ordained a Baptist minister at the Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg, in the spring of 1967 and continues to serve as pastor of the South Missions, Monticello, where he has been preaching since September 1966.

Hillcrest Church, Hopkinsville, Calls Maddux as Pastor

J. E. "Buddy" Maddux, II, has been named pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church on Skyline Drive in Hopkinsville. He goes there from the pastorate of the Maceo Baptist Church in Daviess County.

A graduate of Murray State University, Maddux received his theological training at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

He is married to the former Jeanetta Jessup, they have two sons and live at 3419 Peppermint Drive, Hopkinsville.

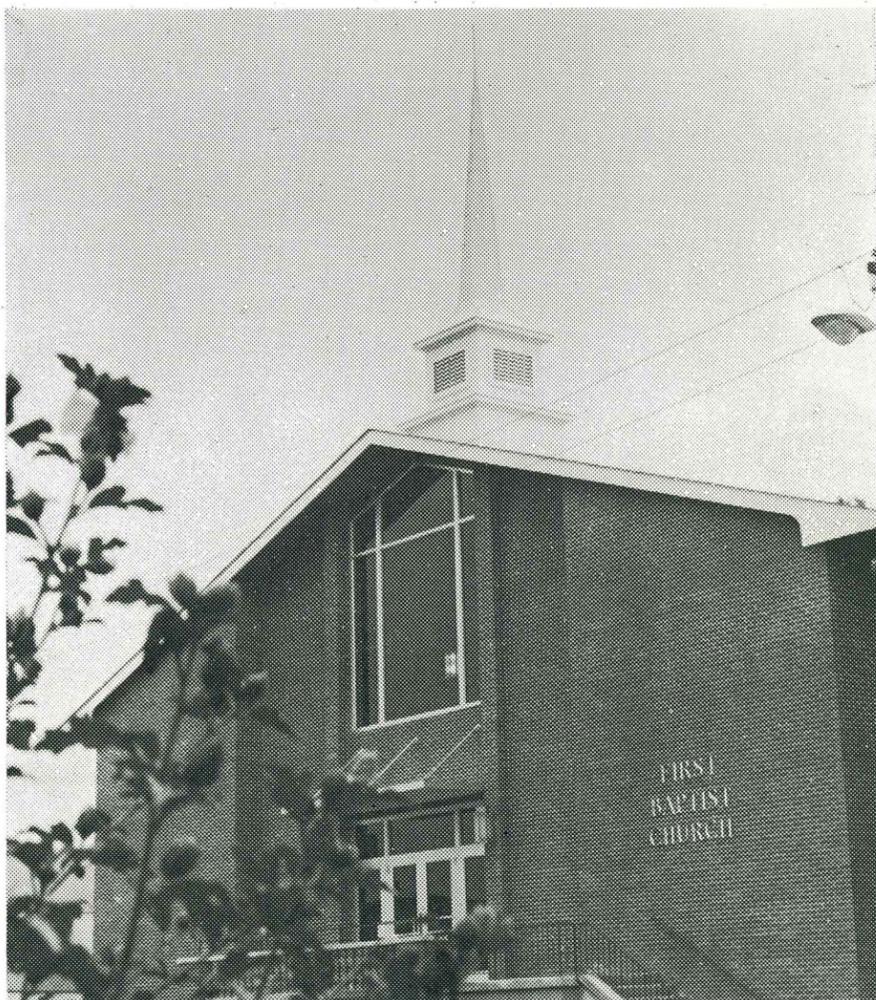
Maddux succeeds Robert Dean as pastor of Hillcrest. Dean resigned in June to accept a post with the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Baptist Hospital Administrator Wins Award for Excellence

Frank S. Groner, administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, received the top award for excellence in hospital administration from the American College of Hospital Administrators meeting in Atlantic City.

The Gold Medal Award cited the hospital's growth from 500 to 1,400 beds and the expansion of educational and research programs during Groner's administration since 1947.

Groner is past president of the organization which granted the award, and is also past president of the American Hospital Association, state and regional hospital associations. He is the only individual ever to have received all three top awards from the American Hospital Association, the Blue Cross Association and the American College of Hospital Administrators. (BP)



MOREHEAD DEDICATES SANCTUARY—First Baptist Church of Morehead, Kentucky, will observe Dedication Sunday on September 29, 1968, to formally dedicate its new sanctuary. After the usual Sunday morning worship service a lunch will be served "on the grounds" to be followed at 2:30 p.m. with a special dedicatory program highlighted by a message by A. B. Colvin, chairman of direct missions for Kentucky Baptists. The new \$200,000 sanctuary, completed in August, seats 700 people with a full recreation room including kitchen in the basement. The contemporary-styled building is air-conditioned throughout and features padded seating and an elevated baptistry. The church, which serves Morehead State University and the Pine Crest Children's Home, is pastored by Rev. Kenneth Cole, now in his fifth year of service in Morehead. All former members and friends of the Morehead church are cordially invited to attend the special Dedication services and tour the new building.

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Crusade Enthusiasm Praised

Southern Baptist Convention President W. A. Criswell, on his return from a tour of Baptist mission points in South America, had high praise for the response of South Americans to the Crusade of the Americas hemisphere-wide evangelistic campaign.

"When we look back upon it, we will see one of the most effective efforts we have ever made for Christ in our generation," Criswell said in assessing the potential of the Crusade of the Americas.

"I found unlimited enthusiasm for the crusade," Criswell said. "As you know, the idea was born there and those dear people look upon the Crusade of the Americas as one of the greatest instruments of our present generation in moving a nation toward Christ."

Criswell was less optimistic concerning other aspects of his tour. "We are losing the numbers game in Latin America," he lamented.

Poverty, disease, slums and the population explosion were cited by the SBC president, pastor of the 15,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, as forces which were outracing the efforts of every religious denomination.

As an example, Criswell said that two generations ago, Baptists could have distributed 8 million Bibles and reached every family in Brazil; while today it would take 80 million Bibles to accomplish the same task.

\$60,000 Given To Foundation

The Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care has turned over approximately \$60,000.00 during the current year to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation to add to its various endowment funds with the Foundation. The funds were bequests received from a number of estates by the Board of Child Care during the current year. The funds will be used to benefit Glen Dale, Spring Meadows, and Pinecrest children's homes.

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Decrying the lack of personal involvement in modern mission activity, Criswell sharply criticized churches in the United States that "shirk their responsibility to weep for, and pray for, our mission activity by allowing Cooperative Program (financial) participation to be their only expression of concern.

"Christ loved the church and gave himself for it," Criswell declared. "We need to put awareness of missions and more financial responsibility for missions back in the local churches." (BP)

Woodward to Lead Seminar

Mr. James D. Woodward of Oklahoma Baptist University faculty has accepted the invitation to lead choir directors,



Woodward

accompanists, and sponsors in a seminar on methods and materials for Youth choirs particularly. The session will convene at Gheens Lecture Hall at Southern Baptist Seminary library building from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. on October 8.

The seminar is free and open to all choir leaders.

\$15 million

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal Set; Supports 2,200 Missionaries

Southern Baptists will be asked to contribute \$15 million to the 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

The entire amount of the offering will be used by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here for missions overseas.

Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union organizations in local Baptist churches will have the task of bringing overseas mission needs to the attention of church members and overseeing the collection of the offering. Most of the 34,000 churches in the SBC will have goals in the annual offering.

About 2,200 foreign missionaries currently are employed in the Baptist foreign missions effort in 67 countries. All of these fields benefit from the Lottie Moon Offering.

Former Kentuckian Receives Doctor of Education Degree

Wayne Moore, former youth director and minister of recreation at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, and native of Georgetown,



Moore

received his doctor of education degree at the University of Mississippi on August 18, 1968. Wayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Moore, formerly of Georgetown and Campbellsville. The elder Moore was pastor of a number of churches in Crittenden Association and was on the faculty of Campbellsville College. He now teaches at Anderson College in Anderson, South Carolina.

The young Moore went to Mississippi in 1930 as minister of recreation at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. He was also part-time instructor at Mississippi College before serving four years as director of admissions for the College. He is now employed by the University of Mississippi in the department of placement and financial aids as a project administrator.

Mrs. Wayne Moore is the former Carolyn Chick from Beaver Dam, Kentucky. She has completed all course work for the degree of doctor of education in elementary education. The Moores have two children, Kathy and Steve, who are in the 5th and the 2nd grades respectively.

The Lottie Moon Offering is part of a month-long foreign mission emphasis in Southern Baptist churches. The month begins with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 1-8. (BP)

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Kentucky Temperance League Files Report, Notes Health Hazard

Problems of beverage alcohol and alcoholism continue to rise in Kentucky according to a report recently filed by the state's Temperance League.

Alcoholism is ranked among the four leading health problems in America, along with heart disease, cancer and mental illness the report says.

In 1967, alcoholism became more prevalent than cancer. One fourth of the mentally ill are alcoholics and there is a direct relationship between heart disease and heavy drinking the report continues.

Many suggestions have been made to reduce the number of alcoholics but the real problem is with the alcohol itself the report says. Churches should continue to seek control and limit the role of alcoholic beverages and to set forth the principle of total abstinence.

Legislation

During the 1968 Kentucky Legislative session, there was no "wet" legislation passed. However, many bills were introduced. Among those introduced but defeated, the report said, were bills to legalize Sunday liquor sales, establish state-owned liquor stores, charging of alcoholic drinks and ladies drinking at the bar.

A bill for testing drunk drivers (implied consent) was passed and became law.

In Scottsville a local option vote was held. The Allen County town voted to remain "dry" by a vote of 1,130 to 317.

Education

Temperance League Director Delbert L. Butts, a former Baptist pastor, spoke to more than 16,000 students in 42 different schools during the past year. In addition, alcohol education programs were held at various summer camps, church and associational youth rallies.

Once each month a program was presented by Director Butts at LaGrange State Reformatory.

Church cooperation

Temperance League speakers spoke in 615 Kentucky Baptist churches and financial support was received from 823 churches the report said.

Since the Temperance League is not a Cooperative Program agency, it must depend on contributions from individuals and churches to support its work.

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KENTUCKY PASTORS — Discussing the program of the Billy Graham Association School of Evangelism with Kenneth L. Chafin, left, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professors, are from left, Kentucky pastors: Larry Martin, Sherman Baptist Church, Dry Ridge; J. Alvin Hardy, Hillcrest Church, Frankfort; and Joe Moore, Pleasant Grove, Anchorage. They were among 100 students from Louisville who attended the week-long school held in conjunction with the Graham crusade meetings in Pittsburgh. Chafin, who occupies the new Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at Southern Seminary, was one of the principal speakers.

Kentuckians Attend Graham Campaign

In terms of sheer numbers and participation, Southern Baptists made themselves known at the Billy Graham Association's School of Evangelism in Pittsburgh.

Of the 1,200 ministers and seminarians of 40 different denominations attending the sessions, the biggest number from any denomination was from the Southern Baptist Convention, including a delegation of 100 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The students heard morning lectures on methods of evangelism, and spoke out strongly in afternoon seminars and preaching labs. At night, they attended the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade in Pittsburgh, carrying work sheets to crusade meetings to observe and learn from Graham.

Carrying out the Baptist influence, Kenneth L. Chafin, Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism Professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville, spoke on urban evangelism and was accorded the only standing ovation of the week's assembly with the exception of Graham himself.

Chafin observed with concern that churches are experiencing new problems and failing to come up with new methods to cope with changes brought about by an urbanizing society. But

there is consequently great opportunity, he said, exhorting young ministers to "thank God that you are living in such an exciting, challenging age instead of wishing for the good old days."

Chafin and G. Allen West, superintendent of missions for the Long Run Baptist Association in Louisville, headed the delegation of 100 Southern Seminary students attending the conference in preparation for spring revivals in four states. Chafin said committees are already at work to organize student teams for work in churches, especially churches in pioneer SBC states.

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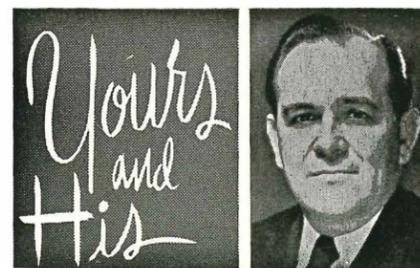
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That helpless feeling

Ever have "that helpless feeling?" You know, when you have done all you can, prayed fervently and without ceasing, and just wait to see what man and God will do with your work and prayers? Of course every active Christian has had such times when you "do your best and trust God for the rest." It's a kind of strong faith—not sight, but strong faith, that the results will be in God's hands, and that He will use it to His glory in some plain or some inscrutable manner!

So with our mission gifts

That was the way I approached August 31st and hour by hour watched the mails for checks from the church treasurers and others for the Cooperative Program. The Convention year was ending. We were more than \$600,000 short of the goal. By all human calculations we could fall short by \$300,000 in our Cooperative Program goal for the year. We knew this would mean doing less for Christ with other Baptists in Kentucky and around the world. We knew that missionaries and Christian teachers and mission workers of all kinds would be denied funds they expected from Kentucky Baptists. We knew that lost souls might never be reached if our gifts failed. So, we worked. We prayed. We "trusted God and told the people." Then we waited with "that helpless feeling" as the mailman brought in the letters with checks from country, rural, mountain, town, city, suburban churches of all kinds! After the last mail postmarked "August 31st" came in, we had done a wonderful thing—almost \$460,000 came in during August. We were within \$174,000 of our annual goal. We had about \$56,000 in the "Schools and Student Centers Reserve Fund" and put it in the Cooperative Program for distribution. We almost made it, but didn't—\$118,000 short after the reserve funds were exhausted. But, thank God and thank you in the churches.

God's purpose

Will God's purpose in this be to show us that we cannot expect the "other church" to do all the increasing of Cooperative Program gifts? Will He show us that we cannot afford to use more at home and less abroad? Will He show us that this is the most important thing in this world for our church? And help us to vastly increase our participation in Baptist world missions? If so, then this year's partial failure will be a blessing.

HAROLD G. SANDERS

Baptist Book Store Manager Retires Will Join Louisville Realty Firm

Miss Blanche Mays, manager of the Louisville Baptist Book Store for the past nine years, will retire September 30, 1968.



Miss Mays

Friends and co-workers honored Miss Mays with a dinner September 17 at Louisville's Sheraton Hotel. Guests included personnel from the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Middletown.

Miss Mays, a native of Jonesboro, Ark., is a graduate of Jonesboro Junior College and of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. She did graduate work at the University of Chicago and New York University.

A teacher at Jonesboro High School for several years, Miss Mays also served as recreation director for the Welfare Department of her home county, and as associate in the department of religious

education, Arkansas Baptist Convention, Little Rock.

She became manager of the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, in March 1945. She served for fifteen years at the Sunday School Board's book store division as supervisor for eastern stores, before assuming duties at the Louisville store.

Miss Mays holds membership in the Zonta Club (one of five clubs for executive women), Business and Professional Women's Club, Kentucky English Speaking Union, Filson Club (a historical club), the Kentucky Historical Club and the Speed Art Museum. In 1959, she was awarded the "Distinguished Baptist Lady" award, given by Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, to a woman who has made a contribution to Baptist life in Arkansas.

She is a member of Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

Miss Mays is the author of "My Book About God's World," a children's book published by Grosset and Dunlap.

After her retirement, she will become affiliated with the Skelton Real Estate Company, Louisville, as a broker.

BAPTIST FORUM



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worship and hearing of God's call, and even less care about what happened to the rest of the world.

Well, maybe they don't want to worship with us or we with them. But maybe we need to worship together. Maybe a blending of "their ways" with "our ways" could lead to a discovery of "God's way." Perhaps God could eventually grow them and us together to be one in Christ Jesus to meet the needs of each of our lives in his will, and to enable us to lift a few more in the world to blend the old and the new, the known and the unknown, until they meet in Jesus.

Whitesville, Ky. Howard L. Matthews

NEGRO MYTHS

Dear Editor:

A friend gave me a copy of the *Western Recorder* the other day and I was deeply intrigued in the article "Seven Common Myths About Negroes Explained." It was superb and a marvelous way to introduce the Negro as a human to be treated as such instead of an inanimate object.

There is a feeling among some of the people of the world that the Negro, no matter what the age or prestige, is yet a child or a something without judgment. This is a wide mistake, the only difference among the groups of people in this human habitation of God's world is the color of the skin—for out of one blood He made all nations of men (Acts 17:26).

Columbia, Ky.

Ethel B. Cooper

THE COVER

On September 1, 1968, the First Baptist Church of Walton, Kentucky, dedicated its new sanctuary. The \$240,000 building took less than a year to complete. Harold Sanders, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, brought the dedication message. Guiding the building program was John L. Maddox, chairman of the building committee. J. M. Huey served as chairman of the church trustees. Pastor of the Walton church is Charles T. Saylor.

Foreign Mission Board:

\$20,000 Voted For Starving Nigerians

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting September 12, appropriated \$20,000 for relief of human suffering in eastern Nigeria, an area ravaged by civil war for more than a year.

"Our concern is for people wherever they live and whatever their circumstances," declared Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board. He and H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, have recently been in Nigeria.

Goerner pointed out that in the distribution of relief funds the Board will continue its position of strict neutrality on the political issues in the Nigerian civil war and noninvolvement in civil warfare. The Foreign Mission Board has sponsored work in Nigeria for 118 years and currently has 238 missionaries assigned to the country.

The relief money will be used to try to get food to refugees on both sides of the battle line. Funds will be channeled through the Nigerian Baptist Convention, the Nigerian Red Cross, and other agencies.

Regarding the Board's continuing ministry to Nigeria's sick, Cauthen said a shortage of missionary doctors and other medical workers is causing great concern. Illness, accidents, and other factors in missionary families have left vacancies that must be filled.

Middle East

"Tension, unrest, and uncertainty" still characterize the Middle East, with commando raids, action by regular military units, and frequent flights by military planes, said John D. Hughey, describing conditions observed during a recent six-week trip to Europe and the Middle East, the area for which he has administrative responsibility.

"Fighting along the Jordan River has caused the evacuation of the valley, with crops left unharvested," he said. "Refugees who have fled from one part of Jordan to another have had to find lodging and food where they can, while those from Israeli-occupied territory (including Gaza) live in tent cities of up to 70,000, administered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency."

Despite the situation in Jordan, the Baptist Hospital, and Baptist schools, churches, and a book store are functioning normally, Hughey reported. Summer camps were conducted, though they were held on the hospital compound in Ajloun instead of at the usual camp site, which is near the border.

"Missionaries in Israel have assumed responsibilities in Jerusalem and on the west bank of the Jordan River which were formerly borne by missionaries to Jordan," Hughey continued. "They are responding in an alert, prudent, and

constructive manner to new opportunities.

"Missionaries at the Gaza Baptist Hospital, including nurses who went out this year to meet the emergency, have never worked harder or more happily, and the Baptist church in Gaza functions with freedom and a good response among the people."

New secretaries report

Two men made their first reports as area secretaries: R. Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia (formerly a missionary to Indonesia), and Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean (formerly missionary field representative for the Caribbean and northern South America, with headquarters in Colombia).

"When our flight left the runway in Cali, Colombia, for the trip to the States, my wife and I were strangely moved with emotions similar to those we had experienced 18 years earlier when a flight took us overseas as new missionaries," said Bryan. "Somehow, in leaving Colombia, we felt as though we were leaving home once again because

we were leaving behind our dearest memories and closest friends.

While en route to the States from Indonesia, Parks visited all the South-east Asian nations where Southern Baptists have missionaries except Guam and made contact with 95 percent of the missionaries now in those countries.

"The atmosphere of missions in this area is one of opportunity, excitement, and challenge," he said. "It is my hope that creative thought and constructive suggestions from Board members and from missionaries can flow both ways through my office as area secretary."

Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, reported on three meetings he'd had this summer in preparation for the Crusade of the Americas, hemisphere-wide evangelistic campaign to culminate in 1969.

Means took note of the recent retirement of Rev. and Mrs. Albert I. Bagby, missionaries to Brazil. Mr. Bagby is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. William Buck Bagby, who were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1880 as its pioneer missionaries to Brazil.

Congress Debates Department Of Peace

Bi-partisan members of both Houses of Congress say they are launching a campaign to establish a department of Peace. Their proposals would bring together several internationally-oriented agencies and programs for one concerted voice on peace at home and abroad. The rallying cry is that "peace is everybody's concern and nobody's business."

The new proposal calls for a secretary of peace to develop policies and programs to foster peace. He would coordinate "all federal activities" affecting the principle of peace.

Sen. Vance Hartke (D., Ind.) has teamed with Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield (Ore.) and Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D., Tex.) to sponsor the Senate proposal.

The companion legislation in the House was introduced by Rep. Seymour Halpern (R., N. Y.) and co-sponsored by 22 members from both parties.

Rep. Halpern told the House of Representatives that they must face the reality that in the government of the United States "there is nobody in charge of peace . . . there is no department working at the problem full time. . . ."

This may explain, he continued, "Why we have failed to convert a peacekeeping intent into a peacekeeping capability."

The proposed department would reorganize the executive branch of government by transferring the following agencies into the new department:

► The Peace Corps, the Agency for International Development and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency now under the Department of State;

► The functions of the Bureau of International Commerce in the Department of Commerce which relate to the policy on the general agreement on tariffs and trade;

► The functions of the International Agricultural Development Service, now in the Department of Agriculture;

► The Export-Import Bank;

► And "any other agency or office, or part of any agency or office in the executive branch of government" if the bureau of the budget agrees that its functions are pertinent to the Peace Department.

In addition, the proposed legislation which is reported to be "gaining a lot of momentum" calls for the creation of an international peace institute, in many respects parallel to the Military Academies, and also, for a Peace By Investment Corps to establish and expand people-to-people relationships in the economic field, particularly in underdeveloped countries (BP)



COMING DOWN—The old barracks that served as classroom space for the Biology Department at Georgetown College give weird effect as they reflect on the window of the school's new Science Center. The horizontal lines crossing the picture are the venetian blinds inside the building. These frame buildings have served the College 21 years. They will be removed this Fall.

Pastorless Churches, Churchless Pastors To Receive Help From New Committee

The Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention took initial steps toward creating local, regional and state committees to help pastorless churches and churchless pastors to get together.

The recommendations dealing with both the problem of pastor-church relationships will be considered by the state convention when it meets in Macon, Georgia, November 11-13.

The report on pastor-church relations asked the convention to consider three proposals—that Baptist associations set up pastor-church relations committees; that a state convention committee be set up to include laymen and pastors from eight regions; and that staff help in this area be provided by the convention "as

it is possible to make the necessary budget provisions and organization for such services."

The proposal spelled out that such committees would function only upon request of churches and pastors and that "care will be exercised that the service be fair to all."

The committee also initiated plans for the 160th anniversary in 1972 of the Georgia Baptist Convention and The Christian Index; authorized Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta to borrow up to \$6 million to add 250 beds and other facilities; changed the charter of Georgia Baptist Children's Home to place more emphasis on family casework and foster care, and authorized budget transfer of funds of Truett-McConnell Junior College and Tift College. (BP)

D. C. Baptists Name Negro Pastor As Head Of Urban Ministries

A Negro Baptist minister, H. Wesley Wiley, has been chosen to help Baptists in the capital city develop a total strategy for ministering in metropolitan Washington.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Wiley will be the executive director of the Baptist Committee on Wider Cooperation, made up of six different Baptist groups in the Washington area.

Announcement of Wiley's appointment was made by James M. Windham, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland, chairman of the committee.

As the leader of the newly-organized metropolitan ministries for Baptists in the Washington area, Wiley will be related to the D.C. Baptist Convention as an executive staff member.

Inner-city pastor

Wiley is the former pastor of the Springfield Baptist Church, located in Washington's inner city. Prior to this he served as director of missions for the SBC Home Mission Board in Winston-Salem and held several pastorates in North Carolina.

In addition, he has held positions with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention and the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

The North Carolina native is a member of the executive study group for a model urban school system for the District of Columbia and is presently serving on the Board of directors of the Model Inner City Community Organization, Inc.

First step

In releasing the announcement, Windham said he sees Wiley's appointment as "the first major step toward the type of cooperation of all Baptist bodies in a full Christian ministry to this metropolitan area."

Specifically, Windham said programs would be developed dealing with "the alleviation of poverty consequences," juvenile delinquency, dope addiction, alcoholism and housing.

In addition, Wiley will direct research on particular urban problems, serving as a channel for this information to be given to the various Baptist groups and churches in the city.

The new Home Mission Board employee attended Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C., and received his theological degree from Virginia Theological Seminary and College in Lynchburg. He has done additional study at Union University, Richmond, Va., and American University. (BP)

In Founder's Day Address:

W. O. Carver Started As A Landmark, Moody Says

William Owen Carver, the noted Southern Baptist leader, started his career as a Landmark Baptist, said Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Dale Moody in a Founder's Day address here commemorating the 100th anniversary of Carver's birth.

Moody said that Landmarkism belonged to Carver's boyhood religious views, and that, at age 12, Carver read the sermons of J. R. Graves, the leading proponent of Landmarkism, to the

young people and others who would come to unapproved services at his home church.

Carver's study at the University of Richmond, a Baptist school, "plus his independent habits, soon led him to see the basic theology of Landmarkism was unbiblical," said Moody.

The tenets of Landmarkism which Dr. Carver came to reject, as stated by Moody, were: "rejection of baptism by other denominations (alien immersion),

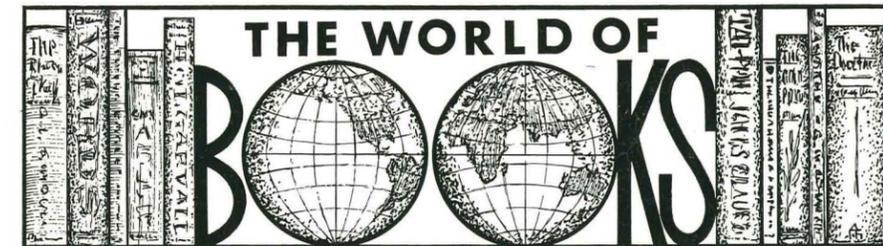
refusal to recognize ministers of other denominations (pulpit affiliation), definition of the church in the local sense only, restriction of communion to the members of each local church (closed communion), and an unbroken succession of Baptist churches from John the Baptist to the present (church perpetuity).

Moody said that in addition to Landmarkism, two other currents in American Christianity were strongly opposed by Carver: "dispensationalism in eschatology and fundamentalism in Christology."

"It was his keen insight as an interpreter of the scriptures, both of the Old and the New Testament, that gave him a distaste for the superficial dogmatism that often marched under these banners," said Moody.

Despite his vehement arguments on theological issues, Carver was not primarily a controversial figure, said Moody. His conflict with various currents of thought "arose out of his persistent efforts to define the mission of the church in the modern world." Moody said that Carver "pursued his goals with genuine compassion and humility" and "had too much integrity to be evasive and too much courage to be silent."

Carver, born April 10, 1868 and died May 24, 1954, was a member of the faculty at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville for more than 50 years.



The Family In Dialogue by A. Donald Bell; Zondervan Publishing House; 168 pages.

This Southwestern Seminary professor of Psychology attempts to cover the gamut of family life. He begins with "Courtship and Engagement" and goes through "The Later Years." The basic contention of this book is that communication, or the lack of it, is the basic problem in American families today.

Sixteen Days on the Church Calendar by Calvin Miller; Baker Book House; 130 pages.

The author has selected 16 days out of the life of a typical Baptist church and prepared special sermons for each occasion ranging from sweetheart banquets to race relation Sunday to pledge day. These sermons could serve as seed beds for one to prepare his own material.

Called of God: The Work of the Ministry by Gilbert L. Guffin; Christopher Publishing House; 140 pages.

Because ministers are more responsible for the spiritual well-being of the world than any other group, the author contends that a new seriousness should be present when the minister views his task. To help the pastor gain perspective, Guffin has broken down the pas-

tor's work into several categories and considers each one. The book can be a tool for the young minister or serve the experienced pastor as he attempts to evaluate his work.

Some of My Best Friends Were Addicts by Virginia Ely; Revell; 128 pages.

For 16 years the author worked in a government hospital for addicts and mentally ill individuals. From this experience she draws material to describe what dope and alcohol have done to lives. With the growing use of dope in the United States, this book is a timely publication. The author's plea is for renewed effort to prevent addiction so that others do not end in this tragic trap.

Is Christ For John Smith edited by John A. Ishee; Broadman Press; 127 pages.

Basically the book is a soul winner's guide, but it does have a new twist. Nine case histories are given. Each one is followed by opinions by Kenneth Chafin, Herschel Hobbs and G. Avery Lee on how best to reach the individual. The contributors do not always agree on the best method but this book does not attempt to give a last word on soul winning. It can help though.

The Bible and Flying Saucers by Barry H. Downing; Lippincott Company; 214 pages.

Downing supposedly approaches the Bible scientifically in an attempt to compare science, relativity and the Bible and their inter-relation. Many provocative questions are asked by the author and some imaginative answers are given. The exodus and the visions of Elijah give Downing material from the Old Testament while many of the events in the life of Christ offer possibilities for consideration from the New Testament.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY

NEW BUILDING—Pictured above is an architect's drawing of the First Baptist Church of Morgantown, Kentucky. At right is the present church structure. At left is the proposed education building. Plans to build the new unit were approved recently by a unanimous vote of all members attending business meeting. The new unit will house all departments, nursery through young people, church offices, church library, and other facilities. The church is also considering renovating its basement for a fellowship hall with complete kitchen equipment installed.

Music Participation Called Remarkable

Music participation in associational, regional and statewide projects has been outstanding during the past year according to Kentucky music secretary Eugene Quinn.

A total of 62 associations participated in one or more of the three witnessing, training and fellowship projects Quinn said.

"This is a remarkable display of sincere devotion to advancing the cause of Christ," he stated.

Below is a list of associations participating in the various projects:

Association	Assoc. Projects	Regional Projects	State Projects
Allen	*	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*
Bell	*	*	*
Bethel	*	*	*
Blackford	*	*	*
Blood River	*	*	*
Boone's Creek	*	*	*
Booneville	*	*	*
Bracken	*	*	*
Breckenridge	*	*	*
Caldwell	*	*	*
Casey	*	*	*
Central	*	*	*
Christian County	*	*	*
Crittenden	*	*	*
Daviess-McLean	*	*	*
East Lynn	*	*	*
Elkhorn	*	*	*
Enterprise	*	*	*
Franklin	*	*	*
Freedom	*	*	*
Graves County	*	*	*
Greenup	*	*	*
Green Valley	*	*	*
Laurel River	*	*	*
Liberty	*	*	*
Lincoln	*	*	*
Little Bethel	*	*	*
Logan County	*	*	*
Long Run	*	*	*
Lynn	*	*	*
Lynn Camp	*	*	*
McCreary	*	*	*
Mercer	*	*	*
Mt. Zion	*	*	*
Muhlenberg	*	*	*
Nelson	*	*	*
Northern Kentucky	*	*	*
North Concord	*	*	*
Ohio County	*	*	*
Ohio River	*	*	*

Association	Assoc. Projects	Regional Projects	State Projects
Owen County	-----	*	*
Pine Mountain	-----	*	*
Pulaski	-----	*	*
Rockcastle	-----	*	*
Russell Creek	-----	*	*
Salem	-----	*	*
Severns Valley	-----	*	*
Shelby County	-----	*	*
Simpson	-----	*	*
South District	-----	*	*
Sulphur Fork	-----	*	*
Tate's Creek	-----	*	*
Taylor County	-----	*	*
Ten Mile	-----	*	*
Twin Lakes	-----	*	*
Union	-----	*	*
Upper Cumberland	-----	*	*
Warren	-----	*	*
Wayne County	-----	*	*
West Union	-----	*	*
Whites Run	-----	*	*
TOTALS — 62	45	37	53

South Vietnam Chosen For Mission Work By Missouri Pastor, Wife

The mountainside setting of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly has special meaning for many of the 95 Southern Baptist missionary appointees now in orientation there. For David and Barbara Wigger, it is special because here, during the foreign mission conference in June, they first became convinced that God was calling them to serve in South Vietnam.

Though they were to be appointed during the June conference, their place of service had not been determined when they arrived at Ridgecrest from Goodman, Missouri, where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The opening session of the conference featured missionaries to the Orient, and one on furlough from South Vietnam spoke. "Barbara and I went back to our room and shared our thoughts," David Wigger says. "Both of us felt with sureness it was South Vietnam for us."

"We are going there not because of the war but because of the people. If there were no war, we would still go. We weren't even thinking of the war when we made our decision."

The Wiggers expect to work with students in one of South Vietnam's university centers. They will be the first Southern Baptist missionaries to engage in full-time student ministry in Vietnam.

"Some people whom we expected to be excited about our decision doubted our mentality," Barbara says. "Others, thinking that the Foreign Mission Board tells missionaries where to go, were amazed that we chose South Vietnam." Many people said, "You must be brave!" The Wiggers feel they are neither brave nor mentally disturbed.

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(These Lessons for October 6, 1968)

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

The Source Of Our Faith

"Writings of Faith and Encouragement" is an appropriate title for a series of lessons. Faith and encouragement are available to us through the faithful and prayerful study of God's Word in these days of confusion and uncertainty.

Hebrews was written to the Jews who had abandoned Judaism and professed faith in Christ. Scattered by persecution, they confronted grave dangers and moved in an atmosphere charged with disappointment, discouragement and doubt. This letter challenged them to a steadfast devotion to Christ, their all-sufficient Saviour.

Hebrews 1:1-3a

Hebrews is the only book in the Bible which commences with the name of the Deity. It begins with a matchless declaration of the existence of God. At various times and in different ways He has revealed Himself as a God of power, justice, holiness, truth, love and mercy. God has always spoken to people through His work of creation and through human conscience. He has also spoken through various messengers whom He has commissioned to be the bearers of His will to men, angels, a dream, a vision, the prophets, etc.

In the Gospel dispensation God revealed His will to the Jews through His Son, Jesus Christ, Who upholds all the creatures He has made and makes disposition of all things according to His perfect will. Through His Son—through what He was, what He did and what He said—God revealed Himself. In the days of the prophets, as well as when Christ came to reveal God to men, people were so engrossed in their personal affairs and so occupied with their sins that they did not pay much attention to the will of God, as is true today.

Certain contrasts between the revelations in the Old Testament era and the new one "by His Son" are set forth clearly in the introduction to this chapter. It is the same God who speaks in and through both. The former revelations were fragmentary, but the new one was complete. The former came at intervals, but the latter was once for all. The old one was incomplete, pointing to and waiting for Someone to come;

the new one was complete, for the One whose coming had been predicted and anticipated had actually arrived. Nothing more of God can be revealed than what is in His Son, for He is the complete revelation of God.

Christ is portrayed here as the Son of God, whereas the prophets were His messengers and servants. Christ is the heir of all God's possessions. He was the active agent in creation, for "without him was not anything made that was made."

When one sees Christ through faith, he beholds the very attributes of God, because the Son is the express image of the Father. He is the exact representative of His Being. Christ is the upholder of all God's universe and the preserver of all things. Moreover, as the Redeemer of all God's people, He has the power to take away sin. He supplies peace for the mind, satisfaction for the soul and confidence for the spirit.

Having "sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high," He has received higher honors than any that have ever been bestowed upon angels. By inheritance He has obtained a more excellent name than any angel or any other person. It was very important that the Hebrews realize that Christ was superior to the angels. Christ is as far above the angels as the Creator is superior to any of His creatures.

Hebrews 2:1-4

This passage contains an important warning which is based on the revelation of God in His Son. "Therefore" refers to what God has revealed regarding the greatness and superiority of Christ. Careful heed must be given to what has been revealed to us and to the things which we have heard lest we drift away from them. Anyone who drifts away from the truth must give an account to God for doing so.

While the message of the angels was steadfast, that of the Son was far more so. The validity of His message was confirmed by miracles, signs and wonders. Just as the miracles were to be seen, the message is to be believed. Every Christian is expected to give earnest heed to God's great salvation,

and to the obligations which grow out of their relationship to Him.

This salvation which God wrought out for lost sinners deserves to be described as "great." It is great in its conception, cost and content. When we come into possession of it, through God's grace, we get new desires, motives and aspirations. It is the only salvation which is available.

Hebrews 3:12-15

This exhortation is based upon a reference to the folly of the Israelites in permitting their unbelief to deprive them of their inheritance in Canaan. The writer urged the Hebrew Christians not to allow the sin of unbelief, which is the crowning sin of all, to defile their consciences, harden their hearts, prevent God's Word from having its intended effect, make them unstable, and disqualify them for the proper performance of their God-given tasks. He admonished them to be loyal and true to God, to be on guard constantly against the deceitfulness of sin, to strive to refrain from doing anything which would break the bond of personal devotion to Christ, and to encourage one another to be steadfast in the Christian faith. After all, perseverance in the Christian faith is the best evidence of union with Christ.

Christians must never allow their hearts to become hardened through or by the deceitfulness of sin, or unresponsive to the will of God for their lives. Unfortunately many yield to temptation and then attempt to justify their acts of disobedience, but God does not ignore their sins or accept their excuses for them. Every Christian needs communion with the Lord and fellowship with His people, and that is why faithfulness in attendance at the worship services of the church is so important in living victoriously.

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Galatians 1:6-17

Certain Jews in Galatia, who had become professing Christians but had remained loyal to the law and zealous for its observance, and who believed that circumcision was a prerequisite to salvation, resented Paul's teaching that salvation was by grace through faith plus nothing, or entirely apart from the works required by the law.

Paul was astonished at what was happening in the case of many of the Galatians whom he had led to make a public profession of their faith in Christ during his ministry in their midst. He was shocked and grieved that so many of them, whom he had influenced to receive Christ and thereby obtain forgiveness of sin and salvation, had exemplified such an amazing instability by deserting the glorious gospel of Christ and turning to the erroneous teachings of the Judaizers, which could not meet their needs or those of others.

False teachers

When these false teachers came into Galatia and insisted that all Christians must keep the Jewish law also, unfortunately there were those who were so unstable that they were in the process of succumbing to those subtle and false teachings. Therefore, Paul set himself to the task of halting this perilous drift which was so obvious to all. He was determined to gainsay the heresies that were jeopardizing the faith of his beloved converts as quickly and bluntly as possible. Anything that would imperil the doctrine of salvation by grace would quickly encounter his outspoken and uncompromising opposition.

The gospel of Christ is good news. However, it should be clear to anybody who can read the New Testament that it is not good news to tell any man that he must save himself by his own works. To tell one that he must work in order to obtain eternal life is neither good news nor good advice. The doctrine of salvation by works has been the basic contention of all the pagan religions through the centuries. Knowing that good works are always the fruits of salvation and never the roots of it, Paul always insisted that salvation from sin is only and always through the work of Christ for us and the work of the Holy Spirit in us, and never through any works of our own. Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

One gospel

To Paul there was one gospel only, and for anyone to preach something contrary to this divinely revealed good news was to invite the divine wrath. Nobody has any right to alter God's

message to the hearts of men. Many are striving diligently to pervert this gospel, in spite of the fact that Paul reminded every reader of this epistle of the finality of the gospel of Christ.

Paul admonished his readers to refuse to give heed to those who come to them with any message which is contrary to the gospel of Christ, which is recorded in the Word of God, and which he firmly believed and faithfully proclaimed. In the event that he, for any reason, should bring them any other message than that which he had previously delivered to them, Paul urged them to refuse to believe what he might say. He was convinced that no possible combination of circumstances could invalidate the gospel which he had preached to them.

Insisting upon the finality of the gospel of Christ, Paul said: "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Instead of the gospel which he preached coming to him through a human intermediary, it was of divine origin and came to him directly from Jesus Christ. The message which he received from the Lord was stated by Paul very succinctly in I Corinthians 15:3-4. We, too, have the glorious privilege of proclaiming God's eternal mes-

sage of redemption, which is relevant to every generation.

The Judaizers

Paul's critics, the Judaizers, were seeking to exalt and glorify themselves. Through their strenuous efforts to amalgamate law and grace, they were striving to win the approval of their hearers. They did not realize that the most important thing was not what men preferred and wanted, but rather what produced the right results. God knows exactly what men need and has made ample provision for their needs. The only message which produces saved souls and transformed lives is the gospel of Christ, which Paul preached so faithfully and effectively, as have many others.

In his defense of the supremacy of the gospel of Christ over the false teachings of his critical opponents, Paul went somewhat into detail regarding his personal experience of salvation, his realization of his call from Christ to become a minister of the gospel, his reception of the direct revelation from the Lord, his lack of direction from the other apostles, and his personal withdrawal into Arabia for an extended period of prayer, study, communion with and instruction from God. From then until the end of his life Paul was ever grateful that the Lord had saved him and entrusted him with the gospel of Christ, and to the great task of proclaiming it to all who would listen he gave himself unstintingly. Let us be faithful in our stewardship of this same gospel which has been entrusted to us!

German Baptists Call Infant Baptism A "Hindrancel"

Baptist churches in the German region of Westphalia believe that infant baptism is "one of the main hindrances to genuine Christian life" in central Europe, a report from a Baptist pastors' conference there indicates.

These Baptist churches are now actively joining in debates over baptism, which occur among pastors of the predominant Lutheran churches. Baptists are also writing tracts and submitting brief articles on the subject to local newspapers. Photographs of believers' baptism are also provided for publication. (Believers' baptism is administered only to those making a conscious commitment of faith.)

The 24 pastors who attended the pastors' conference said that infant baptism has "led millions of people to believe that they are 'Christians' although these people do not have the least interest in following Christ." One Baptist preacher, who at one time was pastor of a Lutheran congregation, strictly opposed the idea of declaring that infant baptism constitutes valid baptism.

Keen interest in the subject of infant baptism has been stirred in West Germany by the statements and actions of a group of 350 Lutheran churchmen in the area of Cologne. These churchmen have petitioned their synod to abandon the requirement for infant baptism. Instead, the churchmen say, let the parents decide concerning the baptism of their children. (EBPS)

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Brotherhood Is Popular Study Theme, Kentucky In Top Ten Award Winners

More than 3,000 books related to Brotherhood principles and methods were read for Church Study Course credit during the first 11 months of the current church year according to figures just released by the Brotherhood Commission.

Of that number 152 book awards were presented to Kentucky Baptists placing the state among the top ten in this area.

The books were all copies of volumes listed under Category 21, newest of the areas for study under the Church Study Course. With only one month remaining in the church year, 3,065 book awards had been earned in this category.

Special interest in the basic Brotherhood manual has been generated by Operation KNOW, a convention-wide plan to acquaint church leaders with all of the church's programs. *The Brotherhood Program of a Baptist Church* is one of seven books included on the Operation KNOW list.

Tennessee, with 433 awards, led all states. Oklahoma and Texas were in second and third place with 421 and 413 awards respectively.

Other states earning more than 100 book awards were Georgia, Missouri, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama, and Illinois.



... Cigarette commercials in sports programs may huff and puff to an end. Cigarette commercials will be few and far between in the season's lineup of college and pro football games. The P. Lorillard Co. has dropped its sponsorship of games of the National Football League, for which the tab had been \$70,000 for a one-minute plug. Liggett & Myers is "considering" a reduction of its sponsorship of the American League games. And the National Collegiate Athletic Association has promised to do everything it can to keep cigarette ads off telecasts of NCAA events. The moves came as a result of a campaign by Senator Warren Magnuson and the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy to bar cigarette commercials from sports programs. (*Changing Times*, 9/1968)

... The number of impoverished U.S. families (urban groups of four earning less than \$3,300) declined by 600,000 last year, but 5.3 million families still live in poverty. (*Newsweek*, 8/19/68)

... A National Educational Television producer recently completed a television documentary on Appalachia to be viewed this fall says it's getting more difficult to shoot social documentaries.

In fact, says Jack Willis, it can be downright dangerous, as witness the murder last fall of a documentarian in Appalachia. Willis says the real problem is the general indifference of the people. They have seen TV producers come and go and productions air with only trifling changes in the human condition. Willis pointed out that some documentaries brought instant relief in food and clothes from donors throughout the nation, but Appalachians are quick to point out that the relief was strictly short-term. (*Variety*, 8/14/68)

... Damage to the human spirit may be the most damaging in the urban ghetto. A strong statistical case can be made that these primarily black peoples, trapped in our urban ghettos, are materially better off than their rural cousins. But the price they pay in loss of human dignity makes the statistics of one more toilet per hundred, or two more dollars per welfare family, utterly meaningless. Nowhere does the human spirit suffer more from the enervating effects of poverty than within the packed confines of the urban ghetto. ... Relief help is no enduring answer. The total resources of the nation must be brought to bear on the problem of poverty.

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10 YEARS AGO September 25, 1958

►A. B. Colvin, secretary of missions and evangelism reported that during the month of August, 26 new Baptist missions had been started across the state. These new preaching stations were in connection with the 30,000 movement.

►First Baptist Church of Morehead laid the cornerstone of its new educational building at special services September 14, the *Western Recorder* reported. A. M. Vollmer, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation was the guest speaker.

►Editor C. R. Daley said "It's a Shame! ... that only a small fraction of the 2,300 co-operating Baptist churches of our state will send messengers" to the annual state convention.

Daley said one of the reasons for this was that student pastors often take little interest in the work of the association or the state.

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25 YEARS AGO September 30, 1943

►Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, was commended for giving more than 50% of its total receipts to causes outside of its own needs. During the year \$98,252 was collected. \$52,849 was given to outside causes. Kyle M. Yates was pastor at the time.

►Editor John D. Freeman called for increased evangelistic work among prisoners of war. "Five hundred prisoners won to Christ, who know both the custom and language of the people overseas, will do more mission work when the war is over than all post war plans can provide through our customary channels," he said.

50 YEARS AGO September 26, 1918

►Tate's Creek Association held their 125th anniversary session with the church at Valley View the *Western Recorder* reported.

►Kentucky Sunday Schools having more than 250 persons present on Sunday, September 22, 1918, were listed in the *Western Recorder*:

First, Mayfield	749
Calvary, Lexington	551
22nd and Walnut, Louisville	503
First, Lexington	366
Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville	361
Danville	344